



MINUTES

ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 - 9:00 AM

1010 Squabble Creek Road, Rockwall TX 75087

I. Call Public Meeting to Order

Mayor McCallum called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Mayor Tim McCallum, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Moeller, and Councilmembers Anna Campbell, Richard Henson, Melba Jeffus, and John Hagaman. Councilmember Dennis Lewis was absent from the meeting. Also present were City Manager Mary Smith, Assistant City Manager Joey Boyd, and departmental directors.

II. Open Forum

The mayor explained how Open Forum is conducted, asking if anyone would like to speak; however, no one indicated such, so he closed Open Forum.

III. Action Items

Mayor McCallum provided brief, introductory comments.

1. Discuss and consider goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2027, and take any action necessary.
2. Discuss and consider goals and objectives for a three-year plan, and take any action necessary.

During the retreat, regarding the discussion items listed above, City Management shared details of a facilities study, including preliminary plans related to a future (new) Fire Station #1, the need for a new police station/training facility, and additional city hall space. Discussion also transpired regarding possibly moving the city's Service Center to the land behind the future, new police station (near Animal Adoption Center, Airport Road). This move could create 695 new parking spaces for Tuttle Ballfields.

The mayor recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m. to break for lunch. He then called the meeting back to order at 12:35 p.m.

Discussion transpired regarding parking needs in and around the downtown area as well as needs associated with repairs and/or upgrades to the historic church the city purchased a while back. The 'rock wall' for which the city is named was also discussed, with indication given that uncovering it requires a measured approach for several reasons. Extensive discussion took place regarding various citywide road-related project needs. The topic of sidewalks was also discussed.

The mayor recessed the meeting at 2:09 p.m., calling for a brief break before reconvening the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Planning-related goals were discussed including future planning and also redevelopment (including historic areas and the Southside area of the city). A rewrite of the Zoning Ordinance will be needed. More discussion transpired regarding downtown area parking needs.

The mayor recessed the meeting to call for a break at 2:47 p.m. and then reconvened the meeting again at 3:03 p.m.

Anti-monotony standards were discussed relative to future, new subdivision-related development. Councilmember Hagaman indicated a desire for the city to revisit the topic of 'turf' both in residential and in commercially zoned areas. Councilmember Henson indicated a desire to discuss flag pole and sign heights along the IH-30 corridor in the future as well as the possibility of a civic center.

City Manager, Mary Smith, led discussions regarding the current tax rate, sales tax 'actuals,' as well as the upcoming budget she is currently working towards presenting to city council in the coming weeks.

The possibility of calling a future bond election was also discussed.

Also discussed was a future project related to staff revisiting the city's property maintenance standards.

The mayor then read the below-listed discussion item into the record before recessing the public meeting to go into Executive Session at 5:13 p.m.

IV. Executive Session

The City of Rockwall City Council will recess into executive session to discuss the following matter as authorized by chapter 551 of the Texas government code:

1. Discussion regarding assignments and duties of current and future city executives, pursuant to Section §551.074 (Personnel Matters)

V. Adjourn Executive Session

Council adjourned from Executive Session at 5:53 p.m.

VI. Reconvene Public Meeting

Mayor McCallum reconvened the public meeting at 5:54 p.m.

VII. Take Any Action as a Result of Executive Session

Council took no action as a result of Executive Session.

VIII. Adjournment

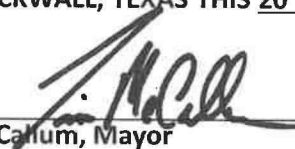
Mayor McCallum adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2026.

ATTEST:


Kristy Teague, City Secretary




Tim McCallum, Mayor