

ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 16, 2024 - 5:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers - 385 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX 75087

I. Call Public Meeting to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Jorif called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Jorif and Councilmembers Sedric Thomas, Mark Moeller, Dennis Lewis and Tim McCallum. Also present were City Manager, Mary Smith; Assistant City Manager, Joey Boyd; and City Attorney, Frank Garza. Mayor Trace Johannesen and Councilmember Anna Campbell were absent from the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Jorif read the below-listed discussion items into the record before recessing the public meeting to go into Executive Session at 5:00 p.m.

II. Executive Session

1. Discussion regarding (re)appointments to city regulatory boards and commissions, pursuant to §551.074 (Personnel Matters)
2. Discussion regarding Economic Development prospects, projects, and/or incentives, pursuant to §Section 551.087 (Economic Development)
3. Discussion regarding possible City Charter amendments and related legal advice, pursuant to §Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
4. **Pulled From Public Mtg. Agenda - Z2024-035** - Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by William S. Dahlstrom of Jackson Walker, LLP on behalf of James J. Melino of Rockwall 549/I-30 Partners, LP and Conveyor I30 Partners, LP for the approval of an **ordinance** for a Zoning Change from a Commercial (C) District to a Planned Development District for Commercial (C) District land uses on a 67.475-acre tract of land identified as Lot 1, Block B; Lot 1R, Block C; and Lot 1, Block D, Rockwall Commercial Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Commercial (C) District, situated within the IH-30 Overlay (IH-30 OV) District, generally located at the northwest corner of Stodghill Road and the IH-30 Frontage Road, and take any action necessary **(1st Reading)**.

III. Adjourn Executive Session

The Council adjourned from Executive Session at 5:20 p.m.

IV. Reconvene Public Meeting (6:00 P.M.)

Mayor Pro Tem Jorif reconvened the public meeting at 6:00 p.m. (Johannesen and Campbell were absent).

V. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Councilmember McCallum

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

VI. Proclamations / Awards / Recognitions

1. United States Constitution Week Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Jorif read and presented this proclamation to members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), including Mrs. Marilyn King and Mrs. Jan Self.

2. American Legion Day Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Jorif read and presented this proclamation to a representative of the local American Legion post.

VII. Appointment Items

1. Appointment with Planning & Zoning Commission representative to discuss and answer any questions regarding planning-related cases on the agenda

Chairman Derek Deckard came forth and briefed the Council on recommendations of the Planning & Zoning Commission relative to planning-related items on tonight's meeting agenda. Council took no action at this time, following his comments.

VIII. Open Forum

Mayor Pro Tem Jorif explained how Open Forum is conducted, asking if anyone would like to come forth and speak at this time.

**Bob Wacker
309 Featherstone
Rockwall, TX**

Mr. Wacker came forth to address the Council concerning the retention ponds in the Stone Creek Estates subdivision where he lives. He is concerned about the maintenance and care of the ponds and acknowledged the HOA is responsible for them. He indicated he recently filed a Code complaint on Aug. 2, and – when doing so – he cited the city regulations, including what all is required to be addressed via maintenance. He shared a series of photos showing condition of the pond and associated detention / retention and related drainage areas. He suggested that the city consider the possible solution of adding stone/rock creeks. He explained how silt is very concerning and ducks cannot swim in certain areas – instead, they have to walk. He shared that city personnel met with the HOA; however, he generally indicated dissatisfaction with the result(s) of his complaint. He urged staff to revisit his complaint and associated concerns. He knows that these concerns impact his and his neighbors' property values. He believes these ponds and associated areas are the poorest looking ones and in the poorest condition compared to any others elsewhere in the city.

There being no one else wishing to come forth and speak at this time, Mayor Pro Tem Jorif closed Open Forum.

IX. Take Any Action as a Result of Executive Session

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

X. Consent Agenda

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the Sept. 3, 2024 regular city council meeting, and take any action necessary.
2. Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Spur 1 Management in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 to provide musicians/artists for the 2025 Founders Day Festival at Harry Myers Park to be funded out of Hotel Occupancy Tax ("HOT") Funds, and take any action necessary.
3. Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Cigna Health to secure Stop Loss coverage for the City's health insurance plan, applying to claims exceeding \$105,000, and take any action necessary.
4. Consider approval of a resolution affirming the city's investment policy, and take an action necessary.

Councilmember McCallum moved to approve the Consent Agenda (#s 1, 2, 3, and 4). Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5 ayes with 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

Mayor Pro Tem Jorif then reordered the agenda to address Action Item # 1 (YAC member appointments).

XI. Public Hearing Items

1. **Z2024-035** - Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by William S. Dahlstrom of Jackson Walker, LLP on behalf of James J. Melino of Rockwall 549/I-30 Partners, LP and Conveyor I30 Partners, LP for the approval of an ordinance for a Zoning Change from a Commercial (C) District to a Planned Development District for Commercial (C) District land uses on a 67.475-acre tract of land identified as Lot 1, Block B; Lot 1R, Block C; and Lot 1, Block D, Rockwall Commercial Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Commercial (C) District, situated within the IH-30 Overlay (IH-30 OV) District, generally located at the northwest corner of Stodghill Road and the IH-30 Frontage Road, and take any action necessary (**1st Reading**).

Mr. Miller, Planning Director, explained that the applicant has made substantial changes to the original request, and – therefore – the applicant has submitted a request that the case be remanded back to the Planning & Zoning Commission for further review and consideration. Specifically, the applicant is proposing changes to the Concept Plan that would: change the residential lot mix -- *increasing the number of townhomes and decreasing the number of condominium units* -- and unit count, [2] change the open space configuration to better conform to the OURHometown Vision 2040 Comprehensive Plan, [3] provide additional amenity to the proposed development, and [4] better define the eastern entry portal with regard to design and timing.

Councilmember Thomas moved to remand Z2024-035 back to the city's Planning & Zoning Commission to be heard at the Sept. 24, 2024 P&Z meeting. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion. After brief comments, the motion to remand the case back to P&Z passed by a vote of 5 ayes with 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

2. **Z2024-036** - Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Travis Block for the approval of an ordinance for a *Specific Use Permit (SUP)* for a *Detached Garage* on a 0.53-acre tract of land identified as a portion of Block 4 of the Garner Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Single-Family 10 (SF-10) District, situated within the North SH-205 Overlay (N. SH-205 OV) District, addressed as 921 N. Alamo Street, and take any action necessary (1st Reading).

Planning Director, Ryan Miller, provided background information related to this agenda item. The applicant is seeking an SUP to allow him to construct a detached garage that will exceed the maximum allowable size and exceed the maximum number of allowable structures at the location. The subject property is considered to be a part of Old Town Rockwall, and it was platted with the Garner Addition prior to 1934 per the 1934 Sanborn Maps. According to the City's historic zoning maps, at some point after the time of incorporation and January 3, 1972, the subject property was zoned Single-Family 2 (SF-2) District. Following this, sometime between January 22, 1982 and May 16, 1983, the subject property was rezoned from a Single-Family 2 (SF-2) District to Single-Family 10 (SF-10) District. According to the Rockwall Central Appraisal District (RCAD) the 1,282 SF single-family home was constructed in 1993 and the two (2), ~180 SF accessory buildings situated on the subject property were constructed in 1995. The applicant is requesting the approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow the construction of a detached garage. The site plan indicates that the detached garage will have a building footprint of 24'-8" x 30'-4" or 748 SF. The site plan also indicates that the detached garage will be located 21-feet behind the primary structure, meet all the applicable building setbacks, and be accessed at the front of the property via an 81-foot concrete driveway. The building elevations indicate that the structure will stand 18'-10" in height (i.e. 14'-5" as measured to the midpoint) and be clad in HardiBoard lap siding that will match the primary structure. The proposed structure will have one (1) roll up garage door that will face onto N. Alamo Road.

Notices were sent out (103) to occupants and owners located within 500' of the subject property. Three notices were received back in favor of the applicant's request. In addition, the city's P&Z Commission reviewed the case recently and has issued a recommendation for its approval (7 ayes to 0 nays).

Travis Block
921 N. Alamo St.
Rockwall, TX

Mr. Block (owner/applicant) came forth and indicated he is here to answer any questions Council may have.

Mayor Pro Tem Jorif opened the public hearing, but no one expressed a desire to come forth and speak at this time. So, he closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Moeller provided brief comments of support and then moved to approve Z2024-036. Councilmember McCallum seconded the motion. The ordinance caption was read as follows:

CITY OF ROCKWALL
ORDINANCE NO. 24-XX
SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. S-3XX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) [ORDINANCE NO. 20-02] SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR DETACHED GARAGE ON A 0.530-ACRE TRACT OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS A PORTION OF BLOCK 4, GARNER ADDITION, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT 'A' OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion passed by a vote of 4 ayes, 1 nay (Jorif) and 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

3. **Z2024-039** - Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Scott Popescu of Brookhaven Media for the approval of an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a Short-Term Rental on a 0.25-acre parcel of land identified as Lot 2, Block I, Northshore, Phase 2B Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Single-Family 10 (SF-10) District, addressed as 610 Christian Court, and take any action necessary (**1st Reading**).

Planning Director, Ryan Miller provided background information concerning this agenda item. According to the City's annexation ordinances, the subject property was annexed on June 20, 1959 by *Ordinance No. 59-02 [Case No. A1959-002]*. According to the City's *Historic Zoning Maps*, the subject property was zoned Single-Family 2 (SF-2) District as of January 3, 1972. At some point between January 22, 1982 and May 16, 1983 the subject property was rezoned from Single-Family 2 (SF-2) District to Single-Family 10 (SF-10) District, according to the May 16, 1983 historic zoning map. On March 3, 1986, the City Council approved final plat that establish the subject property as Lot 2, Block I, Northshore Phase 2B Addition. According to Rockwall Central Appraisal District (RCAD), currently situated on the subject property is a 2,728 SF single family home that was constructed in 1993 and a 100 SF storage shed that was constructed in 2006. The applicant -- Scott Popescu -- is requesting the approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for the purpose of allowing a Short-Term Rental (Non-Owner-Occupied Single-Family Home) on the subject property that is located within 1,000-feet of an existing Short-Term Rental (Non-Owner-Occupied Single-Family Home). The applicant had failed to apply for a STR permit during the allowable timeframe the city had set upon initial passage of the STR-related ordinance back in April. Also, it has been noted that the applicant has not been paying required hotel occupancy taxes. The applicant failed to show up at the recent P&Z Commission meeting. The P&Z Commission did unanimously recommend denial of this request (7-0). The city sent out 69 notices to property owners and occupants located within 500' of the subject property, and 15 notices of opposition have been received back in response to this request. Nearby HOAs were also notified of this request. Because the P&Z did recommend denial, any potential approval of it this evening will require a 'super majority' vote of Council this evening (four of the five council members present would need to vote in favor or it in order for it to be approved).

Mayor Pro Tem Jorif opened the public hearing, asking if anyone would like to come forth and speak at this time.

Glenn Goodrich
608 Christian Court
Rockwall, TX 75087

Mr. Goodrich came forth and shared that he lives next door to this property. He shared that this home sold in June of last year. There has been consistent rentals of this home since the time it sold to the

existing owner. He has several concerns, including trailers showing up, watering of the lawn having ceased, and the landscaping not being maintained (plants around the home have died). Gabe with the city's Neighborhood Improvement Services (NIS) Department has been helpful in assisting with ensuring compliance at this location. Mr. Goodrich expressed that, at times, trash at this location piles up in excess of the three to four trash cans that have been provide. There is someone currently staying at the home, but he has not personally seen trash at the curb in at least three weeks. He is concerned about the property and its conditions potentially attracting rodents and other varmints, especially considering it is located relatively close to the lake. It is advertised at \$218 per night for those wishing to rent it. In summary, he shared that this property is a great example of exactly why the city put this ordinance in place to regulate STRs. He generally spoke in opposition of this request being approved.

Melba Jeffus
2606 Cypress Drive
Rockwall, TX

Mrs. Jeffus praised staff and Council for their work putting into place an STR regulating ordinance back in April. She pointed out that this property owner did not do what he was supposed to do within the required timeframe. She went on to strongly urge Council to do the right thing and vote in opposition of this request this evening.

Louise Johnson
612 Christan Court
Rockwall, TX

Mrs. Johnson shared that she is the neighbor on the other side of this particular property. She has concerns about the property not being maintained, about rodents beings seen, about uncleanliness, about trash, rodents a broken (swimming) pool, and about the unfriendliness of the property owner (or perhaps the property manager). There was a pool leak at the location that resulted in water saturating her yard and went all the way down the street for months. She believes no one comes to clean after one renter leaves, and that is perhaps how it comes to be that half the garage ends up having trash piled up in it. She generally expressed opposition regarding potential approval of this request.

Councilmember McCallum applauded the city's P&Z Commission for its work to recommend denial of this request. He went on to make a motion to deny Z2024-039. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Councilmember McCallum asked what recourse the city has to make the applicant pay past due HOT funds. Mr. Garza advised that the city can seek reimbursement, and this is not the only STR that has not paid fees that are owed. Mr. Garza further stated that the city can rely upon P&Z penalties in order to go after this property owner for fees owed. City Manager Mary Smith stated that a neighbor reported this as being an STR early on, and the owner has definitely been made aware (multiple times) that he has outstanding HOT (tax) funds owed to the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Jorif commented that this is a situation where the applicant is asking for forgiveness after the fact, rather than asking for permission up front, and there are multiple concerns with this property/case. The motion to deny Z2024-039 then passed by a vote of 5 ayes with 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

4. **Z2024-040** - Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Carol A. Byrd for the approval of an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for Residential Infill in an Established Subdivision on a 0.2850-acre parcel of land identified as Lot 5B, Block 5, Griffith Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Single Family 7 (SF-7) District, situated within the Old Town Rockwall (OTR) Historic District, addressed as 403 E. Kaufman Street, and take any action necessary (1st Reading).

Planning Director, Ryan Miller, provided background information concerning this agenda item. The subject property was annexed prior to 1911 based on the April 1911 Sanborn Maps. According to the City's Historic Zoning Maps, the subject property was zoned Single-Family 3 (SF-3) District as of January 3, 1972. At some point between January 3, 1972 and May 16, 1983, the subject property was rezoned from a Single-Family 3 (SF-3) District to Single-Family 7 (SF-7) District. The property has remained zoned Single Family (SF-7) District since this date. On July 18, 2024, the Historic Preservation Advisory Board (HPAB) approved a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) [i.e. Case No H2024-011] to allow the demolition of all structures (i.e. the existing single-family home and three [3] accessory buildings) on the subject property. Based on this action, the applicant has applied for and received a residential building permit [i.e. Case No. RES2024-3767] allowing the demolition of the existing single-family home and the accessory structures. Currently, the applicant is awaiting the final inspection of the demolition, and the property is vacant. On August 15, 2024, the Historic Preservation Advisory Board (HPAB) approved a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) [i.e. Case No H2024-015] to allow the construction of a new single-family home on the subject property. The proposed home is a two-story and is 2,273 square feet in size and will be made of HardiBoard and brick. Ninety-seven notices were mailed to adjacent land owners and occupants located within 500' of the subject property. So far, staff has not received any notices back (neither 'for' nor 'against'). In addition, the city's P&Z Commission recently recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

The applicant briefly came forth and stated his name and current address as follows:

Gary Byrd
707 College Road
Rockwall

Mayor Pro Tem Jorif opened the public hearing, asking if anyone would like to come forth and speak at this time. There being no one indicating such, he then closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Lewis then moved to approve Z2024-040. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. The ordinance caption was read as follows:

CITY OF ROCKWALL
ORDINANCE NO. 24-XX
SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. S-3XX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) [ORDINANCE NO. 20-02] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR RESIDENTIAL INFILL IN AN ESTABLISHED SUBDIVISION TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME ON A 0.2850-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, IDENTIFIED AS LOT 5B, BLOCK 5, GRIFFITH ADDITION, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY,

TEXAS; AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AND DEPICTED IN *EXHIBIT 'A'* OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion passed by a vote of 5 ayes with 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

XII. Action Items

1. Discuss and consider recommendation from City's Youth Advisory Council concerning appointment of new students for the 2024-2025 school year, and take any action necessary.

This item was addressed right after "Consent Agenda," prior to the Public Hearing Items. Existing / returning YAC students, high school seniors Keaton Steen and Contessa Barron came forth and briefed the Council on applications received this year, the interview process and those who are being recommended to the City Council for appointment to the YAC this school year.

Mayor Pro Tem Jorif indicated that he would like Council to consider one, additional appointee, and that is applicant Vincent Harris.

Councilmember Moeller made a motion to move forward with appointing the following slate of students to serve on the City of Rockwall's 2024-2025 Youth Advisory Council (YAC):

- 1 Senior (RHHS) Keaton Steen
- 2 Senior (RHS) Contessa Barron
- 3 Senior (RHS) Kaylen Pruitt
- 4 Senior (RHS) Evan Haack
- 5 Junior (RHS) Allison Nielsen
- 6 Junior (RHS) Ellie McReynolds
- 7 Junior (RHS) Vincent Vento
- 8 Junior (RHS) Luke LaGrange
- 9 Sophomore (RHS) Darby Jorif
- 10 Sophomore (RHS) Ethan Abraham
- 11 Freshman (RHS) David Ajayi
- 12 Sophomore (RHS) Reagan Reazor
- 13 Freshman (RHS) (9th Grade Campus) Vincent Harris

Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (5 ayes with Johanssen and Campbell being absent).

Public Hearing item #1 was addressed next by city council.

2. Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an Amendment to the Concession Agreement with Harbor Bay Marina, LLC, to increase the five year improvement plan to a six year improvement plan and take any action necessary.

Planning Director, Travis Sales, came forth and briefed Council on background information related to this agenda item. He explained that the sale of the Harbor Bay Marina owned by the Harbor Bay Marina Corporation to Harbor Bay Marina, LLC - a newly formed LLC owned by the Brooke Development

Company, LLC - was completed in August 2024. This request is due to the severe storms that significantly damaged the marina on May 28, 2024. Storm repairs by the previous owner were already in process when the sale was completed. This one-year extension will allow the new owners to focus on completing the repairs for storm-related damage to the marina while continuing to work on the improvement plan. The previous owner had completed years one and two of the work improvement plan and had started year three in May 2024. They were on track to be completed by year five before the storm impacted the marian. Inspections were performed by city staff yearly.

The Brooke Development Company has agreed to the re-assignment of the concession agreement, which also included the 5-year work improvement plan which just started year three and was on track to be completed by year five. Brooke Development Company, LLC has been aware of the damages to the marina, and this did not impact the decision to proceed with the purchase and re-assignment of the marina. Staff will assist as needed to keep the new 6-year work plan on target through ongoing communication and routine inspections.

Kelly Wood
3834 Mediterranean Drive
Rockwall, TX

Ms. Wood came forth and shared that she is requesting this one-year extension, especially considering the recent storms and that we are now pushing up against fall. So, the water will be cold and complicate individuals getting into the water to address issues.

Councilmember Lewis moved to authorize the city manager to execute the amendment and increase the improvement plan to a six-year plan. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5 ayes with 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

3. Discuss and consider approval of the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation (REDC) budget for fiscal year 2025 and amended budget for fiscal year 2024, as well as the 'Annual Work Plan' for FY2025, and take any action necessary.

Phil Wagner, Executive Director of the REDC, came forth and provided brief comments to the Council concerning this agenda item and the next agenda item.

Councilmember McCallum asked the city attorney for brief clarification regarding if the items need to be addressed separately or together. He then moved to approve the amended REDC budget for FY2024 and the proposed FY2025 REDC budget, as presented. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5 ayes with 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

Councilmember McCallum next moved to approve the REDC's FY2025 Annual Work Plan, as presented. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5 ayes with 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

4. Discuss and consider approval of the Rockwall Technology Park Association budget for fiscal year 2025 and amended budget for fiscal year 2024, and take any action necessary.

Phil Wagner, Executive Director of the REDC, provided brief comments pertaining to this agenda item. He went on to respectfully request Council's consideration of approval of this agenda item. Councilmember McCallum shared that he and Councilmember Lewis are liaisons to the REDC, and they

were both present at the REDC meeting when these matters were discussed. He complimented Mr. Wagner on the maintenance of the Tech Park. Councilmember McCallum moved to approve the FY2024 amended Tech Park budget and the proposed FY2025 Tech Park budget. Councilmember Lewis second the motion, which passed by a vote of 5 ayes with 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

5. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance amending the budget for fiscal year 2024, and take any action necessary.

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve the ordinance amending the FY2024 budget. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. The ordinance caption was read as follows:

CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 24-36

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion to approve passed by a vote of 5 ayes with 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

6. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025, and take any action necessary.

Mrs. Smith, City Manager, explained that this ordinance adopts the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve the ordinance adopting the upcoming budget for FY2025. Councilmember Moeller seconded the motion. The ordinance caption was read as follows:

**CITY OF ROCKWALL
ORDINANCE NO. 24-37**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; PROVIDING THAT EXPENDITURES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAID BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion to approve passed by a vote of 5 ayes with 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

7. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for the tax year 2024, and take any action necessary.

City Manager, Mary Smith shared that this ordinance adopts a tax rate that is the lowest rate the city has ever previously adopted.

Councilmember McCallum moved to approve the ordinance, which adopts the lowest property tax rate the city has ever had in its history, as presented. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. The ordinance caption was read as follows:

**CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 24-38**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, LEVYING THE AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2024 AT A RATE OF \$.247450 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) ASSESSED VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024 TO PROVIDE REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENSES AND TO PROVIDE AN INTEREST AND SINKING FUND ON ALL OUTSTANDING DEBTS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR DUE AND DELINQUENT DATES, TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST; APPROVING THE 2024 TAX ROLL; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS OF PERSONS OVER SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion to approve passed by a vote of 5 ayes with 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

- 8. Discuss and consider the Hotel Tax Subcommittee recommendations for funding allocations in fiscal year 2025, including authorizing the City Manager to execute associated funding arrangements, and take any action necessary.**

Mrs. Smith provided brief comments concerning this agenda item, pointing out that any councilmembers who serve on any of the boards to which funding is being considered for award will need to recuse himself from the vote on funding allocations for those particular organizations.

Councilmember McCallum then moved to approve the recommended HOT funding allocations, minus those related to Meals on Wheels and Helping Hands. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5 ayes with 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

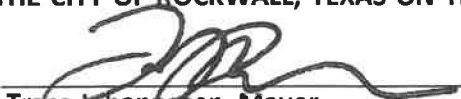
Councilmember McCallum then moved to approve the recommended HOT funds allocation for Helping Hands. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4 ayes, 1 abstention (Thomas), and 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

Councilmember McCallum then moved to approve the recommended HOT funds allocation for Meals on Wheels. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 ayes, 1 abstention (Lewis), and 2 absences (Johannesen and Campbell).

XIII. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Jorif adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS ON THIS 7th
DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.**


Trace Johannesen, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTY TEAGUE, CITY SECRETARY