MINUTES ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL Monday, June 01, 2015

4:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting City Hall - 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, Texas 75087

I. CALL PUBLIC MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pruitt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jim Pruitt, Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Lewis and City Council Members David White, Mike Townsend, Scott Milder, Kevin Fowler and John Hohenshelt. Also present were City Manager Rick Crowley, Assistant City Managers Mary Smith and Brad Griggs, and City Attorney Frank Garza.

II. WORK SESSION

1. Hold work session to discuss city strategic planning, and take any action necessary.

Mayor Pruitt announced that this item will be discussed later on in the meeting.

(See pg. 11 under XVI for minutes concerning this item).

2. Hold work session with Stacy McVey regarding potential development of property located on the northeast corner of SH-276 and Rochelle Road, and take any action necessary.

Mayor Pruitt called forth Mr. Stacy McVey to hear a presentation from him concerning development of this property. Mr. McVey explained that this potential development is located on the northeast corner of SH-276 at Rochelle. They will be requesting that the property be rezoned from Light Industrial (LI) to a Planned Development District (PD). The property consists of 316 acres, and the objective for today's meeting is to present the concept plan and get feedback from the city council.

Craig Carney 4588 Hinton Drive Plano, TX 75024

Mr. Carney indicated that Commercial is reflected on the concept plan (about 9 acres), two Soil Conservation Commission (SCS) ponds, and about 519 lots. Also, there is a recreational component on the very north side. He understands that density, lot sizes and open space are important to the council, and they are looking to donate about 42 acres of open space. He went on to explain that density is 1.7 houses per acre with green space greater than 30% and walk/hike/bike trails greater than 3 miles, with a lot mix consisting of some - 80x120's, 70x110's and 60x110's. One of the advantages of the residential development will be its proximity to the Rockwall Technology Park. Discovery Boulevard would be extended from the Tech Park over to and across this development. It will be a mixed use development, and they intend to have at least one hotel to service the Tech Park and possibly the recreational component up to the North, which may involve baseball tournaments (perhaps a Boys & Girls Club recreational component). Again, two SCS ponds will be present, surrounded by the residential subdivision. Infrastructure improvements will include a portion of Rochelle Road from SH-276 up to the NW corner of the property. Also, water and sewer infrastructure will be installed, and a substantial upgrade will be made to the Timber Creek lift station. Two amenity centers (swimming pools, meeting rooms and activity spaces) will be included. Retail and restaurants are also anticipated in the Commercial portion as well as neighborhood-related services.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis asked the density calculation includes the floodplain acreage. Lewis mentioned that the city is currently having problems with an SCS pond flooding a neighborhood. He also asked if the developer has spoken to the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation (REDC). Mr. McVey indicated that he believes the meandering nature of the property, coupled with the floodplain areas, does not make this property ideal for a large, LI development.

Mr. Carney indicated that they have meet with representatives of the SCS and have gleaned their feedback, indicating that some flood studies will need to be completed. Mr. Carney indicated that they spoke to the REDC about three to four weeks ago, and they left with a feeling that they were in support of it, but they perhaps want to find some replacement land for the Light Industrial (LI).

Lewis again asked if the floodplain area was included in the density calculation. Mr. Carney indicated that part of the floodplain area was used in the calculation, but not all of it.

Councilmember Hohenshelt expressed concern about the proposed SCS ponds, especially in light of the fact we have some flooding problems currently because of similar ponds. Mr. Carney indicated that once the concept plan is approved, more extensive drainage and flood engineering studies would be conducted.

Councilmember Milder expressed thanks for the developer staying in compliance with the city's comprehensive plan. He then asked what the expected price point would be on the homes in this development. Mr. McVey indicated that on the high end, the homes would be in the high \$200,000's and the high price point would be around \$400,000. He also asked what builders might be involved. Mr. Carney generally indicated that they are open to various builders as long as they can guarantee building a quality product. Milder asked if there will be any sort of pedestrian walkway from the development over to the Tech Park. Mr. McVey indicated that they are considering this, and they hope to include this in the plans.

Mayor Pruitt indicated that he has concerns about citizens who might move into this residential development if at some point the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation (REDC) has a future business client that wants to build or expand a warehouse right next door in the area that is zoned 'light industrial.' He is concerned that two hundred plus citizens would then come forth and complain that they are not in favor of a "light industrial" development going in right next to their homes. He strongly suggested that, if this development moves forward and comes to fruition, the developer / builders ensure that residents purchasing homes there are clearly made aware of the fact that "light industrial" could very well go in right next door to their homes / neighborhood. Councilmember Hohenshelt echoed similar concerns, indicating that a large buffer space/area is highly desirable between the residential development and the LI zoned area.

Councilmember White expressed that, on the surface, he is fully in support of this proposed development, expressing that improvements to Rochelle Road and the potential partnership with the Boys & Girls Club would both be beneficial.

The council took no action concerning this work session discussion item.

Work Session item #4 was addressed next by city council.

3. Hold work session to discuss the city's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and take any action necessary.

Mayor Pruitt provided brief background information related to this agenda item, indicating that he wanted this item placed on the agenda for discussion. It stemmed from past discussions regarding how the city can encourage developers to come into the city and develop larger lots. He believes that, along with larger lots, developers may be requesting a reduction in the amount of required open space. He wonders how much the council is willing to compromise on required open space in order to achieve larger lots / larger homes.

City Manager Rick Crowley indicated that he would like to discuss the standards that the city has in place regarding 2.0 units and whether or not the council would be violating its own regulations if it were to grant higher density (i.e. 2.5 units per acre). He explained that the council does have discretion if a developer is proposing amenities within a development that the council feels are sufficient enough to warrant allowing a slight increase in the density. Also, the council may wish to discuss if certain development standards should apply to developments involving 50 acres or more. Regarding alleyways being required, fairly routinely this provision has been waived upon the council exercising its discretion. Regarding open space, Mr. Crowley clarified that this is distinguished from parks and parkland dedication requirements. Also, the John King Boulevard Overlay District design standards are in place and will need to be adhered to, or else a super majority vote of the council would be needed to waive them. Brief comments were made related to the buffer requirements for development off of John King.

Councilmember Fowler asked if it makes sense for city staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission to take a look at our Comp Plan and bring a list of recommended changes to the council to consider, taking into account what types of developments are most commonly occurring today. Mr. LaCroix, Planning Director, indicated that the city's Comp Plan has been reviewed since it was first established in 2000/2001. In 2004, the Downtown Plan was adopted and incorporated into the overall Comp Plan, and in 2007, clarifications regarding residential development standards were incorporated into the Comp Plan to clarify how those standards are associated with the Land Use Plan (addressed 2 units per acre, amenities and open space). Also, in 2010, a process to reevaluate the Comp Plan was started, and it took about eighteen months. So, additional amendments were adopted in 2012 as a result of that review. He indicated that once every six to eight years, cities typically review their Comp Plans to ensure they are still applicable with respect to how a city is growing.

Councilmember Milder indicated that, unless a developer presents a really compelling reason, he is inclined to believe that the council should not grant variances that waiver from the city's Comprehensive Plan. He does not believe that a developer's profit or bottom line is a compelling reason to grant variances. He believes the city council needs to be more vigilant in honoring the intent of elements contained within the city's Comp Plan.

Councilmember Lewis indicated that when he served on the city's Planning & Zoning Commission, he was involved in an in-depth review of the city's Comp Plan, and it was quite an involved process. He indicated that the city is currently being faced with what it wants John King to ultimately look like. LaCroix clarified that part of the Comp Plan already contains design standard guidelines for the John King Boulevard Overlay corridor that reflect what the roadway itself is proposed to look like.

Councilmember Lewis indicated that he would like to see more creativity in the city's future subdivisions to get away from always having square lots.

Councilmember Hohenshelt expressed disagreement with Milder in that he believes a property owner should be able to sell his land and make a profit from doing so. He generally encouraged the city council members to educate themselves more so that they have a good handle on what the city's standards are and what they would and would not like to see from developers, especially concerning developments involving 50 acres or less. He expressed he believes these proposals will become more prevalent. Councilmember Milder suggested that perhaps there needs to be more specific guidelines incorporated into the Comp Plan that specifically address 50 acres or less. Councilmember White expressed that the more guidelines that are put in place, the more variances the city council will see come forth.

Mr. LaCroix explained that in 2007, guidelines were put in place to stipulate that low density is 2.0 units or less per acre; 2.0 - 3.0 units per acre is medium density and, if you come in as a PD, you might be granted 2.5 acres with the right amenity(ies). Also, there must be open space incorporated, so there is essentially no 'straight zoning' anymore. There are only PDs being proposed, and these sorts of standards were adopted and put into place in 2007.

Mr. LaCroix clarified that, if the council approves a PD, it essentially waives the alleyway requirement.

Following the discussion, the council took no action related to this item.

4. Hold work session to discuss the approaching expiration of the current solid waste collection contract with Allied Waste, and take any action necessary.

Assistant City Manager Mary Smith provided information concerning this item. She stated that the existing garbage contract will expire on December 31, and about six months prior to its expiration (by July 3), the City of Rockwall will need to provide notice to the existing garbage contractor regarding if we desire to extend the contract or go out for proposal. In the past, the City has conducted garbage surveys to glean feedback from Rockwall citizens regarding satisfaction with their garbage service; however, we have not done so in several years. She explained that the Council will need to discuss this topic in more detail and take action at the next city council meeting regarding. She further indicated that staff is happy to conduct a garbage survey of other cities to inquire about their garbage contractors and associated service and return the results to the council by the next meeting.

Mayor Pruitt asked Mr. Bernas of Allied Waste if there are any concerns from the company's standpoint.

Rick Bernas 171 Pelican Cove Rockwall, TX

Mr. Bernas indicated that Rockwall signed a five year contract with his company with a five year renewal clause. He is excited about the opportunity to renew the contract. The only thing that the company may need to consider is a couple of new pieces of equipment due to the increased population and increase in mature trees, but these items can be negotiated with the city. Mr. Bernas indicated that citizens of Rockwall really enjoy the twice per week garbage pickups, so that will likely not be proposed to change.

Mayor Pruitt has concerns about citizens having to make forced payments for recycling regardless of if they do or do not participate in it. He would like to see a breakdown of the benefit to the city regarding the recycling program.

Councilmember Milder indicated that he has been satisfied with the existing garbage company's service; however, he believes it would be in the best interest of tax payers to allow other garbage companies to bid on a request for proposals. Perhaps there is a way to save a little money or be more efficient in our trash service. Maybe there could be a 'bulk pickup' hotline, for example, where citizens could call to request bulk pickup only if and when they have those items to be picked up. Mr. Bernas explained that pre-scheduled pickups are done throughout the city in an effort to be mindful of the overall cleanliness and appearance of the city.

Mayor Pruitt asked staff to proceed with conducting a multi-city survey and put a discussion item on the next council meeting agenda to decide how the council would like to proceed concerning its garbage contract. No formal action was taken at this time.

Following Work Session item #3, the city council recessed into Executive Session. Mayor Pruitt read the following discussion items into the public record for discussion as well as Work Session Agenda Item #1. The public meeting was recessed at 5:00 p.m.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY OF ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER **551** OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

- 1. Discussion regarding legal matters related to land lease operations at Ralph Hall Municipal Airport pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).
- **2.** Discussion regarding claim filed by Ryan Frost pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
- **3.** Discussion regarding appointment of city council subcommittees, board liaisons and designation of Mayor Pro Tem pursuant to Section, §551.074 (Personnel Matters).
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- 5. Discussion regarding Agreement for Municipal Court Judge pursuant to Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

IV. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

V. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

Mayor Pruitt reconvened the public meeting at 6:00 p.m. with all seven council members being present.

VI. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

District Court Judge Brett Hall was present and administered Oaths of Office to newly elected Mayor Jim Pruitt and Council Members David White, John Hohenshelt, Scott Milder and Kevin Fowler.

VII. TAKE ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session at this point; however, see end of public meeting for action taken after the second Executive Session was held.

VIII. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – COUNCILMEMBER WHITE

Councilmember White delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IX. OPEN FORUM

Mayor Pruitt explained how this portion of the meeting is conducted and asked if anyone would like to come forth and speak during this time.

Mary Puckett-Eckstine 1605 Plummer Drive Rockwall, TX

Mrs. Puckett-Eckstine came forth and indicated that she has lived in her home in Rockwall since 1980. She shared a brief story about a recent observation she had concerning emergency vehicles and personnel being able to access some of the homes within The Shores if and when a major traffic accident on IH-30 causes an influx of traffic in and along Ridge Road and through The Shores neighborhood as drivers try to make it over to SH-66. She indicated that she recently called Mayor Pruitt to express her concerns and was pleased to learn that the mayor, council and city staff have already put plans in place to address this concern. She thanked the city council and staff for their forethought and plans.

John Fischer 2620 Argyle Shore Rockwall, TX 75087

Mr. Fischer indicated that he has lived in his home since 2004. He has concerns about a home on his street (2610 Argyle Shore) that has been utilized as a 'group home' for seniors, which he believes is not an authorized use. He is concerned that the city does not have proper zoning regulations in place to prevent these types of operations from

existing illegally within the city. He expressed that an elderly person who was living in that home recently passed away. He encouraged the city to strengthen its laws to ensure this does not happen again in the future. He stated that he believes the operation has now vacated the home, and he requested and had the police department perform a welfare check at the home just to be sure no one was left behind.

- X. CONSENT AGENDA
 - **1.** Consider approval of the minutes from the May 18, 2015 regular city council meeting, and take any action necessary.
 - 2. Consider approval of an ordinance amending Sections 38-50 through 38-61 of Article II, Parkland Dedication, of Chapter 38, Subdivisions, of the Code of Ordinances for the purpose of adjusting "Table 1: Park Dedication Acreage Factor per Dwelling Unit" to account for changes to the "Ultimate Dwelling Unit Holding Capacity" and "Dwelling Unit Dedication Factor" as approved by the Land Use Assumptions Report adopted by Resolution No. 14-16, and take any action necessary. (2nd reading)
 - 3. Consider award/approval of the bid presented by Roadway Solutions in the amount of \$197,829.00 for the construction of the traffic signal at the intersection of Ralph Hall Parkway at Mims Road, and take any action necessary.

Councilmember White made a motion to approve all Consent Agenda items (#1, 2 and 3). Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion. The ordinance was read as follows:

CITY OF ROCKWALL ORDINANCE NO. <u>15-17</u>

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS AMENDING ARTICLE II, *PARK LAND DEDICATION*, OF CHAPTER 38, *SUBDIVISIONS*, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AS SET FORTH HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEALING, SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

XI. APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment with the Planning and Zoning Chairman to discuss and answer any questions regarding cases on the agenda and related issues and take any action necessary.

Craig Renfro, Chair of the Planning & Zoning Commission, came forth and briefed the city council on recommendations of the Commission relative to items on tonight's city council meeting agenda. The council took no action concerning this agenda item.

2. Appointment with representatives of the city's Main Street Advisory Board to hear update regarding the program and downtown, and take any action necessary.

Evan Matteson from the city's Main Street Advisory Board came forth and provided a brief presentation to council to update them on the program and activities in and around downtown. He stated that a big goal is to provide readily available public restrooms in the downtown area, expressing that the board views this as a necessity. He indicated that the board would also like to increase the presence of cultural arts, create new special events and support and grow existing special events. They would also like to more frequently update the Council and increase transparency as far as public awareness is concerned.

Mayor Pruitt acknowledged Bethany Browning, the city's Main Street Manager, for her work and for attending this evening. No action was taken concerning this agenda item.

XII. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. P2015-014 - Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Jay Bedford of A.J. Bedford Group, Inc. for the approval of a residential replat creating Lots 6, 7, & 8, Block A, Grady Rash Subdivision, being a 3.727-acre tract of land currently identified as Lots 1, 2, 4, & 5, Grady Rash Subdivision, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Single Family Residential (SF-10) District, addressed as 1 Soapberry Lane, 2 Soapberry Lane, 4 Soapberry Lane, & 5 Soapberry Lane, and take any action necessary.

Mr. LaCroix indicated that a public hearing is required by State law with regards to this residential replat. The original plat had a total of five residential lots and was a family development; however, some of the lots have since been sold outside of the family. He generally indicated that the owner would now like to divide up this property into three lots. This replat allows for a private access utility easement to be clarified and for some technical aspects of the plat to be cleaned up. The Planning & Zoning Commission did recommend approval of this item.

Mayor Pruitt opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to come forth and speak. There being no one, Mayor Pruitt then closed the public hearing.

Jay Bedford of A.J. Bedford Group 301 N. Alamo Rockwall, TX

Mr. Bedford came forth to answer any questions of the council. He explained that his understanding is that the owner wants to do this solely for tax purposes. Councilmember White made a motion to approve this item. Councilmember Milder seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous vote (7 ayes to 0 nays).

- XIII. ACTION ITEMS
 - **1.** Discuss and consider adoption of a resolution appointing a Municipal Court Judge, and take any action necessary.

Mayor Pruitt indicated that this item will be discussed in Executive Session before the council considers taking action on it. In the end, no action was taken at this council meeting concerning this agenda item.

2. SP2015-012 - Discuss and consider a request by Jennifer Garcia of KBGE on behalf of Rockwall Ice Cream Holdings, LLC for the approval of a variance to horizontal articulation requirements as stipulated by Article V, District Development Standards, of the Unified Development Code in conjunction with an approved site plan for a general retail store on a 0.91-acre tract of land identified as Tract 36 of the B. J. T. Lewis Survey, Abstract No. 255, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Commercial (C) District, situated within the SH-205 Overlay (SH-205 OV) District, located on the east side of SH-205 [S. Goliad Street] north of the intersection of SH-205 and Yellow Jacket Lane, and take any action necessary.

This tract of land is owned by the same owner of the Dairy Queen. It is essentially a second lot that is under a sales contract right now, and a retail auto parts store is being proposed at this location. The Architectural Review Board (ARB) reviewed once and, as a result, some architectural changes were requested to be made. After those changes were made, the ARB and P&Z Commission reviewed it a second time. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request.

Councilmember Lewis made a motion to approve SP2015-012. Councilmember Townsend seconded the motion. Councilmember Milder expressed that he appreciates the development, however, he believes that putting a third auto parts store so close to two other existing ones is not an appropriate placement, especially considering this is a major corridor location. Following Milder's comments, the motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor with 2 against (Milder and Fowler).

XIV. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO DISCUSS CURRENT CITY ACTIVITIES, UPCOMING MEETINGS, FUTURE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Departmental Reports
 Building Inspections Monthly Report - April 2015
 Fire Department Monthly Report - April 2015
 Harbor PD Monthly Report - April 2015
 Internal Operations Department Monthly Report - April 2015
 Police Department Monthly Report - April 2015
 Recreation Monthly Report - April 2015
 Recreation Monthly Report - April 2015
 Rockwall Animal Adoption Center Monthly Report - April 2015

2. City Manager's Report

City Manager Rick Crowley briefed the city council on recent rains that caused flooding in the Lake Rockwall Estates neighborhood. He expressed that the flooded Soil Conservation lake is being managed at this time. He thanked Rockwall County Helping Hands for their prompt and continued assistance in rendering aid to those families whose homes have been flooded. He expressed heartfelt regret to families who have been adversely affected. Mr. Crowley stated that he would like the council's blessing to seek out additional private source funding that could be utilized by Helping Hands to continue helping families that have been affected on a more long-term basis. He thanked the County Emergency Management Coordinator for his continued assistance and work. He explained that a Presidential Disaster has been declared with regards to flooding in the State of Texas, and the families in Rockwall who have been affected by the floods are being encouraged to report their losses; however, this does not guarantee any Federal monetary assistance. The lake will continue to be managed; however, it will take at least thirty days for the lake level to recede. Mayor Pruitt indicated that he and the council are in support of Mr. Crowley seeking out monetary donations for Helping Hands so that they may continue helping affected families. Mr. Crowley indicated that electrical meters were pulled by Oncor at the request of the city for safety purposes. There is no gas in the area.

Fire Chief Mark Poindexter then came forth and shared photographs and a verbal report concerning homes that have been affected by the flooding in the Lake Rockwall Estates subdivision. He explained that an 8" siphon pipe has been installed to try and drain the lake level to some extent, and the Soil Conservation Commission is overseeing this; however, it is a very, very slow process.

Councilmember Lewis indicated that there are still some vacant lots for sale. If a buyer goes through a title company or bank, then it does have to be disclosed that the property is located in a 100 year floodplain. However, if the sale takes place on a 'note,' then it may not be disclosed. Councilmember White asked if the city would issue a building permit to someone who purchased a lot in a floodplain. Mr. Crowley and City Engineer Tim Tumulty indicated that no, the city would not. Regarding if a resident will be allowed to rebuild, Mr. Tumulty indicated that they are allowed to rehab the structure, and Building Inspections will be involved to assess the damage and ensure building codes are met if/when rehabbing takes place. The council took no action concerning this agenda item.

Regarding the application process for Police Chief candidates, Mr. Crowley indicated that interviews have been ongoing with eleven candidates, and the last interview is scheduled for tomorrow. He will then be significantly narrowing down the candidate pool and will begin conducting background checks. He has had assistance from the two assistant city managers and one of the directors; however, he will be the one ultimately making the final selection. He generally indicated that the process is going smoothly.

From the Executive Session discussion items below, Mayor Pruitt then read into the record #s 3, 4 and 5, as well as the wording for Work Session item #3, before recessing the meeting into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

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- XVI. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING & TAKE ANY ACTION AS RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pruitt reconvened the public meeting at 8:20 p.m. and addressed Work Session Item #1 (regarding city's strategic plan).

Councilmember Hohenshelt began discussion of this Work Session Item, indicating he would like to develop the city's strategic plan with the purpose of giving guidance to staff as they manage day-to-day. He expressed the belief that land use has implications for the city's revenue stream, which then funds spending. Hohenshelt went on to talk about a revenue / expenditure model. Mayor Pruitt questioned how the spending model will be examined. Hohenshelt discussed the need to decide appropriate mixes of commercial, light industrial, etc. as far as zoning is concerned. Councilmember White discussed the importance of this city council setting things in motion for future city councils. No action was taken as a result of this Work Session discussion item.

The following actions were taken as a result of Executive Session:

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis made a motion to appoint Mr. Rick Carroll to serve on the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation (REDC) board to fill Kevin Fowler's unexpired term (through December of 2015). Councilmember White seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous vote (7 ayes to 0 nays).

Councilmember Townsend made a motion to (re)name Dennis Lewis as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Milder seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6 in favor with 1 opposed (Pruitt).

Mayor Pruitt made a motion to appoint Councilmember Kevin Fowler to serve on the city's Fire Department Pension Board (replacing former Councilmember Bennie Daniels). Councilmember Hohenshelt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 in favor with 0 against.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS,

THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2015.

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Jim Pruitt, Mayor

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