



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
April 7, 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, Assistant 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 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 of the State of the City by Uplift Ascend Preparatory 2nd grader Ja'Cee Sherrod.
- b) Proclamation for National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week.
- c) Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.
- d) Proclamation for National Administrative Professionals Week.
- e) Recognition of the Public Works employees for their continuing efforts to Keep Forest Hill Beautiful.
- f) Proclamation and recognition honoring Dr. T. A. Simms.
- g) Recognition of Community Service Awards.
- h) Presentation from Veregy on a new smart meter replacement program for water meters.

All presentations, proclamations, and recognitions were presented in their entirety.
Item 2a was moved to the May 5, 2026 Council meeting.

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.

Pearl Jones-6417 Evonshire Drive, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on the Parks, Recreation, and Clean City Commission 2026 calendar of events.

Natalie Wilson-6246 Shamrock Court, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on the harassment/stalking by her neighbor and extended family.

Sharon Isaac-6320 Oak Timber Drive East, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on her neighbors using the front of her home as a parking lot and storage for their junk cars.

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

- Addressed the Council on discrimination within the City.

Beckie Hayes-7317 Woodbridge Drive, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on discrimination within the City, street repairs on Woodbridge Drive, and economic development.

Justin Cawley-119 Katy Street, Cleburne, Texas

- Represented the Forest Hill Firefighters Association and spoke in favor of City Manager Venus Wehle.

Paolo Corea-3336 Horton Road, Forest Hill, Texas

- Represented the Forest Hill Police Officers Association and spoke in favor of City Manager Venus Wehle.

Lee Sumpter-3336 Horton Road, Forest Hill, Texas

- Spoke in favor of City Manager Venus Wehle.

David Hernandez-3336 Horton Road, Forest Hill, Texas

- Spoke in favor of City Manager Venus Wehle

4. Mayor and Council Reports

- a) Mayor Boardingham's report on the 2026 Easter event held on Saturday, March 28, 2026.
- b) Councilman Smith's report on the Citizens on Patrol Program.

All reports were provided in their entirety.

5. Departmental Updates

- a) Report on the Spring Cleanup event to be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026.

The report was presented in its 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 March 17, 2026 meeting.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Consent Agenda item 6a.

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

7. Public Hearing

- a) **Case #PZ 2026-02 Public Hearing**

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 50.66 acres of real property commonly known as 5100 Forest Hill Circle, and described as being part of the AEO ADDITION Block Lot 1R; 6701 Anglin Drive, and described as being part of the TOR ADDITION Block 1 Lot 1; 5120 SE Loop 820, and described as being part of the Forest Wood Industrial Survey, Lot 1R TRACT E, 4998 Century Drive, and described as being part of Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375, Tract 43A2 & 43H; 4998 Century Drive and described as being part of Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375, Tract 56A01 Boundary Split; 4999 Century Drive, and being described as being part of Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375, Tract 43A02A & 56A01A Boundary Split; 4999 Century Drive, and described as being part of Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375, Tract 43A02 A & 56A01A Boundary Split; 4998 Century Drive, and described as being part of Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375, Tract 56A01 Boundary Split; 4999 Salt Road, and described as being part of Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375, Tract 4 3H1C; 5104 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 19; 5108 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 18 1961 12 X 60; 5116 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 17; 5120 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 15 & 16; 5128 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 14A; 5132 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 13A; 5136 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 12A; 5140 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 11A; 5140 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 11A; 5144 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 10A1; 5133 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 9A; 5129 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 8A; 5125 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 7; 5121 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 6; 5117 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 5; 5105 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 2 thru 4; 5101 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 1; Parcel #42133368 and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 10A1A; Parcel #42133376 and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 11B; Parcel #42133384 and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 12B; Parcel #42133392, and described as being part of Glen Park

of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 13B in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas from Light Industrial (LI) to Light Industrial (LI-SUP) with a Specific Use Permit to allow a Recycling Processing Plant. The applicant requesting the zone change is TOR TEXAS, LLC.

Case #PZ 2026-02 Deliberation

Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 2026-07, an ordinance of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Forest Hill by granting a change in zoning for an approximately 50.66 acres of real property commonly known as 5100 Forest Hill Circle, and described as being part of the AEO ADDITION Block Lot 1R; 6701 Anglin Drive, and described as being part of the TOR ADDITION Block 1 Lot 1; 5120 SE Loop 820, and described as being part of the Forest Wood Industrial Survey, Lot 1R TRACT E, 4998 Century Drive, and described as being part of Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375, Tract 43A2 & 43H; 4998 Century Drive and described as being part of Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375, Tract 56A01 Boundary Split; 4999 Century Drive, and being described as being part of Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375, Tract 43A02A & 56A01A Boundary Split; 4999 Century Drive, and described as being part of Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375, Tract 43A02 A & 56A01A Boundary Split; 4998 Century Drive, and described as being part of Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375, Tract 56A01 Boundary Split; 4999 Salt Road, and described as being part of Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract 1375, Tract 4 3H1C; 5104 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 19; 5108 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 18 1961 12 X 60; 5116 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 17; 5120 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 15 & 16; 5128 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 14A; 5132 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 13A; 5136 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 12A; 5140 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 11A; 5140 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 11A; 5144 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 10A1; 5133 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 9A; 5129 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 8A; 5125 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 7; 5121 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 6; 5117 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 5; 5105 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 2 thru 4; 5101 Glenn Court, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 1; Parcel #42133368 and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 10A1A; Parcel #42133376 and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 11B; Parcel #42133384 and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 12B; Parcel #42133392, and described as being part of Glen Park of Forest Hill Addition, Lot 13B in the City of Forest Hill, Tarrant County, Texas from Light Industrial (LI) to Light Industrial (LI-SUP) with a Specific Use Permit to allow a Recycling Processing Plant. The applicant requesting the zone change is TOR TEXAS, LLC.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

8. Deliberation Agenda

- a) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2026-13, 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.

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

- Spoke against this agenda item

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-13, 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 seconded the motion.

Collectively, the Council requested clarification on the resolution. City Manager Venus Wehle provided clarification and presented the items that will be sold at auction. Proceeds will be returned to the City and remain in the general fund. The sale of surplus equipment is a common practice among cities, and Forest Hill has held several auctions in the past.

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) Discussion on a city-sponsored scholarship program for any college or trade school-bound high school MYAC senior.

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

- Spoke against this agenda item

Councilman Smith presented the program to the Council. He researched what other cities do and found that 120 cities in Texas offer scholarships to college or trade school-bound high school seniors.

Discussion only item. No motion required.

- c) Discussion on the Citizens on Patrol Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones presented the need for the program.

Chief David Hernandez presented his plan to move forward with the program. It is an ongoing process, and he needs staffing to be successful.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones also discussed the Citizen Prosecutor Academy program.

Discussion only item. No motion required.

9. Executive Session

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:01 p.m.

- 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.

Beckie Hayes-7317 Woodbridge Drive, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on the March 3, 2026 incident at City Hall involving the Mayor passing out Forest Hill literature to residents during the Primary Elections.

Mayor Boardingham and Councilman Smith chose to have the Executive Session item heard in Regular Session.

Councilwoman Carpenter addressed Councilman Smith on his decorum, missed meetings, disruptive behavior, standards, respectful leadership, and potential repercussions.

Asst. City Attorney Courtney Goodman-Morris stated a formal complaint would need to be filed, with an investigation to follow. If the complaint is found to be well-founded, consequences may be imposed. Ms. Morris also provided the ordinance outlining the steps.

Councilman Smith responded, stating that he has not missed three (3) consecutive meetings, stands behind everything he says, and will continue to tell the truth. He further feels his seat on the Council is constantly under attack.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman addressed Councilman Smith's actions at the March 17, 2026 meeting and agreed with Councilwoman Carpenter on his decorum and disruptive behavior.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones addressed Councilman Smith's actions at the March 17, 2026, meeting and noted that it wasn't the right platform to discuss the issues he presented during the Women's History Month recognitions.

Mayor Boardingham stated the March 17, 2026, meeting was a time to celebrate Women's History Month and the trials and tribulations that women have faced. Councilman Smith was speaking about her history at that meeting.

Councilman Boardingham addressed the Council on the need for forgiveness to help move the City forward.

Councilwoman Carpenter addressed Mayor Boardingham about her disappointment with the lack of communication and interaction with the Council.

Mayor Boardingham responded that communication is a two-way street; she is always available and is often personally attacked. If she is disrespected, she is not going to "mingle" with those who are disrespectful. Lack of communication within the Council is causing the issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated leaders need to be examples and provide more information, which might have prevented some of the communication issues. The Mayor also needs to be unbiased.

Councilman Smith addressed being a team player, communication, and not being a team of seven (7). There is one (1) Mayor and six (6) Council members.

Councilman Boardingham asked everyone to forgive and to work together better. Have a fresh start.

- b) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, the City Council will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Manager, including discussion of the City Manager's evaluation and employment contract.

Jessica Mang-7457 Park Avenue, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on the culture of hostility among the Council members.

Sharon Jungman-907 A S. Cockrell Hill Road, Ovilla, Texas

- Addressed the Council on the recognition of City Manager Venus Wehle for her leadership and hard work.

Jennifer Thompson-131 E. Exchange Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas

- Addressed the Council on the impacts of repeated executive sessions regarding the City Manager Venus Wehle, from a financial view.

Roberto Duenes-5724 Crawford Lane, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on race, the Council having personal agendas, showing respect. It is a shame, embarrassing, and the Council needs to grow up.
- Addressed the Council on his support of City Manager Venus Wehle.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman made a motion to terminate the City Manager's contract immediately, and that the severance is paid per state law.

Councilman Cook seconded the motion.

Councilman Smith raised a concern about the repeated use of Executive Session by certain Council members. It has created a hostile work environment for employees, and requested that the pattern of abuse be halted and that future sessions follow the law. Mr. Smith further addressed the due process being owed to the City Manager. Procedures discussed in the previous Executive Session are not being followed. He wants to object to the motion and stop it from going forward.

Councilman Boardingham asked if Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman followed due process as discussed in the prior Executive Session. It is not fair to the City Manager, and her dismissal will hurt the City.

Mayor Boardingham stated that terminating the City Manager will open the City to a lawsuit. It was not done properly and will hinder the 50+ developments. She also read a letter received by Mayor Ray Richardson of the City of Everman regarding his nomination of City Manager Venus Wehle for the North Central Texas Council of Governments award for her exceptional performance and professionalism.

Mayor Boardingham further asked Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman several questions related to her reasons for termination. To which Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman pleaded the fifth.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones inquired about the previous Executive Session and what can be repeated.

Asst. City Attorney Courtney Goodman-Morris stated that anything stated in Executive Session is not allowed in Regular Session. She further stated that a break might be best to help Mayor Pro Tem Jones with her question.

Mayor Boardingham called for a break at 9:16 p.m. Council returned to Regular Session at 9:35 p.m.

City Manager Venus Wehle read a statement of her accomplishments and shared letters of support.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones thanked City Manager Venus Wehle for sharing her accolades and letters of support. She stated that several things have not been addressed. Her relationship with Venus is long-standing, but wrong is wrong. There is good, and there is bad.

Mayor Boardingham asked City Manager Venus Wehle if she was aware of any concerns. She stated that she has not received anything in writing regarding what is happening now.

Councilman Boardingham stated that issues need to be put in writing in order to be addressed correctly and that the Council needs to consider the 14,000 citizens of Forest Hill. Put differences aside and make the right choice for the citizens.

Mayor Boardingham, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilman Boardingham, and City Manager Venus Wehle discussed the issues with Leo Spicer Park.

Councilman Smith requested to see the personnel file of City Manager Venus Wehle when the Executive Sessions kept happening, and did not find anything negative. Her accolades far outweigh any potential negatives. Everyone makes mistakes, and no one is perfect.

Mayor Boardingham stated that this action will be detrimental to the City. The Mayor cares about the employees and the citizens. She wants to make sure she governs the City right and stays out of the newspaper. Choices have consequences. The contract is up in July 2026, the City is in the middle of an election, and asked that the contract remain in place until then. She has not heard anything on the dais that would warrant termination.

Councilman Boardingham stated that if the choice is made to terminate, it will not lead the City in a positive direction.

City Manager Venus Wehle asked each Council member whether they had provided her with anything in writing about their concerns, but received no response.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman pleaded the Fifth and referenced her issues with communications.

Councilman Smith stated no issues.

Councilwoman Carpenter stated no issues.

Councilman Boardingham stated no issues.

Councilman Cook stated no comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked about citizen emails that were responded to with "received," to which City Manager Venus Wehle stated she responded that way to let them know she had received their email.

Mayor Boardingham stated no issues. Feels City Manager Venus Wehle goes above and beyond.

Councilman Smith commented that Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman's issue is with communications, but it is she who consistently states she doesn't have to communicate with anyone. This is a personal agenda.

City Manager Venus Wehle thanked everyone for the questions, for listening, and for allowing her to put things on the record.

City Secretary Amy Anderson inquired about continuity going forward, but was chastised by Mayor Pro Tem Jones for asking the question and for assuming the outcome.

Mayor Boardingham stated that Ms. Anderson had every right to ask the question and that it was a good one, as the Council obviously did not have a plan.

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

**4 Ayes Jones, Cook, Carpenter, Coleman,
3 Nays T. Boardingham, Smith, Boardingham
0 Abstain
0 Absent**

- c) 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: Amendment to the City Manager's contract.

This item was pulled from the agenda.


10. Next Regular Meeting

- a) May 5, 2026

11. Adjournment

Mayor Boardingham adjourned the meeting at 10:54 p.m.

ATTEST:



Amy L. Anderson, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:



Stephanie Boardingham, Mayor