



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

Demond Spraberry, Interim City Manager
Amy Anderson, City Secretary
Craig Magnuson, City Prosecutor

**Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
May 5, 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, Interim City Manager Demond Spraberry, City Prosecutor Craig Magnuson, and City Secretary Amy Anderson.

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mayor Boardingham called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 2nd grader Ja'Cee Sherrod.
- b) Presentation by CASA of Tarrant County on Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- c) Presentation by the Forest Hill Public Library.
- d) Presentation by the Parks, Recreation, and Clean City Commission for Yard of the Month.
- e) Proclamation in recognition of National Emergency Medical Services Week.
- f) Proclamation in recognition of National Police Week.
- g) Proclamation in recognition of National Public Works Week.
- h) Proclamation in recognition of Cinco de Mayo.
- i) Proclamation in recognition of the O.D. Wyatt High School 2026 Graduates.
- j) Proclamation in recognition of the Uplift Ascend Preparatory 2026 Graduates.
- k) Proclamation in recognition of Municipal Clerks Week.

All presentations and proclamations 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.

Beckie Hayes-7317 Woodbridge Drive, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on the Data Center in Fort Worth.

Janice Hager-6809 Margaret Drive, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on the return of Sheyi Ipaye to the City as City Manager.

Darryl Givens-6900 Rebel Road, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on the upcoming Family Fun Day event.

Dr. Michielle Benson-6900 Rebel Road, Forest Hill, Texas

- Addressed the Council on the outgoing and incoming Council members and thanked them.

4. Mayor and Council Reports

- a) Mayor Boardingham's report on Citizen Testimony.

Mayor Boardingham addressed Lyndia Thomas' concern about banner usage at the Civic and Convention Center.

Mayor Boardingham address Beckie Hayes' concern about banner usage at the Civic and Convention Center as well as the Woodbridge Street project.

5. Departmental Updates

- a) Report on the office closure on Monday, May 25, 2026, in recognition of Memorial Day.

Report was provided 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 April 7, 2026 meeting.
- b) Consider approval of the meeting minutes for the April 15, 2026 Special Called meeting.
- c) Consider approval of the meeting minutes for the April 23, 2026 Special Called meeting.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 6a-6c.

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

7. Public Hearing - None

8. Deliberation Agenda

- a) Discuss and consider approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2026.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2026.

Mayor Boardingham seconded the motion.

Finance Director Sharon Jungman presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2026.

Council discussed the City's banks, investment officers, and training.

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 the Quarterly Finance Report for the period ending March 31, 2026.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Quarterly Finance Report for the period ending March 31, 2026.

Mayor Boardingham seconded the motion.

Finance Director Sharon Jungman presented the Quarterly Finance Report for the period ending March 31, 2026.

Council discussed the upcoming budget, timeline, budget overages, and tax revenue.

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 2026-18, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, adopting the City of Forest Hill Investment Policy.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-18, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, adopting the City of Forest Hill Investment Policy.

Mayor Boardingham seconded the motion.

Finance Director Sharon Jungman presented the investment policy. The City is required to review annually.

The City's advisors, Estrada Hinojosa, stated the policy is well structured, Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) compliant, and operationally sound.

Council discussed the types of investments the City is allowed to make.

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 2026-19, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, agreeing to meet all match contribution requirements for the expenditures under the Tarrant County Home Investment Partnerships Program for program year 2026.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-19, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, agreeing to meet all match contribution requirements for the expenditures under the Tarrant County Home Investment Partnerships Program for program year 2026.

Mayor Boardingham seconded the motion.

Council discussed how the program is advertised, how many residents are on the list, types of house repairs, program criteria, and the cost 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

- e) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2026-10, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving and directing the Interim 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.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-10, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, approving and directing the Interim 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded the program.

Chief Hernandez presented the project with Fort Worth. The project should be fully operational by 2027.

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

- f) Discuss and consider adopting a Social Media Policy for City Council Members and City Employees, providing standards for the use of social media by elected officials and City employees; prohibiting cyberbullying; establishing communication protocols; public records obligations; and enforcement procedures; preserving the authority of the City Charter and the City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics; and providing an effective date.

Councilman Smith requested that the Council convene into Executive Session to seek legal advice from the City Attorney on a social media policy.

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:43 p.m.

No action taken.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman presented her thoughts on enhancing the current social media policy. She wants Council to be cognizant of one another, be professional, and operate within the confines of the law.

Council discussed the law, 1st amendment rights, and cyberbullying.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman and City Secretary Amy Anderson will work together to present an enhanced policy at a future meeting.

Discussion only item. No motion required.

- g) Discuss and consider establishing a Former Employee Rehire Eligibility Policy for positions appointed or controlled by the City Council; providing standards for evaluation and review of former employees seeking appointment to City Council–controlled positions; codifying mandatory City Charter eligibility restrictions as non-waivable requirements, preserving the full authority of the City Council under the City Charter; and providing an effective date.

Councilman Smith requested that the Council convene into Executive Session to seek legal advice from the City Attorney on the proposed rehire policy.

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

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

No action taken.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Coleman presented her thoughts on Council appointments or reappointments, not showing preferential treatment, and on stopping the recycling of employees. She further wants to dispel negative narratives.

The Human Resource Director will be asked to research policies from other cities.

The policy will be presented at a later date.

Discussion only item. No motion required.

9. Executive Session

- a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (2), Consultation with City Attorney, to seek legal advice regarding severance benefits under the former City Manager's employment agreement.
- b) Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (1), Consultation with City Attorney, to seek legal advice on pending or contemplated litigation related to the former City Manager.

Council convened into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.
Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:40 p.m.

No action taken.


10. Next Regular Meeting

- a) June 2, 2026

11. Adjournment

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

ATTEST:



Amy L. Anderson, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:



Stephanie Boardingham, Mayor