



Stephanie Boardingham, Mayor
Keith R. Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem
Carlie Jones, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Anthony Cook, Place 2
Timey Boardingham, Place 3
Silas Robinson, Place 4
Jesus Rivas, Place 6

Venus Wehle, City Manager
Amy Anderson, City Secretary
Courtney Goodman-Morris, Asst. City Attorney

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Forest Hill met on the above date at 6:00 p.m., with Mayor Boardingham presiding. The following Council members and Officials were present: Carlie Jones, Anthony Cook, Timey Boardingham, Silas Robinson, Keith R. Smith, Jesus Rivas, City Manager Venus Wehle, Asst. City Attorney Courtney Goodman-Morris, and City Secretary Amy Anderson.

Councilman Robinson arrived at 6:27 p.m.

Councilman Rivas arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Councilman Rivas left the dais at 6:47 p.m. and returned at 6:58 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem left the dais at 8:13 p.m. and returned at 8:17 p.m.

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mayor Boardingham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation – led by Mayor Pro Tem Smith

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S Flag and the Texas Flag led by Mayor Boardingham

2. Presentations, Proclamations, and Recognitions:

- a) Presentation to the Hernandez family on behalf of the City of Forest Hill.
- b) Proclamation honoring National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week.
- c) Proclamation honoring National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.
- d) Proclamation honoring National Administrative Professionals Week.
- e) Update from Southpoint Constructors on the Southeast Connector Project.

All presentations and proclamations were presented in their entirety.

3. Citizen Testimony:

At this time, any person who desires to speak on any item posted on the agenda or any person with business before the City Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the City Council provided that a "Speaker's Request Form" has been completed and provided to the City Secretary no later than the posted start time of the City Council meeting. Speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The Council cannot respond to matters not listed on the agenda until scheduled at a future meeting. Please direct all comments to the full Council. Citizens are to refrain from personal attacks and the use of profane language.

Norma Garcia-Lopez-4209 Dorsey Street, Forest Hill, TX

- Addressed the Council on the letter sent to residents about their water pipes, immigrant family concerns, and the polling place location change.

Kenneth Williams-3358 E. California Parkway, Forest Hill, TX

- Addressed the Council on his church, New Spirit of Prayer, and guns that were at the vigil held on Monday, March 10, 2025.

Leslie Jasperson-7309 Woodbridge Drive, Forest Hill, TX

- Addressed expenditures incurred by former Mayor Lyndia Thomas and former Mayor Pro Tem Beckie Duncan Hayes while in office that were not approved by the Council, as the City Charter states.

4. Mayor and Council Reports:

- a) Report on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Summit held on Saturday, March 22, 2025.
- b) Report on the Coffee and Iced Tea with the Mayor event held on Thursday, March 27, 2025.
- c) Report on Citizen Testimony from the March 11, 2025 Council meeting.

All reports were provided in their entirety.

5. Departmental Updates:

- a) Report on Keep Texas Beautiful Silver Star recognition.
- b) Report on Scenic City designation.
- c) Recognition of Councilman Timey Boardingham on his Texas Municipal League Certified Municipal Officer Certification.
- d) Recognition of Mayor Stephanie Boardingham on her Texas Municipal League Certified Municipal Officer Certification.
- e) Recognition of Mayor Stephanie Boardingham on her Texas Municipal League 2024 President's Award.
- f) Report on the Citywide Cleanup Day to be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025.
- g) Report on the 2025 Easter event to be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025.
- h) Report on office closure on April 18, 2025 in observance of Good Friday.
- i) Report on Commissioner Miles' "Listening Session" on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

All reports were provided in their entirety.

6. Consent Agenda:

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- a) Consider approval of the meeting minutes for the March 11, 2025 meeting.

- b) Consider approval of Resolution 2025-13, a resolution for the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the authorized signatories for the City's five accounts with TexPool.
- c) Consider approval of Resolution 2025-14, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the authorized signatories for the City's account with US Bank.
- d) Consider approval of Resolution 2025-15, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the authorized signatories for the City's account with Chase Bank.
- e) Consider approval of Resolution 2025-16, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the authorized signatories for the City's four accounts with First Financial Bank.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 6a through 6e.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

Motion passed with the following vote:

7 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Robinson, Smith, Rivas, Boardingham

0 Nays

0 Abstain

0 Absent

7. Public Hearing:

a) Case #PZ 2025-01 Public Hearing

To receive public comments regarding a request for rezoning from Light Industrial (LI) to Light Industrial with a Specific Use Permit to allow for an Extended Stay Hotel/Motel (LI-SUP) for a 1.875-acre tract of property commonly known as 4101 California Parkway East, Forest Hill, Texas 76119 with the legal description being Lot 1R, Block A of the Forest Hill Business Park Addition in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas as requested by PH Forest Hill, LLC.

Mayor Boardingham opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

With no one to speak, Mayor Boardingham closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Case #PZ 2025-01 Deliberation

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance 2025-02, regarding a rezoning from Light Industrial (LI) to Light Industrial with a Specific Use Permit allowing for an Extended Stay Hotel/Motel (LI-SUP) for a 1.8751-acre tract of property commonly known as 4101 California Parkway East, Forest Hill, Texas 76119 with the legal description being Lot 1R, Block A of the Forest Hill Business Park Addition in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas as requested by PH Forest Hill, LLC.

Planning and Zoning Chairwoman Berniece Taylor-Johnson presented the case to the Council. The Commission approved the request with a vote of 4-1.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-02, regarding a rezoning from Light Industrial (LI) to Light Industrial with a Specific Use Permit allowing for an Extended Stay Hotel/Motel (LI-SUP) for a 1.8751-acre tract of property commonly known as 4101 California Parkway East, Forest Hill, Texas 76119 with the legal description being Lot 1R, Block A of the Forest Hill Business Park Addition in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas as requested by PH Forest Hill, LLC.

Councilman Boardingham seconded the motion.

Council discussed the Specific Use Permit including the location, length of stays, why the SUP is required and legal ramifications for not approving the SUP.

Assistant City Attorney, Courtney Goodman-Morris, suggested going into Executive Session to discuss the legalities.

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with the City Attorney to receive legal advice with regard Woodspring Suites and their Specific Use Permit.

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:37 p.m.

As requested by Council, Venus Wehle, City Manager, read the Specific Use Permit stipulations into record.

Councilman Rivas inquired on the current length of stays and the privacy of guests.

Assistant City Attorney, Courtney Goodman-Morris, stated the City would only have access to private information if there was a complaint or if they were enforcing the ordinance. The records could only be reviewed onsite, and the City would not maintain a copy of those records nor have jurisdiction over how the hotel utilizes the records.

Councilman Rivas further stated that there were two (2) individuals who wanted to speak during the Public Hearing and accused the Police Chief of overstepping by telling them they could not speak.

With no further discussion, the motion passed with the following vote.

7 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Robinson, Smith, Rivas, Boardingham

0 Nays

0 Abstain

0 Absent

b) Case #PZ 2025-03 Public Hearing

To receive public comments regarding a request to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City and Map of the City of Forest Hill by granting a rezoning for a 0.5089-acre tract of property legally described as being part of the David Strickland Survey, Abstract 13, Tract 34D 76 TR 34D and 34DI, in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas from GB (General Business) to General Business with a Specific Use Permit to allow for Alcoholic Beverage Sales/Off-Premise Consumption (GB-SUP) said property being commonly known as 4900 Mansfield Highway in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas. The applicant is Ali Zoubi.

Mayor Boardingham opened the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

With no one to speak, Mayor Boardingham closed the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Case #PZ 2025-03 Deliberation

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance 2025-07, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Forest Hill by granting a rezoning for a 0.5089-acre tract of property legally described as being part of the David Strickland Survey, Abstract 13, Tract 34D 76 TR 34D and 34DI, in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas, from GB (General Business) to General Business with a Specific Use Permit to allow for Alcoholic Beverage Sales/Off-Premise Consumption (GB-SUP), said property commonly known as 4900 Mansfield Highway in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas. The applicant is Ali Zoubi.

Planning and Zoning Chairwoman Berniece Taylor-Johnson presented the case to the Council. The Commission approved the request with a vote of 5-0.

Councilman Boardingham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-07, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Forest Hill by granting a rezoning for a 0.5089-acre tract of property legally described as being part of the David Strickland Survey, Abstract 13, Tract 34D 76 TR 34D and 34DI, in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas, from GB (General Business) to General Business with a Specific Use Permit to allow for Alcoholic Beverage Sales/Off-Premise Consumption (GB-SUP), said property commonly known as 4900 Mansfield Highway in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas. The applicant is Ali Zoubi.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded the motion.

Council inquired on the location of the business, alcohol sale hours and type of alcohol being sold.

With no further discussion, the motion passed with the following vote.

7 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Robinson, Smith, Rivas, Boardingham
0 Nays
0 Abstain
0 Absent

8. Deliberation Agenda:

- a) Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 2025-08, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, "Offenses and Additional Provisions," by adding a new Article 8.10, "Restriction on Registered Sex Offenders."

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-08, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, "Offenses and Additional Provisions," by adding a new Article 8.10, "Restriction on Registered Sex Offenders."

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

Councilman Robinson requested clarification on the ordinance.

Chief David Hernandez presented the ordinance to Council. Currently there are 88 registered sex offenders in the City of Forest Hill. The ordinance will define a child safety zone and provided a map for reference. Current registered offenders would be grandfathered in, but if they move that status is removed.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith inquired what a temporary residence is considered and visitation status.

Chief Hernandez stated that sex offenders cannot have a temporary residence and must register their permanent residence. Visitation is allowed and they would not have to register.

Assistant City Attorney, Courtney Goodman-Morris, provided the following clarification from the ordinance.

Sec. 8.10.002 - Offenses.

(a) It is an offense for a sex offender to intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, establish a permanent residence or temporary residence within 2,000 feet of the real property comprising a school, childcare facility, child care institution, church, park or play ground or other places where children regularly congregate, each being considered a child safety zone.

With no further discussion, the motion passed with the following vote.

7 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Robinson, Smith, Rivas, Boardingham
0 Nays
0 Abstain
0 Absent

- b) Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 2025-09, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 11 "Traffic and Vehicles" at Article 11.06 "Parking" Division 2 "Restrictions on Specific Streets" by repealing Section 11.06.047 "Permit for Parking on Portion of Shamrock Lane".

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-09, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 11 "Traffic and Vehicles" at Article 11.06 "Parking" Division 2 "Restrictions on Specific Streets" by repealing Section 11.06.047 "Permit for Parking on Portion of Shamrock Lane".

Mayor Boardingham seconded the motion.

Councilman Robinson requested clarification on the ordinance.

City Manager, Venus Wehle, presented the ordinance and further stated that the original ordinance was put into place in the late 70's due to parking issues on the street. This ordinance is no longer required and requires an amendment to the Code of Ordinances.

With no further discussion, the motion passed with the following vote.

7 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Robinson, Smith, Rivas, Boardingham
0 Nays
0 Abstain
0 Absent

- c) Discuss and consider action to restate the Citizens on Patrol Program.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

- d) Discuss and consider action to amend the City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics such that the Council may place up to 2–3 items on the Agenda. Any number of items beyond this number may be approved by 2 other Council members.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

9. Executive Session: Council convened into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

- a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with the City Attorney to receive legal advice with regard to interpretation and enforcement of various provisions of the City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

10. Next Meeting: May 6, 2025

11. Adjournment:

Mayor Boardingham adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Amy L. Anderson, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:



Stephanie Boardingham, Mayor