



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
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
August 19, 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, Timey Boardingham, Janet Carpenter, Keith R. Smith, Sonja Coleman, City Manager Venus Wehle, and City Secretary Amy Anderson.

Councilman Anthony Cook was not in attendance.

1. Call to Order:

With a quorum present, Mayor Boardingham called the work session to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Work Session:

- a) Receive the proposed budget from the City Manager for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

Sharon Jungman, Finance Director, provided updates to the budget.

The Council discussed fleet maintenance, city events, legal fees, public relations, salaries for the City Manager, City Secretary, and Finance Director from the Community Development Corporation budget, and Council travel.

3. Adjournment:

Mayor Boardingham adjourned the work session at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 19, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Forest Hill met on the above date at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Boardingham presiding. The following Council members and Officials were present: Carlie Jones, Timey Boardingham, Janet Carpenter, Keith R. Smith, Sonja Coleman, City Manager Venus Wehle, Asst. City Attorney Courtney Goodman-Morris, and City Secretary Amy Anderson.

Councilman Anthony Cook was absent.

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mayor Boardingham called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Invocation – led by Councilman Keith R. Smith

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

2. Presentations, Proclamations, and Recognitions:

- a) Presentation by the Hispanic Wellness Coalition.
- b) Presentation by the Parks, Recreation, and Clean City Commission for Yard of the Month.
- c) Presentation by the Parks, Recreation, and Clean City Commission on Family Fun Day 2025.

All presentations 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.

John Higoon-Frontier Waste Solutions

- Addressed the Council on being against approving the Second Amendment to the Waste Connections, Inc. agreement.

Michielle Benson-6900 Rebel Road, Forest Hill, TX

- Addressed the Council on the City Council Relations Policy and Code of Conduct.

4. Mayor and Council Reports:

- a) Mayor Boardingham's report on Citizens' Testimony from the August 5, 2025 Council meeting.
- b) Mayor Boardingham's report on the school uniform clothing drive for Harleen Beal Elementary School, hosted by the Forest Hill Public Library District.

All reports were provided in their entirety.

5. Departmental Updates: None

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 July 1, 2025 meeting
- b) Consider approval of the meeting minutes from the August 5, 2025 meeting.
- c) Consider approval of Resolution 2025-47, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving a negotiated settlement between the ATMOS Cities Steering Committee and ATMOS Energy Corp., MID-TEX Division, regarding the company's 2025 Rate Review Mechanism Filing.
- d) Consider approval of Ordinance 2025-20, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Master Fee Schedule by amending impact fees for water and wastewater.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones requested to remove Consent Agenda Items 6c and 6d for deliberation.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 6a and 6b.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

Motion passed with the following vote:

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

0 Nays

0 Abstain

1 Absent Cook

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked for clarification on Consent Agenda Item 6c.

Venus Wehle, City Manager, provided information on the ATMOS settlement. Effective October 1, 2025, residents will see an increase of \$7.83, and commercial customers will see a \$25.73 increase.

Mayor Boardingham made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 6c.

Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Motion passed with the following vote:

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

0 Nays

0 Abstain

1 Absent Cook

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked for clarification on Consent Agenda Item 6d.

Venus Wehle, City Manager, provided information on the impact fees. The current contract with the City of Fort Worth expires on September 30, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 6d.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman seconded the motion.

Motion passed with the following vote:

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

7. Public Hearing: None

8. Deliberation Agenda:

- a) Discuss and consider approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending June 30, 2025.

Sharon Jungman, Finance Director, presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending June 30, 2025.

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

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

- b) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2025-37, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving the Second Amendment and Restatement of the Exclusive Franchise Agreement for the collection, hauling, and disposal of municipal solid waste with Waste Connection, Inc.

Mayor Boardingham made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-37, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving the Second Amendment and Restatement of the Exclusive Franchise Agreement for the collection, hauling, and disposal of municipal solid waste with Waste Connection, Inc., for Option #2

Councilman Boardingham seconded the motion.

Abel Moreno and Norm Bulaich, Waste Connections, Inc., presented their proposal to the City Council.

Council discussed the different options with pricing, employees losing jobs, containers, trucks, feedback from citizens, needing data, surveys, assistance for the elderly and handicapped residents, and extra trash during the holidays.

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

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

- c) Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 2025-18, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 "Administration and Personnel" at Article 2.02 "City Council" by amending Section 2.02.001 "Meetings and Work Session".

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-18, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 "Administration and Personnel" at Article

2.02 "City Council" by amending Section 2.02.001 "Meetings and Work Session".

Mayor Boardingham seconded the motion.

Venus Wehle, City Manager, presented the ordinance to Council. The ordinance is needed due to new state law requirements that become effective on September 1, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked for clarification on what else is included in the ordinance.

Amy Anderson, City Secretary, stated that the Council requirements for sending in their agenda items has been included. The ordinance states Council must have their agenda items to the City Secretary by 5:00 p.m. seven (7) business days before the posting date.

Council discussed different options for turning in their agenda items and emergency situations.

Venus Wehle, City Manager, asked the Council to give staff the days needed to complete the agenda. Staff have several agendas to post throughout the month.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman suggested five (5) days.

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

3 Ayes T. Boardingham, Smith, Boardingham

3 Nays Jones, Carpenter, Coleman

0 Abstain

1 Absent Cook

Mayor Boardingham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-18, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 "Administration and Personnel" at Article 2.02 "City Council" by amending Section 2.02.001 "Meetings and Work Session" with the amendment of five (5) business days for submission.

Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones has concerns about needing items on the agenda that could be deemed emergencies. The suggestion was to consider each case on a case-by-case basis. Staff agreed to try the five (5) days.

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

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

0 Nays

0 Abstain

1 Absent Cook

- d) Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 2025-19, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, providing for lateral entry for police officers and related pay structure.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-19, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, providing for lateral entry for police officers and related pay structure.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

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

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

- e) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2025-48, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, rescinding Resolution 2025-46; approving \$0.700466 as the proposed Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-48, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, rescinding Resolution 2025-46; approving \$0.700466 as the proposed Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked for clarification.

Sharon Jungman, Finance Director, stated that the Tarrant Appraisal District's calculations contained an error; therefore, the proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate needed to be amended.

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

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

- f) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2025-45, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics.

This item was tabled to the September 2, 2025 Council meeting.

- g) Discuss and consider action on reinstating out-of-state training and travel policy for all Council members, to include the Mayor, not to exceed \$50,000.00, divided equally.

This item was tabled to the September 2, 2025 Council meeting.

9. Executive Session: None

10. Next Meeting: September 2, 2025

11. Adjournment

Mayor Boardingham adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

ATTEST:


Amy L. Anderson, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:


Stephanie Boardingham, Mayor