

**MINUTES**  
**RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 7, 2025**

- **Call to Order**

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

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| Bob Dubey        | Mayor         |
| Arefin Shamsul   | Mayor Pro Tem |
| Curtis Dorian    | Councilmember |
| Jennifer Justice | Councilmember |
| Dan Barrios      | Councilmember |
| Joe Corcoran     | Councilmember |
| Ken Hutchenrider | Councilmember |

The following staff members were also present:

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| Don Magner      | City Manager               |
| Kent Pfeil      | Chief Operating Officer    |
| Charles Goff    | Assistant City Manager     |
| Michaela Dollar | Assistant City Manager     |
| Dannette Garcia | Assistant City Manager     |
| Aimee Nemer     | City Secretary             |
| Gary Tittle     | Police Chief               |
| Jenny Davidson  | Library Director           |
| Vrena Patrick   | Assistant Library Director |
| Nick Kohel      | Director of Engineering    |

Partners:

Deborah Dobbs, Executive Director, The Counseling Place  
Ashley Akers, The Counseling Place  
Lorjon Ali, The Counseling Place  
Jonathon Flores, The Counseling Place

**WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM #CH 157**

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND VISITORS FORUM**

Randy Norwood, 1506 Canterbury Ct., addressed Council regarding safety concerns and lights and pedestrian crossing at Campbell and 75.

**B. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE COUNSELING PLACE**

Deborah Dobbs, Executive Director, of The Counseling Place, reviewed the following.

- **Mental Health Services and Output Measures**  
The Counseling Place exceeded projections, providing 7,139 total services (vs. 4,771 projected) and 2,487 therapy sessions (vs. 1,092 projected), serving 866 Richardson clients.
- **Expanded Staff and Programs:** Added a full-time children's therapist and bilingual therapist to support new services like Project Positive (including a Spanish curriculum) and victim assistance.

- **New Services**  
Launched “Empower U,” an education and advocacy program for individuals affected by intimate partner violence, and expanded victim assistance offerings.
- **Funding**  
Faced budget restraints in FY2025, increased demand due to legislative changes, and limited capacity for free services due to high caseloads.
- **Events**  
Hosted the “Color Walk” event with sponsor support to fund services like meals for students and emergency aid for victims.

### **C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Chief Tittle provided an update on the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.

- Over 8,900 bills filed, of which 2,000+ are tracked and 2,076 impact cities.
- SB19 by Middleton, an anti-lobbying measure that restricts municipalities from hiring or contracting with lobbyists.
- Fiscal management bills: municipal debt issuance, tax exemptions for tangible personal property, and changes to local sales and use tax sourcing.
- Transportation bills: propose changes to funding allocations for DART and the structure of the subregional transportation board
- Economic vibrancy: limits housing finance corporations – support; increase in zoning notifications from 200 to 1500 feet – oppose; 380 agreements – prohibiting use of property tax – oppose; and appropriation of CHIPS Act funds – support.
- Public safety and environmental measures include proposals to enhance law enforcement preparedness, revise water infrastructure planning, and adjust water utility regulations.
- Federal legislative efforts aim to preserve tax-exempt status for municipal bonds, a key concern for funding essential projects.

### **D. LIBRARY UPDATE AND RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

Jenny Davidson, Library Director, provided an update on the following.

- National Library Week – April 6-12
- 2024 Texas Municipal Library Directors Association Achievement of Excellent in Libraries Award – 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year to be awarded
- Renovation Update
- Richardson Reads One Book – Wild Chocolate: Across the Americas in Search of Cacao’s Soul, by Rowan Jacobsen.
- New Programs
- Looking Forward – returning to the renovated library

### **E. REVIEW AND DISCUSS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROJECT UPDATES**

Nick Kohel, Director of Engineering, provided updates on the Capital Improvement Plan including design, construction, cost, and status. Mr. Kohel also reviewed challenges, lessons learned, communication strategies, and the Capital Projects Tracker Map from the City’s website.

- 2021 Bond Program updates:
  - Prop A: Streets, Traffic, and Alleys
  - Prop B: Facilities and New City Hall, integrating 2021 and 2023 projects
  - Prop C: Sidewalks
  - Prop D: Drainage/Erosion
  - Prop E: Parks
- Additional project-specific updates:
  - Custer Parkway update
  - Traffic signal improvements
  - Capital Improvement Projects with DART funding
  - Sherrill Park Golf Course
  - Main Street Phase II – Greenville to Abrams
  - 825 Pressure Zone Improvements

#### **F. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

Council reported on items of community interest.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
CITY SECRETARY

  
MAYOR