



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
May 6, 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 Rivas arrived at 7:48 p.m.

Councilman Rivas left the dais at 7:55 p.m. and returned at 7:58 p.m.

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mayor Boardingham called the meeting to order at 6:01 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) Recognition of the City of Forest Hill Firefighters.
- b) Proclamation honoring National Emergency Medical Services Week.
- c) Proclamation honoring National Police Week.
- d) Proclamation honoring Public Works Week.
- e) Recognition of Miss Tarrant County, Nicole Thomas.
- f) Presentation by the Forest Hill Public Library and recognition of Michael Hardrick for the 2024 Library Director of the Year.
- g) Presentation from the Community Learning Center.
- h) Presentation to O.D. Wyatt High School's Chaparral Thrive Market.
- i) Presentation from FWISD Superintendent Dr. Karen Molinar.
- j) Proclamation honoring National School Principals Day.
- k) Proclamation honoring Teacher Appreciation Week.
- l) Proclamation honoring the O.D. Wyatt High School 2025 graduates.

- m) Proclamation honoring the Everman Joe C. Bean High School 2025 graduates.
- n) Proclamation honoring the Uplift Ascend Preparatory 2025 graduates.
- o) Proclamation honoring Cinco de Mayo.
- p) Proclamation honoring National Small Business Week.
- q) Proclamation honoring Municipal Clerks Week.
- r) Recognition of Councilman Silas Robinson.
- s) Recognition of Councilman Jesus Rivas.

All presentations, proclamations, and recognitions 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.

Kenneth Williams-6924 Windward Way, Forest Hill, TX

- Provided the Council with handouts and addressed the Council on the sign placement at Slappy's Car Wash and the City's sign ordinance.

Beckie Duncan Hayes-7317 Woodbridge Drive, Forest Hill, TX

- Addressed the Council on election integrity, voter suppression, and polling place location.
- Thanked the candidates who won the election.

Lyndia Thomas-6941 Windy Hill Road, Forest Hill, TX

- Addressed the Council on impartial laws, candidate parking at the polling place, 18-wheeler parking, disparity of treatment, polling place location, and voter suppression.

4. Mayor and Council Reports:

- a) Report on the 2025 Easter event held on Saturday, April 12, 2025.
- b) Report on the local community churches' upcoming calendar of events.

All reports were provided in their entirety.

5. Departmental Updates:

- a) Report on the Spring Citywide Cleanup event held on Saturday, April 12, 2025.
- b) Report on office closure in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 26, 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 April 1, 2025 meeting.
- b) Consider approval of the meeting minutes for the April 9, 2025 Special Called Meeting.
- c) Consider approval of Resolution 2025-17, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, removing Anne LaMere from the City's five accounts with TexPool.
- d) Consider approval of Resolution 2025-18, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, removing Anne LaMere from the City's account with US Bank.
- e) Consider approval of Resolution 2025-19, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, removing Anne LaMere from the City's account with Chase Bank.
- f) Consider approval of Resolution 2025-20, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, removing Anne LaMere from the City's four accounts with First Financial Bank.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 6a through 6f.

Councilman Robinson 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 2025-04 Public Hearing**

To receive public comments regarding a request to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map for an approximately 26.115-acre tract of land commonly known as 4520 Forest Hill Drive, 4524 Forest Hill Drive, 4550 Forest Hill Drive, 4556 Forest Hill Drive, and 6725 Casey and more particularly being described as Tracts 42D01A1, 42D01A, 42C and 42D of the Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375 and Tract 42B, Lots 1 and 2 of the Florence G. Whitlock Survey, Abstract 1375 of the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas from R-2 Single-Family Detached Residential ("R-2") and Planned Development ("PD") to Planned Development with a base zoning of R3 Single-Family Detached Residential ("PD-R3"). The rezoning is requested by Fort Worth Area Habitat for Humanity Inc., DBA Trinity Habitat for Humanity.

Mayor Boardingham opened the Public Hearing at 8:32 p.m.

With no one to speak, Mayor Boardingham closed the Public Hearing at 8:32 p.m.

Case #PZ 2025-04 Deliberation

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance 2025-10, regarding a request to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map for an approximately 26.115-acre tract of land commonly known as 4520 Forest Hill Drive, 4524 Forest Hill Drive, 4550 Forest Hill Drive, 4556 Forest Hill Drive, and 6725 Casey and more particularly being described as Tracts 42D01A1, 42D01A, 42C and 42D of the Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375 and Tract 42B, Lots 1 and 2 of the Florence G. Whitlock Survey, Abstract 1375 of the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas from R-2 Single-Family Detached Residential ("R-2") and Planned Development ("PD") to Planned Development with a base zoning of R3 Single-Family Detached Residential ("PD-R3"). The rezoning is requested by Fort Worth Area Habitat for Humanity Inc., DBA Trinity Habitat for Humanity.

Planning and Zoning Chairwoman Berniece Taylor-Johnson presented the case to the Council. The Commission approved the request with a vote of 5-1.

Mr. Gage Yager, CEO of Trinity Forest Habitat for Humanity, presented the project to the Council.

Council discussed location, number of homes, flooding, drainage, HOAs, home sizes, traffic study, infrastructure, cost of the homes, and school numbers.

Venus Wehle, City Manager, clarified more information on the project. Each home will have a garage, two parking spaces, and sidewalks.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-10, regarding a request to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map for an approximately 26.115-acre tract of land commonly known as 4520 Forest Hill Drive, 4524 Forest Hill Drive, 4550 Forest Hill Drive, 4556 Forest Hill Drive, and 6725 Casey and more particularly being described as Tracts 42D01A1, 42D01A, 42C and 42D of the Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375 and Tract 42B, Lots 1 and 2 of the Florence G. Whitlock Survey, Abstract 1375 of the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas from R-2 Single-Family Detached Residential ("R-2") and Planned Development ("PD") to Planned Development with a base zoning of R3 Single-Family Detached Residential ("PD-R3"). The rezoning is requested by Fort Worth Area Habitat for Humanity Inc., DBA Trinity Habitat for Humanity.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

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 2025-06 Public Hearing

To receive public comments regarding a request to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Forest Hill by changing the Official Zoning map and the zoning classification of an approximately 2.09 acre parcel of real property legally described as being part of the Forest Wood Industrial Addition, Tract F2A in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas zoned Light Industrial (LI) to add a Specific Use Permit (LI-SUP) to allow for a Chemical Blending Plant at 5230 SE Loop 820, in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas. The applicant is Tom Kowalski.

Mayor Boardingham opened the Public Hearing at 9:14 p.m.

With no one to speak, Mayor Boardingham closed the Public Hearing at 9:14 p.m.

Case #PZ 2025-06 Deliberation

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance 2025-11, regarding a request to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Forest Hill by changing the Official Zoning map and the zoning classification of an approximately 2.09 acre parcel of real property legally described as being part of the Forest Wood Industrial Addition, Tract F2A in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas zoned Light Industrial (LI) to add a Specific Use Permit (LI-SUP) to allow for a Chemical Blending Plant at 5230 SE Loop 820, in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas. The applicant is Tom Kowalski.

Planning and Zoning Chairwoman Berniece Taylor-Johnson presented the case to the Council. The Commission approved the request with a vote of 6-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-11, regarding a request to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Forest Hill by changing the Official Zoning map and the zoning classification of an approximately 2.09 acre parcel of real property legally described as being part of the Forest Wood Industrial Addition, Tract F2A in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas zoned Light Industrial (LI) to add a Specific Use Permit (LI-SUP) to allow for a Chemical Blending Plant at 5230 SE Loop 820, in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas. The applicant is Tom Kowalski.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

Venus Wehle, City Manager, provided further clarification. There has been a change of ownership; therefore, a new Specific Use Permit is required so that the owner can keep his storage containers on site.

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 Resolution 2025-21, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, agreeing to meet all match contribution requirements for the expenditures under the Tarrant County Home Investment Partnerships Program for Program Year 2025.

Mayor Boardingham made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-21, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, agreeing to meet all match contribution requirements for the expenditures under the Tarrant County Home Investment Partnerships Program for Program Year 2025.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

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 Absen

- b) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2025-22, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, endorsing and approving the Chief of Police's adoption of a Wellness Program Policy.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

- c) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2025-23, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving an amendment to the City of Forest Hill Employee Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

- d) Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 2025-12, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending Chapter 8, "Offenses and Additional Provisions," Article 8.08, "Abandoned or Junked Vehicles, Division 3, "Abandoned Vehicles," by amending Section 8.08.061, "Definitions."

This item was pulled from the agenda.

- e) Discuss and consider action to rescind Council action taken on April 9, 2025 thereby reinstating Chapter V. City Council Meeting Information, Item B, Section 2 (c) Preparation of the Agenda in the City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics to read as follows: Any Council member may request in writing one agenda item per meeting. If additional agenda items are requested, the requestor must have the support of the Mayor and one other Council member. Written requests under this provision must be submitted by noon the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting for discussion and action. No items can be added after the deadline time and date. The Mayor, Council members, or Staff do not have the authority to add, remove, or change an agenda item other than their own. The Mayor and Council members have no clerical duties, so agendas are prepared by the City Administration.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

- f) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2025-24, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, requiring all ordinances and resolutions calling elections or approving election administration contracts to be included as individual consideration, rather than consent agenda items; requiring that such ordinances and resolutions shall contain a section indicating the in-person early voting and election day polling location for such election and further indicating whether the in-person early voting and election day polling location is a different location than the in-person early voting and election day polling location for the election immediately preceding the current election.

Councilman Rivas made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-24, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, requiring all ordinances and resolutions calling elections or approving election administration contracts to be included as individual consideration, rather than consent agenda items; requiring that such ordinances and resolutions shall contain a section indicating the in-person early voting and election day polling location for such election and further indicating whether the in-person early voting and election day polling location is a different location than the in-person early voting and election day polling location for the election immediately preceding the current election.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

Assistant City Attorney Courtney Goodman-Morris stated that the information she provided in the Executive Session was for this particular agenda item.

Councilman Rivas stated he brought the resolution to the Council as he feels anything to do with the elections should not be part of the Consent Agenda. It needs to be discussed under the Deliberation Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith inquired from the Assistant City Attorney if an item is on the Consent Agenda, it can always be pulled to discuss under the Deliberation Agenda. To which the answer was yes.

Assistant City Attorney Courtney Goodman-Morris read the resolution. The resolution requires the election administration contacts, and the ordinance calling the election must be under the

Deliberation Agenda, not the Consent Agenda. The resolution further requires that if the polling location changes, it must also state that in the ordinance calling the election.

Amy Anderson, City Secretary, stated that even if the ordinance calling for the election is on the Deliberation Agenda, the polling location cannot be changed at that point because Tarrant County has already approved the polling locations for the election year.

Councilman Rivas stated that it is the duty of the Council to have accountability, and if one citizen is not satisfied with the polling location they need to be heard. He wants to make the Council responsible.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated he appreciates Councilman Rivas' concern; however, what he is asking for is already in place, as a Council member can pull any Consent Agenda Item off for discussion.

Councilman Rivas stated that the Council needs to be clear with the citizens, admits to his mistake of not pulling it from the Consent Agenda for discussion, and takes full responsibility.

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

2 Ayes Robinson, Rivas

0 Nays Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Smith, Boardingham

0 Abstain

0 Absent

9. Executive Session: Council convened into Executive Session at 9:21 p.m.

- a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with the City Attorney to receive legal advice regarding processes and procedures relative to Election Administration Contracts.
- b) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with the City Attorney to receive legal advice with regard to the interpretation and enforcement of various provisions of the City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics.

10. Reconvene into Regular Session: Council reconvened into Regular Session at 10:18 p.m.

11. Take any action necessary pursuant to Executive Session.

- a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with the City Attorney to receive legal advice regarding processes and procedures relative to Election Administration Contracts.
- c) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with the City Attorney to receive legal advice with regard to the interpretation and enforcement of various provisions of the City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics.

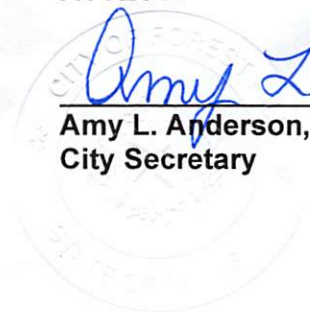
No action taken.

12. Next Meeting: June 10, 2025

13. Adjournment:

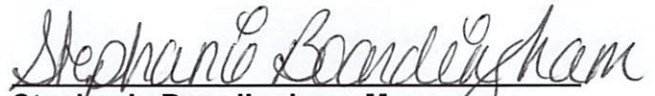
Mayor Boardingham adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

ATTEST:



Amy L. Anderson, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:


Stephanie Boardingham, Mayor