

Town Council Work Session



August 17, 2023
Town Hall
2121 Cross Timbers Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor France called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Derek France, Mayor
Jim Engel, Mayor Pro Tem
Ann Martin, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Adam Schiestel, Councilmember Place 1
Chris Drew, Councilmember Place 2
Brian Taylor, Councilmember Place 3

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

Theresa Scott, Town Secretary
James W. Childers, Town Manager
Tammy Wilson, Chief Financial Officer
Tommy Dalton, Assistant Town Manager
Tiffany Bruce, Assistant Town Manager/Town Engineer
Kay Wilkinson, Director of Budget Services
Julie Taylor, Director of Treasury Operations
Ray Watson, Director of Economic Development
Brian Waltenburg, Assistant Director of Engineering
Andy Kancel, Police 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

	Speaker name and address	Subject (as written on the form)
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1.	Joe Bernard, 10605 Sunrise Cr with donated time from Matthew Hurst, address not provided	Public comment
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E. WORK SESSION ITEM

1. Hold a discussion and provide direction regarding the FY [2023-2024 Proposed Budget](#)

Mr. Childers provided background regarding the work that went into preparing the budget. Ms. Wilkinson, Ms. Taylor, or Mr. Waltenburg gave a presentation identifying or noting:

- proposed budget (what it is)
- phases of the budget cycle
- types of budgets (operating and capital improvement program (CIP budget)
- operating budget structure (base budget, non-discretionary and decision packages)
- how Flower Mound compares to benchmark cities (population, tax rate, debt tax rate, government debt per capita, total debt per capita)
- financial goals
- changes since the proposed budget was filed in July
- compensation and benefits
- additional personnel
- FTE summary
- general fund (revenue and expenditures)
- 2024 proposed tax rate
- no-new revenue tax rate
- voter approval tax rate
- average property tax bill
- sales tax
- GF fund balance
- how Flower Mound compares (GF fund balance)
- enterprise funds (utility and stormwater)
- water/wastewater rates
- stormwater utility rates
- SWUF fund balance
- internal service funds
- special revenue funds (Crime Control & Prevention District and Fire Control, Prevention & Emergency Medical Services District)
- COVID 19 Fund: American Rescue Plan Act
- debt service fund
- next steps
- Capital Improvement Projects
 - changes since the proposed budget

- street projects (Kirkpatrick, Lakeside Parkway, roadway amenities, Scenic road, sidewalk links, street light improvements)
- signals (traffic detection rehabilitation, traffic signal preemption upgrade, traffic signal analytics cameras)
- street reconstruction (Bordeaux Way, Lakeside Parkway panel replacements, Timber Valley Dr and Fairfield Ln)
- facility projects (facility needs assessment, joint fire training facility)
- park projects (Cortadera, Wilkerson, Possum parks, Jake's Hilltop playground replacements, Bakersfield Park improvements Phase II, Community Activity Center expansion and renovation study, electronic reader board sign at Gerault Rd, park and trail amenities, Spring Lake Park improvements, Spring Meadow Park improvements, Trails Master Plan implementation, Twin Coves - preliminary design assessment for Ph II)
- water projects (lighthouse booster station demolition, Red Oak Ln water line replacement, Stonehill pump station motor replacement, Timber Valley and Fairfield Lane water line replacement, utility asset management, and utility replacement, water system leak detection and repair, water system model update, water system security implementation)
- stormwater projects (College Parkway drainage culvert lining, Garden Ridge gabion rehab, Timber Creek stabilization at Timber Creek)
- wastewater projects (Glen Chester lift station rehabilitation, Inflow - Infiltration evaluation and repair, Kirkpatrick Ln and Stapleton Street sanitary sewer rehabilitation, Red Oak Ln sewer line replacement, Timber Creek Park collector rehabilitation, Timber Valley and Fairfield Lane sewer line replacement, Upper Timber interceptor (Morris Rd to One Place Ln), wastewater system model update, wastewater system security implementation, wastewater treatment plant effluent filter rehabilitation)

and they responded to questions or comments from Council regarding:

- total debt per capita
- voter approval tax rate
- special revenue funds reduction
- contractual allocations (5110)
- funding sources
- concerns regarding the use of ultra-thin asphalt
- clarification regarding the bid process for construction projects
- for the fire training facility, clarification that other cities are paying their proportionate share
- why a playground shade structure is not included at Jake's Hilltop Park
- clarification regarding the jump in cost to refurbish playground equipment
- if there are any improvements planned for field 11 at Bakersfield

- interest in seeing options for pickleball courts at Leonard and Helen John's Park (Council consensus)
- how old are the pumps at the Stonehill pump station
- what is the time frame between funding the pump station and construction
- clarification regarding a decision package for an economic development strategic plan
- merchant card fees
- grant funding
- reserve projections
- ultraviolet disinfection upgrades decision package
- emergency generator decision package
- FTE's and if the part-time approach was an option

Chris Ekrut, NewGen Strategies and Solutions

Mr. Ekrut gave a presentation identifying or noting:

- adopted financial policies
- rate plan
- capital funding
- wholesale expenses
- financial performance
- water and wastewater residential impact

and he responded to questions or comments from Council regarding:

- strategies that could be taken
- wastewater differences from other communities

Council Discussion

There was Council discussion regarding:

- whether or not Kirkpatrick Ln should remain on the CIP
- Scenic Road and potential impact on the numbers depending on feedback from the Transportation Commission
- proposed tax rate
- upcoming cost, particularly as it relates to future facility needs

F. CLOSED MEETING

The Town Council convened into a closed meeting at 8:53 p.m. on August 17, 2023, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551.087 to discuss matters relating to economic development negotiations.

1. Discuss and consider economic development incentives, including retail centers, corporate relocation/expansion/retention, hospitality projects, performance related to certain incentive agreements, and proposed Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1, TIRZ #2, PID, MMD, and MUD.

G. RECONVENE

The Town Council reconvened into an open meeting at 10:44 p.m. on August 17, 2023, and no action was taken on the above referenced item.

H. ADJOURN

Mayor France adjourned the meeting at 10:44 p.m.

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS

DEREK FRANCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

THERESA SCOTT, TOWN SECRETARY