



Stephanie Boardingham, Mayor
Keith R. Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem
Carlie Jones, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Anthony Cook, Place 2
Timey Boardingham, Place 3
Janet Carpenter, Place 4
Sonja Coleman, Place 6

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

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 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, Janet Carpenter, Sonja Coleman, City Manager Venus Wehle, Asst. City Attorney Courtney Goodman-Morris, and City Secretary Amy Anderson.

Mayor Pro Tem Keith R. Smith was absent.

Mayor Boardingham read a statement regarding the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office.

1. Call to Order

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

Invocation – led by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones

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

Oaths of Office for the Police and Fire Departments

Amy Anderson, City Secretary, administered the Oaths of Office to Fire Lieutenant Jaren Gentry, Fire Engineer Kristopher Bowles, and Police Officer Israel Baldenegro.

2. Presentations, Proclamations, and Recognitions:

- a) Presentation from Parks, Recreation, and Clean City Commission for Yard of the Month.
- b) Proclamation honoring Juneteenth.
- c) Proclamation honoring Pride Month.

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: None

5. Departmental Updates:

- a) Update on the Wichita Street Widening project.
- b) Update on the Southeast Connector project.
- c) Report on Family Fun Day 2025.
- d) Report on the 2025 Mayor's Back-to-School event.
- e) Report on office closure on Thursday, June 19, 2025 in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.
- f) Report on office closure on Friday, July 4, 2025 in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

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 May 6, 2025 meeting.
- b) Consider approval of the meeting minutes for the May 13, 2025 Special Called Meeting.

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

Mayor Boardingham seconded the motion.

Motion passed with the following vote:

4 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Boardingham
0 Nays
2 Abstain Capenter, Coleman
1 Absent Smith

7. Public Hearing: None

8. Deliberation Agenda:

- a) Discuss and consider approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2025.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2025.

Councilwoman Coleman seconded the motion.

Sharon Jungman, Finance Director, presented the report to the Council. The City's total investments are \$43,704,105.30.

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

6 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Carpenter, Coleman, Boardingham
0 Nays
0 Abstain
1 Absent Smith

- b) Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 2025-14, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 6 "Fire Prevention and Protection", Article 6.01 "General Provisions", by repealing and replacing in its entirety Section 6.01.001, "Numbers of Firefighters".

Mayor Boardingham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-14, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 6 "Fire Prevention and Protection", Article 6.01 "General Provisions", by repealing and replacing in its entirety Section 6.01.001, "Numbers of Firefighters".

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Coleman inquired about the position of Captain.

Chief Gutierrez stated that the position of Captain was never funded and presented the prior classifications and the new classifications based on Civil Service Chapter 143.

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

6 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Carpenter, Coleman, Boardingham
0 Nays
0 Abstain
1 Absent Smith

- c) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2025-26, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority for award of a grant under the SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program.

Councilman Boardingham made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-26, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority for award of a grant under the SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

Chief Hernandez presented the grant information that will allow the City to place approximately 12-16 Flock cameras around the City. Flock cameras are a license plate reader system shared with all

law enforcement agencies. The grant is a matching grant, with the City responsible for 20% (\$12,000.00), which is available in the Police Department's budget. The notice of approval will take 45-60 days. The Chief further stated that the camera locations have already been chosen.

Chief Hernandez announced that Fort Worth is moving forward with a \$5.7 million real-time crime center. The City will be part of the TRIDENT Agency and have 24/7 access to crime data.

If the grant is not awarded to the City, a few cameras can be purchased through the Police Department budget, and the Chief will apply again next year.

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

6 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Carpenter, Coleman, Boardingham

0 Nays

0 Abstain

1 Absent Smith

- d) 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.

Councilman Boardingham made a motion to approve 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.

Councilman Cook seconded the motion.

Chief Hernandez presented the program to the Council. It is a state-mandated program.

Councilwoman Coleman inquired about the program's name, as wellness is a broad statement. The Chief stated that the State named the program and is mandated, and provided additional information on the type of leave allowed by the program.

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

6 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Carpenter, Coleman, Boardingham

0 Nays

0 Abstain

1 Absent Smith

- e) 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.

Councilman Boardingham made a motion to approve 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.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

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

- Addressed the Council on parliamentary procedure, stating that discussion must come first before calling for the motion.
- Further addressed policy change for the employee manual when there are new council members.

Courtney Goodman-Morris, Assistant City Attorney, addressed parliamentary procedure. An item is not properly before the governing body until a motion is made and seconded. Discussion happens after that.

Venus Wehle, City Manager, stated that the Wellness Policy's adoption requires amending the Employee Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual so that it includes it.

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

6 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Carpenter, Coleman, Boardingham
0 Nays
0 Abstain
1 Absent Smith

- f) 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."

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to approve 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."

Councilwoman Coleman seconded the motion.

Chief Hernandez presented the ordinance. The ordinance adds correct definitions of "Abandoned Vehicles", which will help the Police Department with enforcement.

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

6 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Carpenter, Coleman, Boardingham
0 Nays
0 Abstain
1 Absent Smith

- g) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2025-27, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving a second amendment to the Facilities Development Agreement with PR III/HCLI Wichita Street, LP for the installation of pavement, drainage, and traffic signals at the intersection of Wichita Street and Forest Hill Circle and surrounding area and authorizing the City Manager to execute the second amendment.

Councilman Cook made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-27, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving a second amendment to the Facilities Development Agreement with PR III/HCLI Wichita Street, LP for the installation of pavement, drainage, and traffic signals at the intersection of Wichita Street and Forest Hill Circle and surrounding area and authorizing the City Manager to execute the second amendment.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

Venus Wehle, City Manager, stated that the agreement needs to be extended in conjunction with the Wichita Street Widening Project and will expire in June 2027.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones inquired about the redistricting and the impact it may have on the City.

Courtney Goodman-Morris, Assistant City Attorney, stated that this project has already been approved and funded, and the redistricting should not affect it. The project is funded by transportation money.

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

6 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Carpenter, Coleman, Boardingham

0 Nays

0 Abstain

1 Absent Smith

- h) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2025-28, approving a first amendment to the Escrow Agreement between the City of Forest Hill and PR III/HLCI Wichita Street, LP, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the first amendment.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-28, approving a first amendment to the Escrow Agreement between the City of Forest Hill and PR III/HLCI Wichita Street, LP, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the first amendment.

Councilwoman Coleman seconded the motion.

Venus Wehle, City Manager, clarified the agreement. It is set to expire and needs to be amended to reflect the expiration date of June 2027.

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

6 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Carpenter, Coleman, Boardingham

0 Nays

0 Abstain

1 Absent Smith

- i) 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.

9. Executive Session: Council convened into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

- a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with the City Attorney to receive legal advice with regard to pending litigation, to wit: Eddie Burns vs. City of Forest Hill, Cause No. 450-2024-03841/450-2024-07400.
- b) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with the City Attorney, to receive legal advice with regard to pending litigation, to wit: New Spirit of Prayer Ministries vs. City of Forest Hill, Cause No. 017-348994-23 in the 17th Judicial District Court of Tarrant County.
- c) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with the City Attorney to receive legal advice regarding Tarrant County redistricting and potential resulting legal actions.

10. Reconvene into Regular Session: Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:09 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 with regard to pending litigation, to wit: Eddie Burns vs. City of Forest Hill, Cause No. 450-2024-03841/450-2024-07400.
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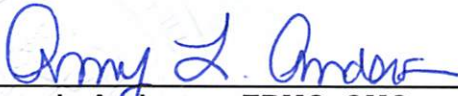
No action taken.

12. Next Meeting: July 1, 2025

13. Adjournment:

Mayor Boardingham adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST:



Amy L. Anderson, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

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APPROVED:



Stephanie Boardingham, Mayor

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