

# Town Council Work Session

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January 19, 2023  
Town Hall  
2121 Cross Timbers Road  
Flower Mound, TX 75028

6:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

The Town Council met in a work session with the following members present:

Derek France, Mayor  
Sandeep Sharma, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ann Martin, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem  
Adam Schiestel, Councilmember Place 1  
Brian Taylor, Councilmember Place 3  
Jim Engel, Councilmember Place 4

constituting a quorum with the following members of the Town Staff participating:

Theresa Scott, Town Secretary  
James W. Childers, Town Manager  
Bryn Meredith, Town Attorney (Item E1 only)  
Tommy Dalton, Assistant Town Manager  
Tiffany Bruce, Assistant Town Manager/Town Engineer  
Paul Henley, Fire Chief

### B. INVOCATION

Mayor France gave the invocation.

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND TO THE TEXAS FLAG

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

Mayor France led the pledges.

### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The purpose of this item is to allow the public an opportunity to address the Town Council regarding any item on this agenda that is not a "Public Hearing." Issues regarding daily operational or administrative matters should first be dealt with by calling Town Hall at 972.874.6000 during business hours.

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Town Council is restricted from discussing or acting on items not listed on the agenda.

To speak to Council during public comment, please fill out a [comment form \(PDF\)](#).

- Speakers are limited to 3 minutes, a tone will sound at 30 seconds left and when time has expired, and times may be adjusted by the mayor
- Speakers must address their comments to the Town Council
- Please state your name and address when speaking

*Names listed below don't necessarily reflect the order in which each person spoke and all addresses are located in Flower Mound unless otherwise indicated.*

|     | <b>Speaker name and address</b>                   | <b>Subject (as written on the form)</b> |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Todd Bayuk, 10845 Pedernales Falls Dr             | Item E                                  |
| 2.  | Kenneth Brown, 113211 Bull Head Ln                | Oncor power lines                       |
| 3.  | Chris Drew, 5209 Ravine Ridge Ct                  | Oncor                                   |
| 4.  | Danny Mitchell, 1901 Shoreline                    | Transmission lines                      |
| 5.  | Carmelita Teeter-Leehawit, 638 Forest Trl, Argyle | Item E                                  |
| 6.  | Tim Whisenant, 2300 Olympia                       | Item E1                                 |
| 7.  | Marsha Gavitt, 6501 Meadowcrest Ln                | Historical structure                    |
| 8.  | Geoff Gabel, 6712 Elderberry                      | Oncor                                   |
| 9.  | Mahesh Sirioeddy, 11133 Aspenleaf Dr, Argyle*     | Oncor (opposition)                      |
| 10. | Hope Morton, 3501 Northdale Ln, Northlake*        | Oncor (opposition)                      |
| 11. | Ana Linan De La Vega, 11351 Gable Cir             | Oncor (opposition)                      |
| 12. | Nora C Samano, 11313 Dusty Trail Ct               | Oncor (opposition)                      |
| 13. | Susan Gabel, 6712 Elderberry Way*                 | Oncor (opposition)                      |
| 14. | Saurabh Shukla, 1537 Eagleton Ln, Northlake       | Oncor (opposition)                      |

*\* Indicates person did not wish to speak*

## **E. WORK SESSION ITEM**

1. Presentation and discussion regarding the proposed Oncor Ramhorn Hill-Dunham 345 kV Transmission Line Project.

Mayor France provided remarks indicating that the Council had prepared questions for this item, and notes were taken during public comment. He also acknowledged representatives from the Army Corp of Engineers who were in the audience and pointed out that there was a meeting earlier today with Congressman Burgess on this topic, and in the interest of finding a solution for all the agencies involved.

Mayor France asked Steven Elk, Oncor Area Manager, to introduce their representatives and to offer an explanation regarding the need for the new routes and why they selected the proposed locations.

Mr. Elk introduced the following Oncor and legal representatives:  
Seth Sampson, Ifeoluwa Adetoro, and Jaren Taylor (Vinson & Elkins LLP),

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Adetoro responded to questions or comments from Council regarding:

- What is driving the need for the additional lines
- If there is any flexibility regarding the timing
- What criteria do you look for when routes are suggested
- Overhead versus underground options for high transmission lines, including cost
- Easement right of way
- Feasibility for adding to the existing tower (some or all of the route)
- Route options, including what gets presented to the Public Utility Commission (PUC)
- How are they responding to the feedback received to date, including the option of including the Corp property
- Timing for filing the application with the PUC, and what does that look like, and how long the construction period will be
- How much time would it add to the project to go through the federal government for the Corp property option
- Tower height
- What is the impact on the Corp property should the transmission lines be placed there
- Voltage and amps
- Clarification regarding the purpose of the lines and more about the substation, including electrical infrastructure and timing
- Possible preservation of historical structures on the site
- Additional projects in the works
- Risk of power shortages prior to project completion
- Next steps Council could take prior to them going to the PUC
- At what point can they provide an updated map with more specific options they are pursuing
- Do any of the proposed routes include condemnation

Ms. Bruce or Mr. Childers responded to questions from Council regarding:

- If the Town was to opt for the underground option, how would that be handled

2. Long-range Fire Operations discussion.

Mr. Childers provided background information on the item.

Chief Henley gave a presentation identifying or noting:

- Growth
- Needed FMFD Growth
- Station 6 constraints, including current and proposed drive times
- Furst Ranch
- ISO Needs
- Relocation of Station 3
- 4th ambulance
- Upcoming Capital Replacements (1-5 year outlook); Expenses
- Additional personnel needs

and he responded to questions from Council regarding:

- What is the reason for the increase in call volume
- Use of different types of transport vehicles to get EMTs to a scene quickly
- Use of assets and proposed model
- Replacement cycle for ambulances and trucks
- How does population density and building heights impact equipment needs
- Are there any disadvantages to having multi-use apparatus on a truck as opposed to being on one
- Station 6 timing

There was Council discussion regarding:

- Appreciate getting advanced knowledge of future needs

**F. ADJOURN**

Mayor France adjourned the work session at 7:55 p.m. and all were in favor.

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS

ATTEST:



DEREK FRANCE, MAYOR



THERESA SCOTT, TOWN SECRETARY