



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  
September 2, 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: Timey Boardingham, Janet Carpenter, Keith R. Smith, Sonja Coleman, City Manager Venus Wehle, Asst. City Attorney Courtnet Goodman-Morris, and City Secretary Amy Anderson.

Mayor Pro Tem Carlie Jones was not in attendance.  
Councilman Anthony Cook was not in attendance.

**1. Call to Order:**

With a quorum present, Mayor Boardingham called the work session to order at 6:03 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 the Community Development Corporation budget and salaries for the City Manager, City Secretary, and the Finance Director, city events, the fund balance (reserves), memberships, one-time expenditures, and regionalization with the City of Everman.

**3. Adjournment:**

Mayor Boardingham adjourned the work session at 7:04 p.m.

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 2, 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 7:08 p.m.

**Invocation** – led by Mayor Pro Tem Carlie Jones

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

**Mayor Boardingham read into the record the decorum for the City Council meetings, which, if violated, is a Class B misdemeanor.**

**2. 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.

Justin Cawley-Fire Department

- Addressed the Council on the current affairs between the Fire Department and City Administration.

Beckie Hayes-7317 Woodbridge Drive, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on how the City is being run, the proposed budget, animal control, outsourcing services to the City of Everman, street repairs and Council decorum on the dais.

Lavora Johnson-3048 Valley Forge Trail, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on communications, projects in the City of Everman, and the disrespect the Council is showing on the dais.

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

- Addressed the Council on decorum, public safety, and the Mayor's event being held at Braums.

**3. Mayor and Council Reports:**

- a) Mayor Boardingham's report on Citizens' Testimony from the August 19, 2025 Council meeting.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

#### 4. Public Hearing:

- a) To receive testimony on the proposed budget for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 for the City of Forest Hill, Texas.

Mayor Boardingham opened the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

With no one to speak, Mayor Boardingham closed the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

#### 5. Deliberation Agenda:

- a) Discuss and consider action to postpone the vote to adopt the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026 to the September 16, 2025 regular meeting of the City Council.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman made a motion to postpone the vote to adopt the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026 to the September 16, 2025 regular meeting of the City Council.

Councilman Smith 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

- b) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2025-49, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Consent to Collateral Assignment by PR III/HLCI Wichita Street LP and Garret Family Partnership, LTD of the Facilities Development Agreement for installation of pavement & drainage and traffic signals at the intersection of Wichita Street and Forest Hill Circle and surrounding areas and the associated Escrow Agreement between both parties and the City of Forest Hill.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-49, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Consent to Collateral Assignment by PR III/HLCI Wichita Street LP and Garret Family Partnership, LTD of the Facilities Development Agreement for installation of pavement & drainage and traffic signals at the intersection of Wichita Street and Forest Hill Circle and surrounding areas and the associated Escrow Agreement between both parties and the City of Forest Hill.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked for clarification.

Venus Wehle, City Manager, stated that the lenders funding the project need the agreement as proof that the project is viable and still ongoing. It is not the same as the Escrow Agreement that was passed by the Council earlier in the year. The project has started with the utility work, which will take approximately one (1) year to complete.

**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

- c) 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.

Mayor Boardingham requested to convene into Executive Session to receive legal advice from the City Attorney.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with the City Attorney to receive legal advice regarding the City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics.

**Council convened into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.**

**Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:30 p.m.**

This item was tabled until the October meeting to allow the Council to submit their proposed changes to the City Manager by September 16, 2025 which will allow time for the City Attorney to review.

A workshop to discuss will be held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular Council meeting in October.

- d) 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to approve reinstating out-of-state training and travel policy for all Council members, to include the Mayor, not to exceed \$35,000.00, divided equally.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman seconded the motion.

Beckie Hayes-7317 Woodbridge Drive, Forest Hill, Texas

- Spoke in favor of reinstating out-of-state training and travel policy.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated the current budget is \$33,000.00, with the Mayor receiving \$6,000.00 and Council members receiving \$4,500.00. Her proposal is for \$35,000.00 to be divided equally among the Council. Each Council member wants different training. Once a Council member spends their \$5,000.00, there is no more training and travel for that individual.

Councilman Boardingham expressed concerns during an election year that incoming Council members would not have money in the budget if a previous Council member expended it.

**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

**6. Next Meeting: September 16, 2025**

**7. Adjournment**

Mayor Boardingham adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



*Amy L. Anderson*

Amy L. Anderson, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

*Stephanie Boardingham*

Stephanie Boardingham, Mayor