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**Minutes  
Forney City Council  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022  
6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting  
Council Chambers  
City Hall, 101 E. Main Street, Forney, Texas 75126**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Present were Mayor Amanda Lewis, Council Members Cecil Chambers, Robbie Powers, Sarah Salgado and Zahnd Schlensker. Mayor Pro Tem James Traylor appeared by Zoom. Council Member Jason Roberson was absent. Also present was City Manager Charles Daniels.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MAYOR AMANDA LEWIS**

**III. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

**1. National Public Works Week Proclamation.**

Mayor Lewis read and presented the proclamation to Public Works Director Kyle Groves and staff, Jeff Olson, Chance Earl and Hose Mauricio.

**IV. APROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Consider approval of the Minutes of the May 3, 2022, City Council meeting.**

Mayor Lewis asked if Council had any changes to the Minutes. There being no changes, Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Salgado made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 3, 2022, City Council meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 absent [Roberson].

**V. OPEN FORUM/CITIZEN COMMENTS**

This is the public's opportunity to address the City Council on any matter related to the City. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.042, the City Council cannot discuss, consider, or take action on matters not listed on the agenda. The City Council will receive citizen comments on non-agenda items, and if necessary, may refer the matter to City staff for research, resolution, or referral to Council on a future agenda. As described in the City's Public Meeting Procedures, comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Mayor Lewis opened the open forum, but no one came forward to address the Council, so Mayor Lewis closed the open forum.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

The items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Council Member.

**1. Consider a Resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with HOR Engineering, Inc. to provide consulting and design services for CIP 219 project to upgrade and replace waterlines along Highway 80 and all related issues.**

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2. **Consider approval of the acceptance of public improvements for the Overland Grove Phase SA project.**
3. **Consider approval of a final plat for Overland Grove Phase 58, a residential subdivision located south of Pecan Lane and east of S. Bois d'Arc Street (F.M. 740).**
4. **Consider approval of a preliminary plat for Forney Marketplace Addition, Lots 2A, 28, 2C, 2D, 2E, & 2F, located north of E. U.S. Highway 80 and west of Marketplace Boulevard.**
5. **Consider approval of a final plat for Forney Marketplace Addition, Lots 2A, 28, 2C, 2D, 2E, & 2F, located north of E. U.S. Highway 80 and west of Marketplace Boulevard.**
6. **Consider approval of a preliminary plat for Forney Marketplace Addition, Lots 7A & 78, located north of E. U.S. Highway 80 and west of Marketplace Boulevard.**
7. **Consider approval of a final plat for Forney Marketplace Addition, Lots 7A & 78, located north of E. U.S. Highway 80 and west of Marketplace Boulevard.**
8. **Consider approval of a site plan for Forney Marketplace Lots 28, 2C, 2D, 2E, and 2F, located north of U.S. Highway 80 and west of Marketplace Boulevard.**
9. **Consider approval of a final plat for Holt Lunsford, located southeast of the Helms Trail and Safe Hill Parkway intersection.**
10. **Consider approval of the updated Purchasing Policy.**
11. **Consider authorizing Staff to initiate a replacement Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Forney and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for cooperative purchasing discounts on Fire Department uniforms and other related goods.**

Mayor Lewis read the Consent Agenda items and asked Council if they wanted to pull any items for discussion. Council Member Chambers asked that Consent Agenda Item No. 10 be pulled. Mayor Lewis called for a motion on Consent Agenda Items 1 – 11. Council Member Schlensker made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 – 11 and Council Member Salgado seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 absent [Roberson].

Council Member Chambers stated he pulled Consent Agenda Item No. 10 for clarification of a few things. Purchasing Manager Rosie Castillo came forward and described the changes that she had made to the Purchasing Policy. Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Schlensker made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item No. 10 and Council Member Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 absent [Roberson].

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**VII. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance amending the Forney EDC budget for fiscal year 2022. [Read Ordinance Caption]

EDC Director Lynn Spenser gave a short presentation on this item.

**BUDGET PROCESS**

- Budget Accepted by Council (Think of a Checking Account)
  - Low estimates for incentives (We don't know who will ask for money in the upcoming year)
- Previously Approved Incentive Reserve Account (Think of a Savings Account for a specific purpose)
  - Trailhouse
  - Victory Group
- Fund Balance (Think of a General Savings Account)
  - Fund projects as they are awarded
  - Unknown at the beginning of the fiscal year (Owl, Sweet Dreams, Willie Nelson, EDC office, etc.)

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Council has already approved these projects: (Owl, Sweet Dreams, Willie Nelson, Trailhouse, EDC Building)

(We are moving money from our savings to our checking account to pay for projects council has approved.)

*Budget amendments are an administrative action done throughout the year to incorporate incentive awards into the budget because many are unknown at the beginning of the year.*

Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Powers made a motion to approve the Ordinance and Mayor Pro Tem Traylor seconded the motion. The Ordinance caption was read as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-21**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21-34, AS AMENDED, WHICH APPROVED AND ADOPTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM EDC FUND BALANCE TO EDC PROJECT EXPENSE AND BUILDING CAPITAL PURCHASE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 absent [Roberson].

**VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

THE CITY MANAGER WILL DISCUSS CURRENT CITY ACTIVITIES, UPCOMING MEETINGS, FUTURE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND OTHE RELATED MATTERS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

The Forney Wine and Arts festival that was held on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Forney had nearly 30 art vendors and approximately 3,500 people in attendance. Thank you to all city staff that made this event possible for our residents.

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As a part of the new comprehensive planning process, we will be hosting a community forum this Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. here at City Hall. The community is invited to stop by any time to take part in several interactive activities. Attendees will learn about the comprehensive plan process and will provide valuable feedback.

After national recruitment and a thorough interview process, I am excited to announce the hiring of Carrie White as the next Chief of Police for the Forney Police Department. Chief White has served in many roles with the North Richland Hills Police Department, and I look forward to the experience she will bring to our city. This was a hard decision. Chief White will start on June 20, 2022. I want to take this time to thank Acting Chief Eudy for his hard work.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMUNITY EVENTS**

This section is used to communicate items of community interest, specifically, reminders about upcoming events organized or sponsored by the government body or other information regarding a social, ceremonial or community event organized or sponsored by any entity other than the government body that may be of interest to the citizens of Forney.

Mayor Lewis had several announcements.

On Friday, May 27, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Senior Connect is hosting the Kaufman County Senior Citizens Picnic at the Kaufman Civic Center.

On Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., Citizens for a Forney Area Library will be holding a Children’s Story Time and Craft at the Sharing the Love Legacy Garden.

On Thursday, May 19, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., Texas Health Kaufman will be holding a Stroke Aware meeting.

Mayor Lewis announced that Council would now go into Executive Session under Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 and asked for a motion. Council Member Schlensker made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. and Council Member Salgado seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 absent [Roberson].

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

1. Consult with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer and/or matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Tex. Gov’t Code Section 551.071):
  - a. ATI Systems demand.
  - b. American Rescue Plan Act Funding.
  - c. City Sanitary Sewer Connection Request.
  - d. Bond Consulting Services.

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**XI. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Council returned to Chambers at 7:36 p.m. Mayor Lewis called for a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session at that time. Council Member Schlensker made a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session and Council Member Salgado seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 absent [Roberson].

There being no action to be taken as a result of Executive Session, Mayor Lewis called for a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Council Member Schlensker made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 absent [Roberson].

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Amanda Lewis, Mayor**

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**Dorothy Brooks, City Secretary**