

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2025

- **Call to Order**

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

Amir Omar	Mayor
Ken Hutchenrider	Mayor Pro Tem
Curtis Dorian	Councilmember
Jennifer Justice	Councilmember
Dan Barrios	Councilmember
Joe Corcoran	Councilmember (<i>absent</i>)
Arefin Shamsul	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present:

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
Bob Clymire	Budget Officer

City Attorney
Pete Smith
Joe Gorfida

Consultants
Rich Neumann, Berry Dunn
James Clanton, Berry Dunn

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

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND VISITORS FORUM

Mr. Magner acknowledged a public comment form from Erica Burt regarding SNAP benefits.

B. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION FOR MARY BEDOSKY, DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR ROTARY DISTRICT 5810

Mayor Omar and the City Council presented a proclamation to Mary Bedosky.

C. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION FOR NATHAN LIU, 2025 RTX MATHCOUNTS NATIONAL CHAMPION

Mayor Omar and the City Council presented a proclamation to Nathan Liu.

D. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE ARTS & CULTURE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Rich Neumann, BerryDunn, reviewed the draft Arts and Culture Master Plan. He summarized the following key findings.

- Changing Community Profile
- Tourism Data
- Visitor Origins
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Community Engagement

He also reviewed the following short-, mid-, and long-term objectives.

- Improve awareness of cultural opportunities
- Continue to diversify cultural offerings
- Support growth of Richardson's creative
- Plan an effective cultural tourism strategy
- Define a cultural district and seek designation

E. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FY 2024-2025 OPERATING BUDGET

Budget Officer Bob Clymire reviewed the performance of the five operational funds compared against the budget adopted in August 2024.

- 1) General Fund
- 2) Water and Sewer Fund
- 3) Solid Waste Services Fund
- 4) Golf Fund
- 5) Hotel/Motel Tax Fund

Mr. Clymire also explained the following areas of concern.

- Tax Roll Impact
- Economic Uncertainty
- Interest Rates and Inflationary Pressures
- Increases in the City's Water and Sewer Contracts
- Strength of the Hospitality and Theater Sectors

F. REVIEW AND DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

City Manager Don Magner reviewed follow-up items on the Charter discussion from June 9 and continued the review of Articles 9-19.

The following items are staff recommendations based on the discussion from June 9.

Article 3. City Council, Section 3.04. - Compensation

Each member of the city council shall receive as compensation the sum of one hundred **fifty** dollars (~~\$150.00~~~~100.00~~) per diem for each city council meeting attended by such member, said compensation in no event to exceed the sum of ~~seven~~ **five** thousand ~~eight~~ **two** hundred dollars (~~\$7,800.00~~~~5,200.00~~) per annum; **provided however beginning January 1, 2030 the city council shall receive as compensation the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per diem for each city council meeting attended by such member, said compensation in no event to exceed the sum of ten thousand four hundred dollars (\$10,400.00) per annum.** In addition

to the above, all necessary expenses incurred by members of the city council in the performance of their official duties shall be paid by the city.

Article 3. City Council, Section 3.06 Council Misconduct

~~A w~~Willful violation of any provision of this charter by any member of the city council [council] shall constitute grounds for a charge of official misconduct. Any complaint or charge of official misconduct against a member of the city council shall be made in writing on a form provided by the city, sworn to before a notary public, and filed of record with the city secretary. Such complaint shall describe in detail the act or acts complained of, and the specific section(s) of this charter alleged to have been violated. The city secretary shall immediately provide a copy of the complaint to the entire city council including the implicated member of the city council, and immediately refer the complaint to the city attorney, who shall initially review the complaint to determine if the complaint contains sufficient detail and alleges a violation of the charter. The non-implicated members of the city council may reject the complaint or may appoint outside legal counsel or direct the city attorney, or the city attorney in the city attorney's discretion may appoint outside legal counsel, to investigate the complaint and to submit a written report to the entire city council as soon as possible but not later than 15 business days after the filing of the complaint with the city secretary. Such report shall be comprehensive and explain in detail all facts, findings, and conclusions in support of the investigation attorney's opinion as to whether a violation of this charter occurred. Not later than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after receipt of the investigating attorney's report the non-implicated members of the city council shall either reject the complaint or schedule the complaint for a public hearing before the non-implicated members of the city council. At such public hearing, the member of the city council charged with official misconduct shall have the right to present evidence in defense but shall be disqualified from voting as to such person's innocence or guilt. At the conclusion of the hearing, a vote shall be taken, and upon the affirmative and shall authorize the council, by a vote of two-thirds of the total membership, not including the member charged with official misconduct, to expel such offending member shall be removed from the council if found guilty after a public hearing, and thereby create a vacancy in the place held by such member. The investigating attorney and city council shall have the power to subpoena witnesses and require the production of documents, records, and files of any type relevant to the charge of misconduct. The decision of the council in the exercise of such power of removal shall be subject to review by the courts.

Article 6. City Manager and Article 18. General Provisions

Section 6.06. — Bond of city manager.

~~The city council shall require the city manager, before entering upon the duties of the office, to execute a good and sufficient bond with a surety company doing business in the State of Texas, and approved by the city council, as surety thereon, said bond to be in such amount as the council may demand, payable to the City of Richardson, and conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office; premium of such bond to be paid by the city. In the event a bond is unavailable, the city shall purchase Public Official Liability coverage for purposes of faithful performance of the duties of the office, with the premium to be paid by the City.~~

Section 18.08. - Bonds of city official, employee or department director.

~~In addition to any bonding provision herein provided, the~~ The city council shall require the city manager and may require any city official, department director or city employee, before entering

upon such person's duties, to execute a good and sufficient bond with a surety company doing business in the State of Texas, and approved by the city council, as surety thereon, said bond to be in such amount as the council may demand, payable to the City of Richardson, and conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of the office; premium of such bond to be paid by the city. **The city council may in addition to, or in lieu of a surety bond. purchase a crime policy, errors and omissions liability policy or other appropriate insurance coverage to protect the city from any loss, with the premium to be paid by the City.**

The following changes were recommended by the Charter Review Commission to Articles 9-19.

Article 9. Boards and Commissions

- Section 9.10 Zoning board of adjustment. – clarified and simplified language
- Section 9.11 Civil service board. – clarified language and relocated sections (e) and (f) from Section 9.12.
- Section 9.12 Civil service appeals board. – clarified and modernized language and relocated (d) and (e) to Section 9.11

Article 10. Civil Service

- Section 10.04 Promotions in the classified. – staff proposed clarified language
- Section 10.05 Probation Period. – revised language
- Section 10.07 Appeals board. – removed redundant language that is stated in 9.12 (a)

Article 11. Budget and financial procedure

- Section 11.04 Public Hearing. – Commission revised language; staff clarified

Article 12. Franchises

No changes recommended.

Article 13. Ordinances

No changes recommended.

Article 14. Initiative and Referendum

- Section 14.02 Examination of initiative petition. – clarified language
- Section 14.09 Power of referendum. - added clarifying language to be consistent with Section 5.02 (d) and state law

Article 15. Collection of Taxes

No changes recommended.

Article 16. Issuance and Sale of Bonds

No changes recommended.

Article 17. Prohibitions

- Section 17.01 Church and school assessments. – modernized and clarified language
- Section 17.03 Execution, garnishment, and assignment – clarified language

Article 18. General Provisions

- Section 18.01 Personal financial interest. – allow board members to apply for economic development incentive program (HIIP) by approval of an ordinance by Council
- Section 18.05 Public Library. – added clarifying language
- Section 18.07 Condemnation of dangerous structures. – added clarifying language
- Section 18.09 Continuity of Government. – added new section to address continuity of government
- Section 18.10 Code of Ethics. – added new section to require a Code of Ethics and review

Article 19. Effective Date and Effects of Adoption

- Section 19.03 Charter Amendments. – added clarifying language
- Section 19.06 Non-substantive changes. – further defined non-substantive changes
- Section 19.07 Definitions. – added definition section

Council Action

The Council noted the following items for staff to follow up on.

1. Section 9.02 Appointments – add 1 yr residency for boards
2. Section 9.06 /9.10– Clarify requirement to vote
3. Section 14.01/14.09 – Voter percentages – number of registered voters versus number of voters who voted in the last election
4. Section 18.01 – Personal Financial Interest/HIIP
5. Section 18.09 – add Collin County judge
6. Section 19.06 – Definitions -remove business day

G. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Council reported on items of community interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In compliance with Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code, Council will convene into a closed session to discuss the following:

- Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits
 - Briefing by Chief of Police Regarding Building Security and Protocol

Council Action

Council convened into Executive Session at 8:59 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Council will reconvene into open session, and take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Council Action

Council reconvened into regular session at 9:53 p.m. There was no action as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY