

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 22, 2026

- **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 (<i>attended virtually</i>)
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
Aimee Nemer	City Secretary
Bob Clymire	Budget Officer
Cameron Swanzy	Management Analyst
Todd Gastorf	Director of Finance
Eric Robison	Director of Public Works
Yvonne Falgout	Director Parks and Recreation
Shohn Rodgers	Assistant Director Parks and Recreation
Spencer Doyle	Assistant Director of Recreation and Events
Dianna Lawrence	Supt. of Recreation - Community Events
Kyle Kelly	Superintendent of Parks

Other attendees:

Dan Jackson, Vice President – Willdan
Jenna Covington, Executive Director/General Manager, NTMWD
Brian Brooks, Director of Executive & Board Services, NTMWD
Randy Roland, NTMWD Board Member
Franklin Bird, NTMWD Board Member

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. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND VISITORS FORUM

There were no public comments submitted.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2026 MEETING

- B. CONSIDER AWARD OF BID #63-26 – WE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO RUSH TRUCK CENTER FOR THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASE OF NINE (9) TRUCKS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS THROUGH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (“BUYBOARD”) CONTRACT #724-23 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$922,991.62.**

Council Action

Councilmember Corcoran moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Dorian seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 7-0.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Jenna Covington, Executive Director, NTMWD, provided an update for Council regarding regional water, wastewater, and solid waste services, long-range planning, and capital investments.

- FY26 all-systems budget totaling approximately \$902.4 million, including investments in water, wastewater, solid waste, and capital improvement programs.
- Capital Improvement Program, including 134 active projects and approximately \$3.95 billion in contracts supporting regional growth, infrastructure maintenance, and regulatory requirements.
- Richardson-specific projects included improvements to the Shiloh Pump Station, Shiloh and North Garland ground storage tanks, Plano West Side Pipeline, wastewater lift stations, Floyd Branch Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements, Upper East Fork Interceptor System rehabilitation, and Parkway Transfer Station upgrades.
- Linear Asset Management Program (LAMP), which focuses on leak detection, pipeline inspections, targeted repairs, water loss reduction, and infrastructure cost savings.
- Additional stewardship initiatives discussed included wastewater chemical automation, Parkway Transfer Station operational improvements, and an HOA Irrigation Evaluation Program designed to reduce water consumption.

6. REVIEW AND DISCUSS A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE CITY’S RETAIL WATER AND SEWER RATE STRUCTURE

Bob Clymire, Budget Officer, reviewed the staff’s recommendation for the City’s retail water and sewer rate structure.

- Three water and wastewater rate plan scenarios; Scenario III (Meter Equivalency with Senior Discount) was presented as the preferred option for consideration.
- Under Scenario III, senior customers with ¾-inch and 1-inch meters would continue to pay an \$8.00 monthly base charge for both water and wastewater service. Larger meters would be charged standard residential rates.
- Proposed average residential rate impacts under Scenario III are approximately:
 - 7.9% in 2026
 - 8.3% in 2027
 - 8.3% in 2028
 - 9.0% in 2029
 - 7.7% in 2030

- All rate scenarios maintain healthy utility fund balances and meet the City's 90-day reserve requirement.
- Proposed multi-year adjustments to base charges and volume rates for residential, commercial, and special manufacturing customers through 2030.
- Senior customer volume rates would remain consistent with standard residential volume rates under the proposed plan.

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSS WILDFLOWER! ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Yvonne Falgout, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the following recommendations and rationale.

- Efforts focused on developing a more financially sustainable event model while maintaining the festival's identity and community value.
- Community survey results indicated attendees prefer ticket prices under \$40, most attend on Saturday, and live music and the marketplace remain the festival's top attractions. Rock, pop, country, local artists, and tribute bands were the most popular music preferences.
- An economic impact study found the festival generated approximately \$2.56 million in direct local economic impact and achieved an attendee satisfaction rating of 4.7 out of 5.
- Survey and economic impact findings identified opportunities to improve financial sustainability, streamline operations, refine programming, and strengthen branding.
- Reviewed benchmark data from 14 comparable festivals, including event duration, ticketing models, VIP offerings, and operational structures.
- Reviewed 2026 festival modifications and financial performance.
- Staff presented recommendation criteria, including survey feedback, financial performance, operating costs, revenue potential, return on investment, logistics, staffing impacts, and preservation of the festival's unique identity.
- Key recommendations included:
 - Discontinue Sunday programming.
 - Modify Friday and Saturday operating hours to align with attendance patterns.
 - Eliminate the Plaza Stage and consolidate entertainment offerings.
 - Reconfigure the festival footprint.
 - Adjust VIP ticketing distribution.
 - Continue pursuing operational efficiencies and cost-saving measures while maintaining event quality.

8. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE FY 2026-2027 PARKS MAINTENANCE STRATEGIES

Shohn Rodgers, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, reviewed this item for Council.

- Overview of Parks Maintenance operations, including responsibility for 42 parks, 93 miles of trails, 31 playgrounds, 230 acres of sports fields, and other park assets maintained by a 49-person staff.
- Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) budget priorities, including facility improvements, recreation center equipment replacements, ADA accessibility upgrades, tennis court resurfacing, and ongoing turf maintenance needs.
- Capital asset assessments of park infrastructure using criteria that include safety, structural condition, utility, appearance, and age to help prioritize maintenance projects.

- Asset assessment results showed most park assets are rated in good or excellent condition, with improvements over time in several categories, including pavilions, restrooms, sports fields, storage buildings, and trails.
- Staff provided updates on FY26 Parks Maintenance Fund projects, including:
 - Ann Eisemann Playground safety surface maintenance.
 - Huffhines Park pavilion slab replacement.
 - Heights Family Aquatic Center parking lot restriping.
 - Galatyn Plaza paving repairs and fountain recommissioning.
 - Median landscape renovations at Waterview and Yale.
 - Yale Park restroom replacement currently under construction.
- Staff presented the preliminary FY27 Parks Maintenance Fund work plan, which includes:
 - Breckinridge Park trail renovations.
 - Breckinridge Park restroom improvements.
 - Plano Road and Jupiter Road median landscape renovations.
 - Additional infrastructure and asset renewal projects identified through the annual assessment process.
- The presentation also included an overview of the Matching Fund Beautification Program and ongoing efforts to preserve and enhance park assets, medians, trails, and public spaces citywide.

9. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Council reported on items of community interest.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.



 MAYOR

ATTEST:



 CITY SECRETARY