



Parks & Recreation Commission Special Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of commissioners present, Chair Fushille called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

Commission Members Present

Paul Fushille, Chair

Kristy Caldwell, Vice Chair

Hope Boatright

Olivia Barnard

Taylor Houston

Commission Members Absent

Tyson Joe

Thomas Lengel

Bryant Scheppler

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz

Parks & Community Services Assistant Director Emily Nelson

Deputy City Attorney Aniz Alani

City Secretary Diana Boone

Visitors Bureau Manager Pam King

Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public that wishes to address the Commission on any issue, regardless of whether it is posted on this agenda, may do so during Presentation of Citizens. It is the request of the Commission that individuals wishing to speak on agenda items with a public hearing hold their comments until the item is being considered. Individuals are allowed two (2) minutes each to speak regarding issues not on the agenda and two (2) minutes per item on the agenda may not cede or pool time. Those requiring the assistance of a translator will be allowed additional time to speak. Individuals are not required to sign in; however, it is encouraged. Individuals that wish to share documents with the Commission must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least nine (9) copies; if nine (9) copies are not provided, the Commission will receive the documents the following day. Audio Video presentations will not be accepted during Presentation of Citizens. By law no action shall be taken during Presentation of Citizens; however, the Chair may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.

No one spoke during the Presentation of Citizens.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 1. Consider approval of the May 21, 2025 Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Vice Chair Caldwell, to approve the May 21, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

- 2. Update concerning the Stars of Dripping Springs Phase II Project.**

This update was presented by Visitors Bureau Manager Pam King. No action was taken.

Item 4 was moved up on the agenda, to be presented after item 2.

- 4. Presentation on a proposed Hays County Master Naturalist project by Susan Sellers at Sports & Recreation Park.**

This item was presented by Hays County Master Naturalist Susan Sellers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnard and seconded by Commissioner Boatright, to approve proposed Hays County Master Naturalist Project to be funded with 2025 Landscaping Fund and to include irrigation. The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

- 3. Discuss and consider approval of a recommendation to City Council to approve the proposed updates to the fees listed in Section 9: Parks & Community Services in the City's Master Fee Schedule.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Houston and seconded by Chair Fushille, to approve the new fee schedule.

The motion to approve was withdrawn after further discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Houston and seconded by Vice Chair Caldwell, to make a decision at the next meeting pending clarification. The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

- 5. Discuss and consider approval of a recommendation to City Council to approve the proposed updates to Division 3 – Parks and Recreation Commission Ordinance.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnard and seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, to approve a recommendation to council to approve the proposed updates to Division 3 of the Parks and Recreation Commission Ordinance. The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports listed are on file and available for review upon request. The Commission may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.

6. Parks & Community Services Director's Report

Andy Binz, PCS Director

No action was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports relate to the administration of the City's Parks. The Commission may provide staff direction; however no action may be taken.

7. Charro Ranch Park

Commissioners: Fushille and Lengel

8. Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee

Commissioners: Boatright and Lengel

9. Founders Memorial Park Committee

Commissioners: Barnard, Scheppler, and Joe

10. Rathgeber Natural Resource Park

Commissioners: Caldwell, Fushille, and Barnard

11. Sports & Recreation Park Committee

Commissioners: Scheppler and Joe

12. Veterans Memorial Park Committee

Commissioners: Caldwell

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Chair Fushille and seconded by Vice Chair Caldwell, to go into Closed Session to discuss item 13, under section 551.071 and 551.072. The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Closed Session started at 7:54 p.m.

The Commission has the right to adjourn into closed session on any item on this agenda and at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by law or by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations), and 551.089 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits). Any final action or vote on any Closed Session item will be taken in Open Session.

- 13. Consultation with Attorney and Deliberation Regarding Real Property and interlocal discussions related to park properties.** (*Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation Regarding Real Property, 551.072*)

Closed Session ended at 8:19 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Vice Chair Caldwell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.