

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 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 (absent)
Dan Barrios	Councilmember
Joe Corcoran	Councilmember
Arefin Shamsul	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present:

Don Wagner	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
Todd Gastorf	Director of Finance
Ally Dobbins	Purchasing and Franchise Manager
Kayla Johnson	Placemaking Manager

Other Attendees

Sandy Palisch	Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission
Clayton Childs	Atmos Energy Manager of Public Affairs
Kristy Tyra	Oncor Area Manager

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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 MEETING

Council Action

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchenrider moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Councilmember Shamsul seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 6-0, with Councilmember Justice absent.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND VISITORS FORUM

The following speakers addressed Council.

Sanvi Dantulwar, 3017 Springbranch, Richardson, addressed Council regarding Raksha Bandhan, a Hindu celebration of universal oneness, and provided Rakhi bracelets to the City Council.

Shubh Patel, 5025 Remington, Garland, addressed Council with an invitation to the Diwali Festival of Lights on October 21, 2025 at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan in Irving, Texas.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE ATMOS ENERGY 2025 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING

Todd Gastorf, Director of Finance, reviewed this item for Council.

- ACSC attorneys believe the negotiated rates are fair, reasonable, and recommend approving the settlement
- RRM negotiation saves time and money versus a contested proceeding at the Texas Railroad Commission.
- Staff recommends City Council adoption of the settlement rates effective October 1, 2025

MONTHLY CUSTOMER CHARGE: CLASS	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED RATE	% INCREASE
RESIDENTIAL	\$22.95	\$23.65	3.1%
COMMERCIAL	\$81.75	\$94.00	15.0%

6. REVIEW AND DISCUSS ATMOS ENERGY OPERATIONAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

Clayton Childs, ATMOS Energy Manager of Public Affairs, reviewed this item for Council. John Manganilla, Manager of Public Affairs; and Dustin Powell, Operations Manager, also provided comments.

- ATMOS operations
- Safety
- Community
- City of Richardson
 - 27,476 customers
 - 394 miles of pipeline
 - Capital Expenditures
 - Infrastructure Replacement: Mains – \$2,337,368.68
 - Service lines - \$4,395,442.87
 - Meters - \$4,172,106.34
 - Relocation Projects
 - Lawnmeadow Dr & Flat Creek Dr - \$1,408,321.49
 - Drake Dr, Creekside Dr, & Buckingham Place - \$679,009.82

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSS ONCOR OPERATIONAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

Kristy Tyra, Oncor Area Manager, reviewed this item for Council.

- Delivery of safe, reliable, power
- Grid reliability and resiliency with record growth
- New legislation expands and accelerates resiliency
- Storm/Emergency preparation and response
- Customer/Stakeholder engagement
 - Myoncor Municipal – communication tool
- City of Richardson

- Upcoming Distribution work within the City of Richardson - Underground
- System Resiliency & Modernization:
 - Assessing 9 critical underground segments
 - Replacing or upgrading approximately 5 miles of underground cable
 - Replacing equipment vulnerable to extreme weather conditions with modern, more resilient units
- Upcoming Transmission work within the City of Richardson
- Recently completed a 2.1-mile line upgrade along Owens Hike and Bike Trail
- 4.5-mile line upgrade that starts in Plano and ends in Richardson near Watergate and PGB Tollway, scheduled to start 8/2026

8. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE RICHARDSON CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION'S FY26 ARTS GRANTS FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Omar moved this item up to be heard prior to Item 5 on the agenda. Cultural Arts Commission Chair Sandy Palisch reviewed the Commission's recommendations for arts grant funding as listed on Item 10A.

2025-2026 Grant Requests

- 27 applications received
- 5 new applicants
- 23 applicants interviewed
- \$670,950.00 total amount of requested funds
- FY25 Budget includes \$375,000 for the grant program

9. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RENEWAL

Michaela Dollar, Assistant City Manager, reviewed recommended changes to the Administrative Code.

Update titles for staff and departments

- Chief Operating Officer
- Director of Community Services
- Director of Engineering and Capital Projects
- Director of Communications and Community Engagement
- Department of Communications and Community Engagement

City Manager

- Authorization to establish and charge fees for rental or license of city facilities, city programs, and city services that are not otherwise set in the Master Fee Ordinance.

Minor updates and clarification to department/director functions

- Director of Development Services
- Director of Human Resources
- Director of Transportation and Mobility
- Director of Economic Development
- Fire Chief

10. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND FOR THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

TOWN NORTH CONCERT BAND	\$1,000
CONTEMPORARY CHORALE	\$3,000
CLASSICS THEATRE PROJECT	\$5,000
ACCOLADE COMMUNITY THEATRE	\$6,000
PREMIER LONE STAR WIND ORCHESTRA	\$6,000
TEXINS JAZZ BAND	\$7,000
DALLAS ASIAN AMERICAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA (DAAYO)	\$7,500
RICHARDSON COMMUNITY CHORALE	\$7,500
RICHARDSON READS ONE BOOK	\$10,000
RICH-TONE CHORUS INC	\$10,000
TEXAS WINDS MUSICAL OUTREACH	\$13,000
DALLAS CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER	\$14,000
OUTLOUD DALLAS	\$14,000
RICHARDSON CIVIC ART SOCIETY (RCAS)	\$14,000
TUZER BALLET	\$14,000
CHAMBERLAIN BALLET	\$15,000
CORE THEATRE	\$16,000
RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND	\$18,000
CHAMBER MUSIC INTERNATIONAL	\$35,000
RICHARDSON THEATRE CENTRE INC	\$35,000
REPERTORY COMPANY THEATRE	\$42,000
RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	\$82,000

B. CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2025 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHMENT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC'S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC'S LEGAL COUNSEL.
2. RESOLUTION APPROVING A FRIENDSHIP CITY AGREEMENT WITH NEW TAIPEI CITY, TAIWAN.

C. CONSIDER AWARD OF THE FOLLOWING BIDS:

1. BID #71-25 – WE RECOMMEND THE AWARD TO TEXAS STANDARD CONSTRUCTION, LTD. FOR FY25 STORMWATER REPAIRS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$352,001 WHICH INCLUDES BID ALTERNATE #1.
2. BID #89-25 – WE RECOMMEND THE AWARD TO WEST TEXAS REBAR PLACERS, INC. FOR COTTONWOOD STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,406,376.
3. BID #99-25 – WE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SAM PACK'S FIVE STAR FORD FOR THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2026 FORD F-350 SERVICE BODY TRUCK WITH CRANE FOR WATER UTILITIES THROUGH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE ("BUYBOARD") CONTRACT #724-23 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$95,429.78.

Council Action

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchenrider moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Dorian seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 6-0, with Councilmember Justice absent.

11. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Council reported on items of community interest.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY