



City Council Meeting Agenda

Our Vision: A well-planned lakeside community of quality neighborhoods, distinctive amenities, diverse employment, and cultural charm. Rowlett: THE place to live, work and play.

Monday, May 4, 2026

6:00 PM

Municipal Building – 4000 Main

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1. Call to Order

2. Citizens' Input

At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. No action can be taken by the Council during Citizens' Input.

3. Work Session

3.A. Receive an overview of enforcement efforts addressing disruptive activity in the Downtown Area over the past nine months, and discuss a proposal for amending the Code of Ordinances (Chapter 34 "Miscellaneous Offenses") regarding loitering in public places and disruptive behavior in city facilities.

3.B. Discussion regarding a request from Sensory Tent Pals for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), including consideration of potential funding options should City Council choose to do so.

3.C. FY27 Budget Process discussion relating to Boards and Commissions, and Founders Day.

3.D. Receive and discuss the Economic Development Advisory Board's recommendation to add another ex-officio member position for Baylor Scott White Health - Lake Pointe.

4. Discuss Consent Agenda Items for May 5, 2026, City Council Meeting

5. Adjournment

Deborah Sorensen

Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, MMC, City Secretary

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin boards located inside and outside the doors of the Municipal Center, 4000 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas, as well as on the [City's website](#) on April 28, 2026, by 5:30 p.m.

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Meeting Date: 5/4/2026

Agenda Item: 3.A.

Title

Receive an overview of enforcement efforts addressing disruptive activity in the Downtown Area over the past nine months, and discuss a proposal for amending the Code of Ordinances (Chapter 34 "Miscellaneous Offenses") regarding loitering in public places and disruptive behavior in city facilities.


Staff Representative

Mike Denning, Police Chief
 Christopher Damours, Asst Police Chief

Executive Summary

The Rowlett Police Department will provide an overview of enforcement efforts undertaken over the past nine months to address disruptive activity in the Downtown Area, including proactive enforcement strategies, community engagement efforts, and their impact on improving safety and quality of life. Additionally, the City is considering amendments to Chapters 34.1 and 34.4 of the Code of Ordinances related to loitering in public places and disruptive behavior in city facilities. The purpose of this item is to update the City Council on enforcement efforts to date and discuss the proposed ordinance amendments drafted by the City Attorney.

Strategic Priority and Goal(s)

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>Ensure a Safe Environment</p>	<p>2.4 Fairly and impartially administer the municipal judicial system.</p>

Background Information

Chapter 34, "Miscellaneous Offenses," has been identified as outdated, specifically regarding loitering in public places and disruptive behavior at city facilities. This discussion will reflect an update to the ordinance, specifically sections 34-1 and 34-4.

Discussion

Over the past nine months, the Rowlett Police Department (RPD) has addressed recurring disruptive activity in the Downtown Area through targeted enforcement,

proactive engagement, and collaborative problem-solving efforts. Key concerns have included:

- After-school activity along Main Street, particularly near Rowlett Public Library and City Hall following dismissal at Coyle Middle School
- Incidents of criminal mischief occurring during overnight hours
- Public safety concerns during special events, including periods when the seasonal ice rink is in operation

To address these issues, RPD has implemented several proactive strategies, including:

- A targeted social media awareness campaign
- Coordination with Garland Independent School District (GISD) campuses and school administrators
- Deployment of additional officers during high foot-traffic periods utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding
- Proactive community policing engagement with management at The Village of Rowlett Apartments
- Exploration of adding a courtesy officer at The Village of Rowlett Apartments

The proposed ordinance amendments would support these ongoing efforts by expanding the definition of “public place” to include all buildings and facilities owned or operated by the City of Rowlett and extending prohibitions related to disruptive behavior to all city-owned properties within city limits. The amendments also establish enforcement provisions, including a maximum fine of \$500 per offense, along with standard legal clauses related to repealing, savings, severability, and an effective date upon adoption.

These efforts have contributed to improved safety conditions in the Downtown Area while providing additional tools to address disruptive behavior in a consistent manner across city facilities.

Financial/Budget Implications

N/A

Recommended Action

Provide direction to staff on the draft language and proposed schedule to amend the Rowlett Municipal Code regarding Chapter 34 "Miscellaneous Offenses".

Attachments

1. Proposed Ordinance regarding Loitering Public Places, City Owned or Operated

- Facilities
2. Attachment 1 - Redline Version of 34-1 and 34-4

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS AT CHAPTER 34 "MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES", ARTICLE I "GENERAL" BY AMENDING SECTIONS 34-1 AND 34-4 REGARDING LOITERING IN PUBLIC PLACES AND DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR ON CITY FACILITIES; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates various public facilities, including but not limited to city hall, libraries, parks, recreational centers, public safety centers, public works and utility facilities, and administrative buildings, for the purpose of providing governmental services and public amenities to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City has a responsibility to ensure that such facilities are safe, accessible, and welcoming environments for all members of the public, including employees, patrons, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, loitering or disruptive behavior at City-owned or operated facilities may interfere with the intended use of such facilities, impede the delivery of public services, and discourage lawful use by the general public; and

WHEREAS, disruptive conduct may include behavior that is threatening, intimidating, obstructive, excessively noisy, harassing, or otherwise interferes with the safe and orderly operation of and access to City facilities; and

WHEREAS, the presence of loitering or disruptive behavior can increase the risk of criminal activity, property damage, and personal injury, thereby placing an undue burden on City resources and public safety personnel; and

WHEREAS, City employees and members of the public who lawfully use City facilities have the right to do so without fear for their personal safety or interference with their ability to access public services; and

WHEREAS, reasonable time, place, and manner regulations governing conduct at City-owned or operated facilities are necessary to balance individual freedoms with the City's obligation to protect public safety, property, and the general welfare; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting loitering or disruptive behavior at City facilities is a content-neutral measure that is narrowly tailored to serve significant governmental interests while preserving lawful and appropriate use of public spaces;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1: Chapter 34, " Miscellaneous Offenses," of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rowlett, Texas, be and is hereby amended at Article I, "General," by amending sections 34-1 "Definitions" to revise the definition of "public place" to read as follows:

**"CHAPTER 34
MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES
ARTICLE I. GENERAL**

Sec. 34-1. - Definitions.

...

Public place means any place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access and includes, but is not limited to, buildings or other facilities owned , held, controlled, or operated by the City of Rowlett, streets, highways, and the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment houses, office buildings, transportation facilities and shops.

...."

SECTION 2. Chapter 34, " Miscellaneous Offenses," of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rowlett, Texas, be and is hereby amended at Article I, "General," by amending sections 34-4 by renaming the section to be "Disruptive behavior on City owned or operated facilities" and by further amending the section to read as follows:

**"CHAPTER 34
MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES
ARTICLE I. GENERAL**

Sec. 34-4. – Disruptive behavior on City owned or operated facilities.

(a) A person commits an offense if the person, along or in concert with others, intentionally or knowingly engages in disruptive activity on property owned or operated by the City of Rowlett, including all City owned, held, operated, or controlled land and facilities within the City of Rowlett's corporate boundaries.

(b) ...

(2) Harassing or intimidating other persons who are using the city's library or other city owned, held, operated or controlled land and facilities;

...

12) Failing as a parent or other adult who has assumed parental or supervisory control over a child, to adequately supervise the child to prevent the child from engaging in unlawful conduct on city owned, operated, held or controlled land or facilities. As used in this subsection, a "child" is any person under the age of 17 years. It shall be a defense to prosecution under this section that the parent was not physically present at the time of the offense. In the prosecution of an offense under this subsection, no allegation or proof of intent is necessary, and it is the

intent of the governing body of the city that this shall be a strict liability offense.

(c)”

SECTION 3. All ordinances of the City of Rowlett, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed and all other ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. An offense committed before the effective date of this ordinance is governed by the prior law and the provisions of the Code of Ordinances and ordinances of the City, as amended, in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

SECTION 5. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid and shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or any other provision of the Code of Ordinances of the City.

SECTION 6. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance or the codes adopted hereby, as same may be amended, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a penalty as provided for in this ordinance, and upon conviction shall be punished by fine not to exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and the publication of the caption as the law and charter in such cases provide.

**“HAPTER 34
MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES
ARTICLE I. GENERAL**

Sec. 34-1. - Definitions.

When used in this article, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Aggressive panhandling means the solicitation or request for something of benefit without consideration and for personal gain, in an intimidating, aggressive, or abusive manner, and includes but is not limited to soliciting money or something of benefit by approaching or following pedestrians, repetitive soliciting despite refusals, soliciting persons under the age of 16 years, the use of abusive or profane language to cause fear and intimidation, unwanted physical contact, or the intentional blocking of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

Alcoholic beverage means alcohol, or any beverage containing more than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume, which is capable of use for beverage purposes, either alone or when diluted.

Downtown area or Downtown Rowlett means the land south of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit light rail line, east of Rowlett Road, west of Skyline Drive and west of a line drawn due north from the northern terminus of Skyline Drive to the DART rail line, north of Dennis Drive and north of a line drawn due east from the east terminus of Dennis Drive.

Public place means any place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access and includes, but is not limited to, **buildings or other facilities owned, held, controlled, or operated by the City of Rowlett**, streets, highways, and the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment houses, office buildings, transport facilities, and shops.

Public transportation facility means an area officially marked and designated as a place to wait for a bus, train, a light rail vehicle, or any other vehicle used for public transportation.

**CHAPTER 34
MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES
ARTICLE I. GENERAL**

Sec. 34-4. – Disruptive behavior on City owned or operated facilities.

(a) A person commits an offense if the person, along or in concert with others, intentionally or knowingly engages in disruptive activity on property owned or ~~held~~ **operated** by the **City of Rowlett** ~~in the Downtown Area and includes, including~~ all City owned, **held, operated**, or controlled land and facilities ~~in Downtown Rowlett~~ **within the City of Rowlett’s corporate boundaries.**

(b) For purposes of this section, disruptive activity is:

- (1) Obstructing or restraining the passage of persons in an exist, entrance, hallway, street, sidewalk, or parking lot of a building or public park without authorization of a city official;
- (2) Harassing or intimidating other persons who are using the city’s library or other city owned, **held, operated** or controlled land and facilities;

- (3) Engaging in activities, individually or in concert with others, that impairs, hinders, or prevents the normal use of an exist, entrance, hallway, street, sidewalk, or parking lot of a building or public park;
 - (4) Making noise within or outside of a building of an intensity or volume that prevents or hinders the use of the building or that disturbs the peace and comfort of occupants of the building;
 - (5) Defacing, scratching, marring or otherwise causing damage to city property, including but not limited to, benches, signs, brickwork, tables, chairs, and statuary;
 - (6) Exhibiting, displaying or using a firearm, knife or other weapon in a manner intended to cause alarm or personal injury to another person or to damage property;
 - (7) Using or riding a skateboard, rollerblades, skates, or bicycles on sidewalks that are not adjacent to streets;
 - (8) Violating any no-play-no-pick-up policy, or other policies regulating conduct on city property, established by the city;
 - (9) Violating any standing or stopping prohibitions in parking lots when so designated by appropriate signage;
 - (10) Preventing or attempting to prevent by force or violence or the threat of force or violence a lawful meeting authorized by the city so that a person attempting to participate in the meeting is unable to participate due to the use of force or violence or due to a reasonable fear that force or violence is likely to occur;
 - (11) Disrupting by force, violence or noise or the threat of force or violence a lawful meeting in progress; or
 - (12) Failing as a parent or other adult who has assumed parental or supervisory control over a child, to adequately supervise the child to prevent the child from engaging in unlawful conduct on city owned, **operated, held** or controlled land or facilities. As used in this subsection, a "child" is any person under the age of 17 years. It shall be a defense to prosecution under this section that the parent was not physically present at the time of the offense. In the prosecution of an offense under this subsection, no allegation or proof of intent is necessary, and it is the intent of the governing body of the city that this shall be a strict liability offense.
- (c) This section may not be construed to infringe on any right of free speech or expression guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States or of this state.



**City of Rowlett
City Council Agenda Item**

Meeting Date: 5/4/2026

Agenda Item: 3.B.

Title

Discussion regarding a request from Sensory Tent Pals for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), including consideration of potential funding options should City Council choose to do so.


Staff Representative

Jonathan Reaves, Councilmember Place 1
John Bowers III, Councilmember Place 6

Executive Summary

Sensory Tent Pals has requested a MOU for funding for the nonprofit organization. Councilmember Reaves and Councilmember J. Bowers III requested this item for this work session.

Strategic Priority and Goal(s)

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>Govern Transparently & Inclusivity</p>	<p>1.3 Effectively leverage community, civic, faith-based, and other strategic partnerships.</p>

Background Information

Sensory Tent Pals is a nonprofit organization focused on supporting families with children who have sensory processing differences, autism, neurodivergence, and other disabilities by providing sensory-friendly environments at community events.

In the previous fiscal year, Sensory Tent Pals received funding through the City’s grant program. Utilizing those funds, the organization acquired a recreational vehicle (RV) designed to serve as a mobile sensory space. This asset allows Sensory Tent Pals to offer a controlled, safe, and calming environment for individuals with sensory sensitivities during citywide events.

The original grant program structure anticipated a smaller trailer-based model, which carried lower insurance requirements, simpler branding needs, reduced repair exposure, and minimal configuration costs. The transition to an RV-based model has introduced additional operational, compliance, and capital considerations.

Following the City Council's decision to discontinue the grant program moving forward, Sensory Tent Pals has expressed interest in establishing a more structured and defined relationship with the City through a formal agreement.

Discussion

Sensory Tent Pals is requesting consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize its role and participation in City-sponsored events.

The proposed discussion will focus on:

- Defining the scope of services Sensory Tent Pals would provide at City events
- Integrating Sensory Tent Pals into the City's event scheduling cadence
- Clarifying roles and responsibilities between the City and Sensory Tent Pals
- Identifying logistical considerations, including event coordination, staffing, and placement of the sensory unit (RV)
- Addressing liability, insurance, and risk management considerations
- Evaluating alignment with existing City frameworks (e.g., Keep Rowlett Beautiful (KRB))
- Discussing potential funding mechanisms or financial support, should Council determine funding is appropriate
- Establishing expectations for scheduling, communication, and performance

Myranda Congi, President of Sensory Tent Pals, will lead the discussion and provide additional context regarding the organization's capabilities, experience, and proposed partnership framework.

This item is intended for discussion and direction only. No formal agreement or funding action is being presented for approval at this time.

Any formal MOU would be subject to review by the City Attorney's Office to ensure compliance with applicable laws, liability protections, and municipal policies.

Consideration may also be given to aligning the agreement structure with existing partnership models utilized by the City (e.g., KRB and SCOR) to ensure consistency in governance, expectations, and oversight.

Financial/Budget Implications

Council discussion may include consideration of potential funding structures to support Sensor Tent Pals activities in the City. Coincepts for discussion may include:

Initial Funding (Year 1 Concept):

One-time funding in the range of \$25,000–\$30,000 to address:

RV configuration and modifications

Repairs and upgrades

Branding and event-readiness improvements
Plus approximately \$12,000 annually for operational expenses

Ongoing Funding (Renewal Concepts):

Approximately \$12,000 per year for operations, maintenance, insurance, storage, registration, inspections, and contingency costs

Alternative Multi-Year Structure:

Annual funding in the range of \$20,000–\$22,000 per year, structured to incorporate both capital recovery and ongoing operational costs over a multi-year period

These figures are presented for discussion purposes only. Any financial commitment would be brought forward for formal Council consideration at a later date.

Recommended Action

Receive direction from Council.

Attachments

None

Meeting Date: 5/4/2026

Agenda Item: 3.C.

Title

FY27 Budget Process discussion relating to Boards and Commissions, and Founders Day.


Staff Representative

Kristoff Bauer, Interim City Manager

Executive Summary

Staff is seeking feedback regarding the process of supporting boards and commissions through the budget process. Staff has received a request to include a proposal to fund a Founders Day event in the FY27 budget process.

Strategic Priority and Goal(s)

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>GOVERN TRANSPARENTLY & INCLUSIVELY</p>	<p>1.8 Provide accurate and timely information to policy-makers and the public.</p>

Background Information

Sept. 4, 2027 is the 75th anniversary of Rowlett's founding. A request to support the development and holding of a recognition event has been made (attached). Staff is preparing a budget supplemental request for Council consideration.

Council's past practice has been to create an opportunity during the budget process for Boards & Commissions to make budget requests. This process has been adjusted during the last two budget cycles and staff is seeking feedback regarding the desired process for FY27.

Discussion

Founders Day:

The request is that the Council create an Ad Hoc, temporary, Founders Day Celebration Committee to develop the recommended events to recognize and celebrate the City's 75th anniversary. CM Bowers made this request, and it is believed that the idea is that the Committee would lead a primarily volunteer supported recognition and celebration. Staff has developed a draft supplemental request recommending the allocation of

\$18,000 to support this process and any event that may be developed as a result. This will be presented to Council during the budget process with other supplemental requests.

Board & Commission Budgets:

Staff liaisons are currently directed to meet with their respective advisory body and ask them to develop a budget request for the next fiscal year. This process is nearing completion. Representatives of each group are then invited to present that budget request to Council during budget consideration meetings. The concern is that this process has led to a perception of independence and authority that is inconsistent with the advisory nature of these policy bodies. Some illustrative examples will be discussed below.

The funding for each advisory board was previously budgeted in line items within the City's "non-departmental" budget. This practice was revised to place the appropriated funds within the department of the relevant staff liaison. In most cases, this change has not impacted the perception of the advisory boards regarding their authority over the use of these funds.

Illustrative Examples:

Within the last year, the Parks Advisory Board received requests for funding and considered providing grants out of "its" budget. There was no discussion of these grants being recommendations to the Council. This is in contrast to the grant programs administered by the Arts & Humanities Commission, which have been identified as part of the Commission's work plan and are recommendations that must be approved by Council. The Arts & Humanities Commission, however, evidences their own form of financial autonomy. In recent discussions regarding the Rowlett Sings event, the Commission decided to spend \$600 on a DJ despite staff having identified a qualified party willing to perform this function for free. It is not uncommon for these groups to express the opinion that they must spend all of their allocation. I recently heard this from the Animal Control Advisory Board when I disapproved a request to spend \$250 on animal finger puppets.

There are some advisory bodies that have successfully transitioned to an advisory role. The Golf Advisory Board recommended that the City take over the maintenance of fountains in the Golf Course. The expense is budgeted in Parks Maintenance and administered by staff. The following year, they recommended that the City partner with American Golf to upgrade the driving range. That funding is in a capital project account fully administered by City staff. There is no Golf Advisory Board budget. That Board makes recommendations to Council regarding City investments in the upkeep and operation of the Golf Course.

Options for Discussion:

1. Status Quo: Liaisons have already completed or will complete the conversations with Boards & Commissions regarding their FY27 budget requests. Presentations regarding these requests are planned for during the budget process.
2. Work Plan: Ask the Boards & Commissions what activities or investments they recommend for the next year. Staff will then prepare the budget to support those recommendations. The Golf Course fountain maintenance program is an example of this approach. If the Parks Board recommends giving away trees and Council agrees, then staff proposes funding to support this program. The paradigm shift here is that Council is directing the work plan of the Boards & Commissions instead of independent expenditure decisions without Council oversight.
3. Supplies: If Council believes that each Board & Commission should have a specific level of support, identifying name tags, shirts, and an annual team building meal, for example. The funding for these expenditures can be included in the budget of the liaison department and administered thereby. This may avoid the impulse of some Boards to develop their own logo or to brainstorm on how to spend any remaining funds.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of options. They are also not mutually exclusive alternatives. The base recommendation is to move away from the characterization of funding as specifically allocated to an advisory board for them to use at their discretion.

Financial/Budget Implications

FY26 amounts budgeted for Boards and Commissions

DESCRIPTION	ADOPTED AMOUNT
Animal Shelter Advisory Board	2,250
Rowlett Community Organizations in Active Disaster Committee	7,500
Youth Advisory Board	6,000
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	4,000
Senior Advisory Board	2,370
Golf Advisory Board	25,000
Arts and Humanities Commission	27,436
Library Advisory Board	1,000
Economic Development Advisory Board	635
Planning and Zoning	15,000
Board of Adjustments	1,000
Total	92,191

Recommended Action

Discussion only

Attachments

1. Founders Day request

Founders Day Strategy Brief

Core Goal

This is not just an event. It is a civic entry point to rebuild community identity, trust, and long-term engagement infrastructure.

Opening Statement

I want Founders Day to be more than a one-off event. I see it as the starting point for rebuilding a sense of shared community identity and a way to test a sustainable structure we can carry forward.

1. The Event (Short-Term Win)

A well-executed, inclusive, historically grounded Founders Day weekend that reflects the full community.

2. The Committee Model

Form a focused planning committee (12 to 15 people) with clear roles. This builds community ownership and reduces staff burden.

3. Long-Term Direction

If successful, transition momentum into a historical society and a downtown-focused group. This is directional, not formal at this stage.

Key Framing Lines

This reduces staff burden and builds community ownership.

If we do this right once, we will not have to reinvent it every year.

Connected communities are more stable, engaged, and investable.

Pushback Responses

Staff Capacity: This model shares the load with the community.

Too Ambitious: The event stays simple; the vision prevents repetition.

Why Now: The community needs a visible, positive, shared experience.

Sept 4, 2027

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ORDINANCE ACCEPTING PROVISIONS OF TITLE 28,
TEXAS REVISED CIVIL STATUTES OF 1925, AS
AMENDED, RELATING TO CITIES AND TOWNS

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
TOWN OF ROWLETT |
COUNTY OF DALLAS |

ON THIS, the 4th day of September 1952, the Town Council of the Town of Rowlett, Texas, convened in regular session at the regular meeting place thereof, with the following members present and in attendance, to-wit:

J. H. BUHLER,	MAYOR,
<u>J. R. Meazie</u>	
HENRY SCHRADER	
J. E. COYLE	} ALDERMEN,
CHARLEY THOMPSON	
J. M. LEWIS	
JOY RICHARDS	

and with the following members absent: Joy C. Richards,
at which time the following ordinance was adopted:

Alderman J. E. Coyle introduced the proposed ordinance. The ordinance was read in full. Thereupon, Alderman J. E. Coyle made a motion that said ordinance be finally passed and adopted. The motion was seconded by Alderman J. R. Meazie and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Aldermen ^{Meazie} ~~Schrader~~, Coyle, Thompson,
Lewis and Richards.

NOES: None.

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been

"AN ORDINANCE by the Town Council of the Town of Rowlett, Texas, accepting for and on behalf of the Town of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas, the provisions of Title 28, Texas Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and amendments thereto, relating to cities and towns."

WHEREAS, Article 961, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, provides:

"Any incorporated city, town or village in this State, containing six hundred inhabitants or over, however legally incorporated, and any incorporated city, town or village of whatever population containing one or more manufacturing establishments, within the corporate limits, may accept the provisions of this title relating to cities and towns, in lieu of any existing charter, by a two-thirds vote of the council of such city, town or village, had at a regular meeting thereof, and entered upon the journal of their proceedings, and a copy of the same signed by the mayor and attested by the clerk or secretary under the corporate seal, filed and recorded in the office of the county clerk in which such city, town or village is situated, and the provisions of this title shall be in force, and all acts theretofore passed incorporating said city, town or village which may be in force by virtue of any existing charter, shall be repealed from and after the filing of said copy of their proceedings, as aforesaid. When such city, town or village is so incorporated as herein provided, the same shall be known as a city or town, subject to the provisions of this title relating to cities and towns, and vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities and franchises therein conferred. The provisions of this title shall not apply to any city, town or village until such provisions have been accepted by the council in accordance with this article. Acts 1875, p. 113; G.L. vol 8, p. 485; Acts 1881, p. 115; G.L. vol. 9, p. 207; Acts 1885, p. 57; G.L. vol 9, p. 667; Acts 1915, p. 64; Acts 1919 p. 110."; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rowlett, in the County of Dallas, State of Texas, pursuant to order of the County Judge of said County entered on the 1st day of March, 1952, was duly incorporated in conformity with the provisions and requirements of Chapter 11, Title 28, Texas Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, which said order of the County Judge of said County declaring

WHEREAS, it is found and declared that said Town contains one or more, to-wit: One manufacturing establishments within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of said Town deems it advisable for said Town to accept and adopt provisions of Title 28, Texas Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and amendments thereto, relating to cities and towns, and thereby become vested with all the rights, powers and privileges conferred upon cities and towns incorporated under the General Laws of this State; therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ROWLETT, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the Town of Rowlett, Texas, hereby adopts and accepts as its organic law all of the provisions of Title 28, Texas Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and amendments thereto, relating to cities and towns.

SECTION 2: That said Town shall hereafter be subject to all provisions of said Title 28, Texas Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and amendments thereto, relating to cities and towns incorporated under the General Laws, and shall be vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities and franchises therein conferred.

SECTION 3: That this ordinance shall be entered upon the official Minutes of the Town Council of the Town of Rowlett, Texas, and a copy thereof signed by the Mayor and attested by the

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this the 4th day of September, 1952.

J. H. Buller
Mayor, Town of Rowlett, Texas

ATTEST:

W. B. Hall
Town Secretary, Town of Rowlett,
Texas



September 25, 1952

Dumas, Eugenia and Boothman
Kirby Building
Dallas, Texas

Attention: Mr. Claude Boothman

Dear Mr. Boothman:

Transmitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Three executed copies of ordinance accepting provisions of Title 28, Texas Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 as amended. Bound with each copy is a certificate of Town Secretary certifying the ordinance was adopted Sept. 6, 1952 and also a certificate of County Clerk re the recording of same on Sept. 5, 1952.

At the foot of page 2 of the ordinance document the data on the recording of the incorporation declaration needs to be filled in.

Since the meeting at which these proceedings were had was a regular and not a called or special meeting, the documents re consent to special meeting were not used.

- (2) One executed copy of notice of election for the issuance of bonds.
- (3) Three executed copies of Affidavit of Posting. The school building has been designated in the minutes as the regular place of meeting and so can be regarded as the Town Hall. The document says Town Hall.
- (4) Three executed copies of Affidavit of Publication with clipping attached to each.
- (5) Three executed copies of Election returns.

The election documents are all in order and retained by the Town but of course if you needed them, they can be forwarded at once. The Town Council held a special meeting last night and canvassed the returns. The strong hope now is that the bonds can be disposed of and work commenced in the near future.

With all best wishes, sincerely yours,


Bernard Smith
Committee Engineer

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TOWN OF ROWLETT
COUNTY OF DALLAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared W. B. Hall, Town Secretary of the Town of Rowlett, Texas, who after being by me duly sworn, upon oath says:

1. That he posted a true and correct copy of the "NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS", hereto attached, at each of the following places:

ONE COPY at the Town Hall in the Town of Rowlett, Texas;

ONE COPY at Rowlett Post office

ONE COPY at J. H. Buhler Store

2. That said notices were posted by him on the 6th day of September, 1952, which was not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the election.

3. That all of said places are public places within the Town of Rowlett, Texas.

(Town Seal)

W. B. Hall
Town Secretary, Town of Rowlett,
Texas

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CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY CLERK

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF DALLAS |

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of instrument of writing dated the 4th day of Sept., 1952, with its certificate of authentication, which was duly filed for record in my office on the 5th day of Sept., 1952, at 4:26 o'clock P.M., and duly recorded in Volume 3720, page 119 et seq., of the Deed Records of Dallas County, Texas, on the 8 day of Sept., 1952, at _____ o'clock ____M.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 9 day of Sept., 1952.

Ed H. Steger
County Clerk, Dallas County,
Texas

By A. E. Spurgell
Deputy

(Seal)

Meeting Date: 5/4/2026

Agenda Item: 3.D.

Title

Receive and discuss the Economic Development Advisory Board's recommendation to add another ex-officio member position for Baylor Scott White Health - Lake Pointe.

Staff Representative


Mailinh Nguyen, Economic Development Asst Director

Executive Summary

This item proposes adding a non-voting, ex-officio position to the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) for Baylor Scott & White Lake Pointe. As a major healthcare provider and institutional partner, their participation will strengthen coordination on workforce, community health, and economic development initiatives.

The addition is intended to enhance strategic alignment and provide industry insight to support EDAB recommendations.

Strategic Priority and Goal(s)

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>Foster Economic Vitality</p>	<p>5.1 Create and promote a positive brand identity.</p>

Background Information

The Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) provides guidance on policies, programs, and initiatives that support the City’s economic development goals.

As Rowlett continues to advance strategic partnerships that support workforce, healthcare access, and regional competitiveness, Baylor Scott & White Lake Pointe serves as a key institutional partner within the community.

Discussion

Adding an ex-officio position for Baylor Scott & White Lake Pointe will strengthen coordination between the City and a major healthcare provider, ensuring alignment on initiatives related to workforce development, community health, and economic growth.

The ex-officio member will serve in a non-voting capacity and provide subject matter expertise, industry insight, and collaboration opportunities to support EDAB discussions and recommendations. Should there be City Council consensus to add an additional ex-officio member, an ordinance will be prepared and placed on the May 5, 2026, City Council agenda.

Financial/Budget Implications

None

Recommended Action

Staff recommends adding an Ex-Officio member representing Baylor Scott & White Lake Pointe to the Economic Development Advisory Board.

Attachments

None