

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 28, 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
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
Riley Thomason	Assistant to the City Manager
Curtis Poovey	Fire Chief
Gene Senter	Assistant Chief
Robert Younger	Assistant Chief
Wesley Caskey	Assistant Chief
Nick Kohel	Director of Engineering
Eric Robinson	Director of Public Services
Brad Bernhard	Assistant Director of Public Services
Brad Due	Utility Superintendent
Andrew Bogda	Assistant Director – Planning
Derica Peters	Senior Planner
Pete Smith	City Attorney

COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM #CH 157

1. INVOCATION – DAN BARRIOS

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS – DAN BARRIOS

3. MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2025 AND JULY 21, 2025 MEETINGS

Council Action

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchenrider moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Councilmember Shamsul seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 7-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND VISITORS FORUM

The following public comments were submitted.

Steven R. Butler, 1114 Pacific Drive, requested to keep pools open for older adults.

Request City to support maintaining DART service levels rather than 5% reduction

Connor Hulla, 3551 Wilshire Way Apt 6153

Alexander Scott, 916 Greenbriar Lane (Dallas Area Transit Alliance)

Shyam Sundar Ganeshram, 12164 Gonzales Drive (Dallas Area Transit Alliance)

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND PROPOSITIONS

City Manager Magner reviewed the following Charter proposition. Council provided consensus to move forward with calling a Charter Amendment Election.

PROPOSITION V

Shall Article 18, Section 18.08 of the Home Rule charter be amended by changing the title from “Bonds of city official, employee or department director” to “ Insurance for city officials and employees” and to provide that the city council shall obtain a crime policy or other appropriate insurance coverage to protect the city from any loss caused by any city official, and city employee, including the city manager, deemed necessary by the city council?

IN ADDITION TO ANY BONDING PROVISION HEREIN PROVIDED, THE CITY COUNCIL 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 SHALL OBTAIN A CRIME POLICY, ERRORS AND OMISSIONS LIABILITY POLICY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE INSURANCE COVERAGE TO PROTECT THE CITY FROM ANY LOSS CAUSED BY ANY CITY OFFICIAL, AND CITY EMPLOYEE, INCLUDING THE CITY MANAGER, DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CITY COUNCIL, WITH THE PREMIUM TO BE PAID BY THE CITY.

6. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE RICHARDSON FIRE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN

Chief Poovey reviewed the Fire Department Strategic Master Plan and several strategic initiatives, costs, and timelines.

- Truck Company, Station 3
- Apparatus Storage Building and Repair Center
- Renovation, Station 6
- Computer Application Manager
- EMS Captains
- 7th Ambulance

- Community Risk Reduction Outreach Coordinator
- Battalion 2
- Community Risk Reduction Fire Inspector
- Expand to 7th Fire Station
- Additional Ambulance – Peak Demand

City of Richardson Fire Master Plan													
Program		FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33	FY34	FY35	FY36	COST
Truck 3	Order vehicle	LATE 2025			\$2.7 M								\$2.7 M
Station 7	Procure land for Fire Station 7	UP TO \$3M											UP TO \$3M
Reserve Apparatus Building	Request in 2026 Bond Election	\$5.5M											\$5.5M
Station 6 Renovation	Request in 2026 Bond Election	\$1.9 M											\$1.9 M
7 th Ambulance (Peak Demand) • This Ambulance will transition to full time when Fire Station 7 opens	Order Ambulance and Equipment	\$550 K											\$550 K
Applications Manager	Hire		\$109 K										\$109 K
Peak Capital	Hire and place in service		\$300 K										\$300 K
7th Ambulance (Peak Demand) Overtime to operate	Increase Overtime to staff Peak Ambulance and put into service		\$430 K										\$430 K
Community Risk Reduction (1 Outreach person)	Hire community outreach person		\$111 K										\$111 K
Battalion 2	Order vehicle		\$135 K										\$135 K
Battalion 2	Hire personnel and place in service			\$511 K									\$511 K
Community Risk Reduction (1 Fire Inspector)	Hire 1 full-time Fire Inspector			\$152 K									\$152 K
Truck 5	Hire 15 Firefighters for Truck 5			\$2.4M									\$2.4M
Truck 3	Truck 3 Promotions and place in service					\$91 K							\$91 K
Station 7	Request in 2026 Bond Election					\$21 M							\$21 M
Station 7	Order Engine									\$2.3 M			\$2.3 M
Station 7	Hire and conduct academy (21 firefighters)							\$3.8M					\$3.8 M
Additional Ambulance (Peak Demand)	Order Ambulance									\$860 K			\$860 K
Additional Ambulance (Peak Demand)	Increase Overtime to staff Peak Ambulance											\$530 K	\$530 K
Operations Cost			\$950 K	\$3.06 M		\$91 K		\$3.8 M				\$530 K	\$8.43 M
Capital Costs		\$10.95 M	\$135 K		\$2.70 M		\$21 M			\$3.10 M			\$37.95 M
Total per year		\$10.95 M	\$1.09 M	\$3.06 M	\$2.7 M	\$91 K	\$21 M	\$3.8 M		\$3.10 M		\$530 K	\$46.38 M

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE FY 2025-2026 WATER/WASTEWATER MAINTENANCE STRATEGIES

Brad Bernhard, Assistant Director of Public Services, provided an update on the following.

Water Maintenance and Capital Strategies

- FY25 Maintenance Plan Update
- FY26 Proposed Maintenance Plan
- Lead and Copper Rule Improvements
- Environmental Outreach

Water Capital Project Strategies

- FY25 Capital Plan Update
- FY26 Capital Plan Proposed
- Water Model and Master Plan Update

Nick Kohel, Director of Engineering, provided an update on the following.

825 Pressure Zone Improvements

825 Improvements and Landscape Improvements

Wastewater Maintenance and Capital Strategies

- Capacity Management Operations Maintenance (CMOM) Program
- FY25 Maintenance Plan Update
- FY26 Proposed Maintenance Plan

Wastewater Capital Improvements Strategies

- FY25 Capital Plan Improvement Plan Update
- FY26 Proposed Capital Improvement Plan

8. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE BOIL WATER NOTICE AFTER-ACTION UPDATE

Eric Robison, Public Services Director, provided an update on this item.

- Incident summary
- Actions taken since December 2024 update
- Staffing Enhancements
- Continuous improvement steps in progress

RECESS

Mayor Omar called for a 10-minute recess at 8:36 p.m. Mayor Omar reconvened the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

- 9. PUBLIC HEARING, ZONING FILE 25-10, AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE BY GRANTING A CHANGE IN ZONING BY GRANTING A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO MODIFY THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS OF THE MAIN STREET/CENTRAL EXPRESS-WAY FORM-BASED CODE AND TO GRANT A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANT ON 0.7 ACRES LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF W. SPRING VALLEY ROAD AND S. SHERMAN STREET ZONED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT MAIN STREET/CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY (RAILSIDE SUB-DISTRICT).**

Public Hearing

After a briefing from Senior Planner Derica Peters and John Martini, representing the applicant, Mayor Omar opened the Public Hearing. With no comments submitted, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchenrider moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilmember Shamsul, and approved unanimously.

Council Action

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchenrider moved to approve the request as presented and recommended by the City Plan Commission with no drive-through window, but a drive-up pick-up window is allowed. Councilmember Dorian seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 4-3, with Mayor Omar, Councilmember Barrios, and Councilmember Shamsul opposed.

- 10. PUBLIC HEARING, ZONING FILE 25-11, AND CONSIDER AN ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM PD PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR I-M(1) INDUSTRIAL TO PD PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR I-M(1) INDUSTRIAL WITH DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR A 66.56-**

ACRE LOT LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BRECKINRIDGE BOULEVARD AND TELECOM PARKWAY, RICHARDSON, TEXAS.

Public Hearing

After a briefing from Senior Planner Derica Peters and Michael Schack, representing the applicant, Mayor Omar opened the Public Hearing. With no comments submitted, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchenrider moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilmember Shamsul, and approved unanimously.

Council Action

Councilmember Hutchenrider moved to approve Zoning File 25-11 and adoption of the ordinance granting the change in zoning on the property located at the southwest corner of Breckinridge Boulevard and Telecom Parkway with the following amendments:

- The conceptual site plan be amended to show the future parking area between the eastern façade of the building and Telecom Parkway as landscape area
- The property owner shall provide internal wayfinding signs directing truck traffic in accordance with the Truck Circulation Plan.
- In the new construction area, a minimum quantity of one canopy tree for every 30 feet of street frontage and a minimum quantity of six ornamental trees for every 100 feet of street frontage shall be planted in the landscape buffer. On Breckinridge, a minimum quantity of one canopy tree for an average of 30 feet of street frontage and an average minimum quantity of 6 ornamental trees for 100 feet of street frontage shall be planted in the landscape buffer.

Councilmember Justice seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 7-0.

11. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ARTS & CULTURE MASTER PLAN.
2. RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE JULY 31, 2025 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY'S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR TO HIRE LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

Council Action

Councilmember Justice commented on Item 11A2 of the Consent Agenda, explaining that the proposed resolution was to suspend the Oncor rate request so it can be reviewed by legal consultants. Councilmember Justice moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Dorian seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 7-0.

12. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Council reported on items of community interest.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY