



# City of Farmers Branch

Farmers Branch City Hall  
13000 Wm Dodson Pkwy  
Farmers Branch, Texas  
75234

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Thursday, January 14, 2016

6:00 PM

Recreation Center  
Pecan Meeting Room  
14050 Heartside  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

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#### Special Called Meeting

- Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Bob Phelps
- Present:** 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Kirk Connally, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harold Froehlich, Council Member Ana Reyes, Council Member John Norwood, Council Member Mike Bomgardner
- Staff:** 8 - Gary D. Greer City Manager, Amy Piukana City Secretary, Shawna Eikenberry Management Analyst, La'Jeana Thomas Executive Assistant, Charles Cox Managing Director Administration, John Land Managing Director Operations, Steve Parker Fire Chief, Sid Fuller Police Chief

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

#### A.1 16-017 **Discuss Quality of Life Bond proposal process and timeline.**

Mayor Phelps announced the city received a total of 42 applications for the Bond Committee noting (3) applications were submitted after the deadline.

Mayor Phelps noted that each City Council member will select (2) applicants to be appointed at the January 19, 2016 City Council meeting.

Management Analyst Shawna Eikenberry provide a power point presentation noting there are two Bond Initiatives.

- May 7, 2016 Public Safety Bond which includes Justice Center Improvements, Animal Shelter Expansion, Fire Station 2 Relocation.
- Possible November 8, 2016 or May 2017 Bond Initiative pending the Bond Committees results.

Ms. Eikenberry reviewed the next steps which includes new member orientation, public information act training, open meetings act training, ethics policy review and oath of office. Once all the training is complete, the committee will begin meeting to discuss ideas. Ms. Eikenberry further explained that the goal is to have the committee's final action ready for City Council presentation by June 2016 to allow for an August 2016 vote and a possible November 2016 election. Ms. Eikenberry asked that the committee provide City Council with financial impacts and communications. Ms. Eikenberry noted City Council will make appointments at the January 19, 2016 City Council Meeting.

**A.2**     16-018     **Interview Bond Committee applicants.**

Mayor Phelps asked City Administration to consider a newsletter communication asking residents to submit ideas regarding bond projects. Mayor Phelps noted that once the committee has formed, the committee must appoint a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary at its first meeting.

Mayor Phelps asked that bond items be listed separately on the ballot to avoid any confusion. Mayor Phelps explained that subcommittees could be formed after the bond committee members meet.

The following citizens provided a brief background to include name, years of residence and noted any board experience:

Joan O'Shea, Beth Pirtle, Founa Shandkles-Porath, Tamara Cleghorn, Steve Dillon, David Merritt, Timothy Yarbrough, David McCool, Christal Retana, Elisa "Bitsy" Laney, Pat Thompson, Michael Driskill, Colin Eddy, Sharon Aston, Andy Olivo, Brad Nobbe, John Jakob, Marjorie Cutler, Jorge Gonzalez, Martina De Los Santos, Charles Barton, Vincent Montenegro, Charles Beck, Robert Schies, Michael Rogan, Lindle Grigsby, Rodger Cramer, Marcus Miller, Bronson Blackson, Elizabeth "Lib" Grimmett, Michelle Holmes, John Speed, Matthew Lewis, Meredith MacLeod, and Nic Rady

City Administration answered questions from applicants regarding meetings, explaining the committee would decide how often to meet.

Council Member Bomgardner asked that the committee consider types of investments and noting infrastructure may need to be reviewed. He asked the committee to have a target area, plan, vision, location and include citizen feedback.

City Council took questions regarding types of redevelopments, and current funding programs through HUD initiatives. Mayor Phelps asked the applicants to consider projects that would provide citywide benefit.

Mayor Phelps reviewed projects City Council has worked on and completed over the past 5 years. Council Member Bomgardner answered questions regarding funding, explaining the current redevelopment funds have been

utilized. Mayor Pro Tem Froehlich asked the applicants to consider city revitalization projects noting interest rates are low for these types of loans.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Froehlich asked that City Administration make available North Central Texas Council of Government per capita data to the public for review.

Council Member Bomgardner answered questions from applicants explaining City Administration will facilitate and assist the board with necessary information the bond committee may need to facilitate the meetings. Council Member Norwood explained the board would create the topic and vision, and staff could assist with the process and guidelines.

Council Member Reyes asked for clarification regarding the notification process to appointed members. Ms. Eikenberry explained appointed members would be notified, and begin the orientation and training process. She further stated staff would assist with project information the board may deem necessary in regards to background information, for example the trail master plan.

Former City Council Member Michelle Holmes recommended City Council consider adding (6) alternates to the committee in case some members appointed are unable to serve.

After discussion, City Council agreed to add (6) alternate members and (12) regular members to the Bond Committee at the January 19, 2016 City Council meeting.

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**ADJOURNMENT –**

The Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



**Bob Phelps, Mayor**

**Attest:**

  
**Amy M. Piukana, TRMC; City Secretary**

