



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 City Council Meeting
March 17, 2026 - 6:00 PM**

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, Keith R. Smith, Sonja Coleman, City Manager Venus Wehle, Asst. City Attorney Courtney Goodman-Morris, and City Secretary Amy Anderson.

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mayor Boardingham called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Invocation – led by Cpt. Demond Spraberry

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

Oaths of Office: City Secretary Amy Anderson administered the Oaths of Office for the Fire Department and Police Department.

2. Presentations, Proclamations, and Recognitions

- a) Proclamation honoring First Responders Wellness Week.
- b) Presentation on the Municipal Animal Services' new animal shelter.
- c) Presentation from Veregy on a new water meter program.
- d) Recognition of Community Service Awards.
- e) Recognition of Teamsters Local 767 for their service and commitment to the City of Forest Hill.
- f) Proclamation for Read Across Forest Hill 2026.
- g) Proclamation honoring the City's 80th birthday.
- h) Proclamation honoring Women's History Month and recognition of honorees.

All 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.

Willie Glaster-7417 Park Avenue, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on the Clairemont Development Group project on Lon Stephenson between Forest Hill Drive and Anglin Drive. Concerns are the protection of endangered species, habitat destruction, forced migration, environmental triggers, electrical strains on the grid, and water usage and water pressure.

Michielle Benson-6900 Rebel Road, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on the upcoming data center in Fort Worth, Texas and the detriment it will cause to the City of Forest Hill

4. Mayor and Council Reports

- a) Councilman Cook's report on the Meet and Greet to be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026.
- b) Mayor Boardingham's report on the 2026 Black History Month event.
- c) Mayor Boardingham's report on the Forest Hill Public Library's Achievement of Excellence Award.

All reports were presented in their entirety.

5. Departmental Updates

- a) Report on the Police Department's Drone Program.
- b) Report on plans to hold a City Auction.
- c) Report on the 2026 Easter event to be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026.
- d) Report on office closure in observance of Good Friday on Friday, April 3, 2026.

All reports were presented 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 February 3, 2026 meeting.
- b) Consider approval of the meeting minutes for the February 11, 2026 Special Called meeting.
- c) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-04, authorizing continued participation with the steering committee of cities served by ONCOR and authorizing the payment of ten cents per capita to the steering committee to fund regulatory and legal proceedings and activities related to ONCOR Electric Delivery Company, LLC.

- d) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-05, a resolution authorizing continued participation with the ATMOS Cities Steering Committee; and authorizing the payment of four cents per capita to the ATMOS Steering Committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to ATMOS Energy Corporation.
- e) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-06, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving a memorandum of understanding with United Way of Tarrant County regarding the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for the provision of free tax preparation assistance for low to moderate-income families and authorizing the City Manager to execute the memorandum of understanding.
- f) Consider approval of Ordinance 2026-06, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, adopting the 2024 editions of the following International Code Council Codes with regional amendments as set forth in the ordinance: International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, International Fire Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Performance Code for Buildings and Facilities, International Wildland Urban Interface Code, International Private Sewage Disposal Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, International Existing Building Code and International Solar Energy Code; adopting the 2023 edition of the National Electrical Code with regional amendments and repealing sections 4.02.302 and 4.02.332 of the Code of Ordinances.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 6a-6f.

Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

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

7 Ayes Jones, Cook, T. Boardingham, Carpenter, Smith, Coleman, Boardingham

0 Nays

0 Abstain

0 Absent

7. Public Hearing

a) Case #PZ 2026-01

To receive public comments regarding a request to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Forest Hill by granting a change in zoning for an approximately 9.1400 acre parcel of real property commonly known as 7224 Forest Hill Drive and described as being part of the Heritage Heights Addition, Lot C, Block 5 in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas from R2 Single Family Residential (R2) to R2 Single Family Residential (R2-SUP) with a Specific Use Permit to allow for storage containers. The applicant requesting the zone change is the Forest Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Mayor Boardingham opened the Public Hearing at 8:36 p.m.

With no one to speak, Mayor Boardingham closed the Public Hearing at 8:36 p.m.

Case #PZ 2026-01

Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 2026-02, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Forest Hill by granting a change in zoning for an approximately 9.1400 acre parcel of real property commonly known as 7224 Forest Hill Drive and described as being part of the Heritage Heights Addition, Lot C, Block 5 in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas from R2 Single Family Residential (R2) to R2 Single Family Residential (R2-SUP) with a Specific Use Permit to allow for storage containers. The applicant requesting the zone change is the Forest Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Planning and Zoning Chairwoman Berniece Taylor-Johnson presented the case to the Council. It was approved by a vote of 5-0 (2 commissioners were absent)

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-02, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Forest Hill by granting a change in zoning for an approximately 9.1400 acre parcel of real property commonly known as 7224 Forest Hill Drive and described as being part of the Heritage Heights Addition, Lot C, Block 5 in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas from R2 Single Family Residential (R2) to R2 Single Family Residential (R2-SUP) with a Specific Use Permit to allow for storage containers. The applicant requesting the zone change is the Forest Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman seconded the motion.

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

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

8. Deliberation Agenda

- a) Discuss and consider approval of the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 by Vail & Park, P.C.

Mr. Tung from Vail & Park, P.C., presented the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 audit to the Council.

The objectives and scope of the audit, audit results, financial highlights, and findings and recommendations were discussed.

Mayor Boardingham made a motion to approve the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

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

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

- b) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2026-07, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, declaring a public necessity and finding a public use and purpose for the acquisition of a property interest through negotiated purchase or, failing that, through the exercise of the power of eminent domain and the initiation of condemnation proceedings for the taking and acquiring of the property interest which is an access easement on a portion of Lot 1, Block 1 of Shoney's Addition in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas according to the Plat Records in Volume 388-194, Page 13, Plat Records of Tarrant County, Texas for construction of sidewalk and ADA Compliant ramps as part of the Forest Hill Drive/Forest Hill Circle Signal Project; Authorizing the appropriation of the real property interest (Access Easement) and the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire the real property interest (access easement) for public use and delegating the authority to initiate condemnation proceedings to the City Attorney and the City Manager.

Mayor Boardingham made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, declaring a public necessity and finding a public use and purpose for the acquisition of a property interest through negotiated purchase or, failing that, through the exercise of the power of eminent domain and the initiation of condemnation proceedings for the taking and acquiring of the property interest which is an access easement on a portion of Lot 1, Block 1 of Shoney's Addition in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas according to the Plat Records in Volume 388-194, Page 13, Plat Records of Tarrant County, Texas for construction of sidewalk and ADA Compliant ramps as part of the Forest Hill Drive/Forest Hill Circle Signal Project; Authorizing the appropriation of the real property interest (Access Easement) and the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire the real property interest (access easement) for public use and delegating the authority to initiate condemnation proceedings to the City Attorney and the City Manager.
Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Venus Wehle, City Manager, presented the resolution and project to the Council.

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

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

- c) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2026-08, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, declaring certain City property surplus and authorizing the City Manager to sell, trade, donate, and/or dispose of it in accordance with the process established in the Code of Ordinances and State Law.

Councilman Boardingham made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, declaring certain City property surplus and authorizing the City Manager to sell, trade, donate, and/or dispose of it in accordance with the process established in the Code of Ordinances and State Law.

Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Venus Wehle, City Manager, presented the resolution and surplus equipment from the Fire Department. The City will be paid approximately \$3,100.00 for the equipment.

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

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

- d) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2026-09, 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 SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-09, 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 SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program.

Mayor Boardingham seconded the motion.

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

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

- e) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2026-10, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving and directing the City Manager to execute a memorandum of understanding with the City of Fort Worth for participation in the Tactical Real-Time Intelligence, Detection, Enforcement of North Texas ("TRIDENT") Center.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

- f) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2026-11, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute a memorandum of understanding with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) for participation in the Statewide Texas Emergency Management Assistance Teams (TEMAT) program.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-11, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute a memorandum of understanding with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) for participation in the Statewide Texas Emergency Management Assistance Teams (TEMAT) program.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

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

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

- g) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2026-12, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with JDB Towing, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company doing business as Beard's Towing for wrecker and impound services.

Mayor Boardingham made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-12, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with JDB Towing, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company doing business as Beard's Towing for wrecker and impound services.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the motion.

Chief Hernandez, along with James Bennet, stated that the City is renewing an existing contract; the 5-year agreement is consistent with those of surrounding cities. The contract is a no-cost contract to the City.

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

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

h) Discussion on polling locations in the City of Forest Hill.

Michielle Benson-6900 Rebel Road, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on the complaint received regarding the polling location during the March 3, 2026 Primary Elections.

Council discussed parking, complaints about the Civic Center as a polling location, upcoming construction on Wichita Street, voting statistics, and the contract with Tarrant County Elections.

i) Discussion on the adoption of a City ordinance establishing regulations for camping and sleeping in public spaces, including enforcement.

Council discussed SB 241, which did not pass; HB 1926 passed in 2021, and the need to be proactive.

There are issues in the City that need to be addressed.

Chief Hernandez stated he is already working on an ordinance with the City Manager and will present it to the Council at a later date.

j) Discussion on adopting a policy that grants each duly elected City Council Member the right to independently create, issue, and sign proclamations/presentations recognizing individuals, organizations, events, or causes that positively impact the community.

Council discussed creating a policy or criteria.

Amy Anderson, City Secretary, stated that her research from other cities indicated that proclamations are always issued by the Office of the Mayor and that criteria are set for major events. Recognition often comes from the Council as a whole or individual Council members.

Courtney Goodman-Morris, Assistant City Attorney, provided clarity on the Charter, the City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics, and the TML Handbook for Mayors and Council members. She suggested that if a policy is needed, it should be placed in the City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics.

9. Executive Session

- a) 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 provisions related to decorum and civil conduct toward fellow Council members.**
- b) 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 evaluation and contract.**

Both Executive Session items were pulled from the agenda.

10. Next Regular Meeting

- a) April 7, 2026**

11. Adjournment

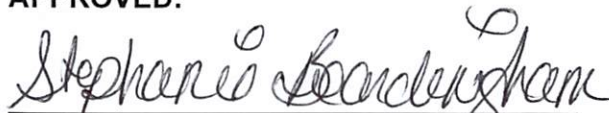
Mayor Boardingham adjourned the meeting at 11:27 p.m.

ATTEST:



Amy L. Anderson, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:



Stephanie Boardingham, Mayor