



Stephanie Boardingham, Mayor
Carlie Jones, Mayor Pro-Tem
Sonja Coleman, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Anthony Cook, Place 2
Timey Boardingham, Place 3
Janet Carpenter, Place 4
Keith R. Smith, Place 5

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

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 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, 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.

1. Call to Order

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

Invocation – led by Councilwoman Carpenter

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

2. Presentations, Proclamations, and Recognitions:

- a) Presentation by District 95 State Representative Nicole Collier.
- b) Presentation by Commissioner Roderick Miles' office on redistricting.
- c) Presentation by the Parks, Recreation, and Clean City Commission for Yard of the Month.
- d) Proclamation honoring Volunteerism.

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.

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

- Addressed the Council on committees, training, and cleanliness of the City.

Eddie Wilson-6246 Shamrock Court, Forest Hill, TX

- Addressed the Council on community relations, littering, speeding, racism, and respectful neighbors.

Mayor and Council Reports:

- a) Report on Taste of Eastside Cops vs. Community Cook-off event.
- b) Report on the 89th Legislature Session and how it affects our community.
- c) Report on Citizens' Testimony from the June 10, 2025 Council meeting.

All reports were provided in their entirety.

4. Departmental Updates:

- a) Update on the Mansfield Highway lighting project through ONCOR.
- b) Report on the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office assisting the City of Forest Hill Police Department.

All reports were provided in their entirety.

5. 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 June 10, 2025 meeting.
- b) Consider approval of the meeting minutes for the June 17, 2025 Special Called Meeting.

Councilwoman Coleman made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 6a through 6b.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

Motion passed with the following vote:

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

6. Public Hearing: None

7. Deliberation Agenda:

- a) Discuss and consider action on appointing a Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Boardingham made a motion to reappoint Councilman Keith R. Smith as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilman T. Boardingham seconded the motion.

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

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

Councilwoman Coleman made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Jones as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilwoman Carpenter seconded the motion.

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

5 Ayes Jones, Cook, Carpenter, Coleman, Boardingham

1 Nays T. Boardingham

0 Abstain

1 Absent Smith

- b) Discuss and consider action on appointing a Deputy Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Boardingham made a motion to appoint Councilman Anthony Cook as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilman T. Boardingham seconded the motion.

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

3 Ayes Cook, T. Boardingham, Boardingham

3 Nays Jones, Carpenter, Coleman

0 Abstain

1 Absent Smith

Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Sonja Coleman as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilwoman Carpenter seconded the motion.

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

4 Ayes Jones, Cook, Carpenter, Coleman

2 Nays T. Boardingham, Boardingham

0 Abstain

1 Absent Smith

- c) Discuss and consider action on setting the date of September 2, 2025 for the public hearing on the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to set the date of September 2, 2025 for the public hearing on the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Councilman Cook seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones inquired about the dates. City Manager Venus Wehle stated that the public hearings for the citizens are always held in September. The budget must be passed no later than September 30th.

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 action on setting the date of September 16, 2025 for the public hearing on the Ad Valorem tax rate for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman made a motion to set the date of September 16, 2025 for the public hearing on the Ad Valorem tax rate for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

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 2025-30, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, recommending Tarrant County award a contract to Gomez Brothers Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$128,345.00 for construction of water line improvements for the 7300 block of Woodbridge Drive through the 50th CDBG Grant Project No. B-24-UC-48-001-32-15, and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute any and all necessary documents.

Mayor Boardingham made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-30, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, recommending Tarrant County award a contract to Gomez Brothers Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$128,345.00 for construction of water line improvements for the 7300 block of Woodbridge Drive through the 50th CDBG Grant Project No. B-24-UC-48-001-32-15, and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute any and all necessary documents.

Councilwoman Coleman seconded the motion.

Andrew Luce with Teague, Nall, and Perkins, Inc., presented the project to Council. The project is administered by Tarrant County and paid through the Community Development Block Grant funding.

The recommendation is to award the contract to Gomez Brothers Construction, Inc.

Council discussed Tarrant County awarding the bid, not the City, cleaning during the project, and respecting the homeowners in the project area.

Mr. Luce stated he would work with the contractors and Public Works Director Roberto Duenes to ensure everything is done correctly.

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 Resolution 2025-31, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, establishing a temporary program for the payment of a monetary recruitment incentive for TCOLE-Certified Police Officer New Hires and setting forth criteria for the incentive.

Councilman Boardingham made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-31, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, establishing a temporary program for the payment of a monetary recruitment incentive for TCOLE-Certified Police Officer New Hires and setting forth criteria for the incentive.

Mayor Boardingham seconded the motion.

Chief David Hernandez addressed the Council on recruitment and the temporary monetary incentive. A \$9,000.00 hiring bonus will be provided for TCOLE-certified new police officers. His hopes are to be fully staffed by year's end. The incentive can be taken as a lump sum at month 11 or divided equally into three (3) installments. Each officer who accepts the incentive will be required to stay with the Forest Hill Police Department for three (3) years. The program will be temporary and will cease once fully staffed.

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 2025-32, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, authorizing an advanced funding agreement for State (TxDOT) funding and performance of a project regarding railroad pavement markings and signs and City of Forest Hill maintenance of railroad pavement markings and signs (off-system). Authorizing the City Manager to execute such agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-32, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, authorizing an advanced funding agreement for State (TxDOT) funding and performance of a project regarding railroad pavement markings and signs and City of Forest Hill maintenance of railroad pavement markings and signs (off-system). Authorizing the City Manager to execute such agreement.

Councilman Cook seconded the motion.

City Manager Venus Wehle clarified the project. TxDOT wants to make improvements; therefore, the advanced funding agreement is needed. Once completed, the City will be required to maintain it to the project standards.

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 2025-33, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, authorizing acceptance of a 0.413-acre sanitary sewer easement from C5LC at East Hill I-20, LLC.

Councilman Cook made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-33, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, authorizing acceptance of a 0.413-acre sanitary sewer easement from C5LC at East Hill I-20, LLC.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

City Manager Venus Wehle clarified the project. It is a new development that requires the sanitary sewer easement.

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 approval of Resolution 2025-34, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving the 2025 Title VI Administration Policy and Program regarding Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-34, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving the 2025 Title VI Administration Policy and Program regarding Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman seconded the motion.

HR Director Angela Locuste clarified the new policy, which now includes residents of the City.

City Manager Venus Wehle further clarified that the policy is needed as the City receives grant funding.

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

- j) Discuss and consider action on appointments to the Community Development Corporation for Citizen members, Places 2 and 3.

The item was postponed indefinitely on a motion by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

Councilwoman Carpenter seconded the motion.

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

- k) Discuss and consider approval of hosting a Town Hall meeting.

Councilman Cook made a motion to host a Town Hall meeting.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

Council discussed what a town hall meeting is, engaging with the citizens and council members, bringing up the morale of the City, fixing issues, and working together as a team.

Assistant City Attorney Courtney Goodman-Morris provided that a town hall meeting has a definitive subject and is not a one-on-one conversation or free-for-all. If a town hall is wanted by the Council, it would take multiple meetings to discuss all the topics.

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

- Addressed the Council and thanked Councilman Cook for the agenda item, and to consider the stakeholders and constituents of the City. Council can work out the details at a later date.

Councilman Cook will work with the staff to establish the town hall meeting.

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

- l) Discuss and consider action on scheduling a date for City Council training.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman made a motion to schedule a date for City Council training.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

The Council discussed having training during the week vs. on the weekends. Most of the Council prefers the weekend due to schedules, etc.

The Council also needs to consider the schedules of the City Attorney and City Staff.

Mayor Boardingham also encouraged the Council to attend TML training.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman amended her motion to schedule a Saturday for City Council Training.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

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

The council further voted on the amended main motion to schedule City Council training on a Saturday to be determined.

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

- m) Discuss and consider approval of excusing the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Keith R. Smith from the June 10, 2025 meeting.

This item was tabled until the August 5, 2025 meeting.

- n) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2025-35, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, suspending the July 31, 2025 effective date of ONCOR Electric Delivery Company's requested rate change to permit the City time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; and approving cooperation with the Steering Committee of Cities serviced by ONCOR to hire legal and consulting services and to negotiate with the Company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-35, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, suspending the July 31, 2025 effective date of ONCOR Electric Delivery Company's requested rate change to permit the City time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; and approving cooperation with the Steering Committee of Cities serviced by ONCOR to hire legal and consulting services and to negotiate with the Company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals.

Mayor Boardingham seconded the motion.

City Manager Venus Wehle clarified that the resolution is needed so that the Steering Committee can negotiate and litigate on behalf of the City.

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

9. Executive Session: Council convened into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

- a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: City Manager.

10. Reconvene into Regular Session: Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:54 p.m.

11. Take any action necessary pursuant to Executive Session.

- a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: City Manager.

No action taken

12. Next Meeting: August 5, 2025

13. Adjournment

Mayor Boardingham adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

ATTEST:



**Amy L. Anderson, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary**

APPROVED:



Stephanie Boardingham, Mayor