



City of University Park

UP Public Library
Texana Room
8383 Preston Center Plaza
Ste. 200
University Park, TX 75225

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

5:00 PM

Council Chamber

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3:00 - 4:00 P.M. Pursuant to TGC§ 551.071, the City Council met in closed session to consult with the City Attorney regarding accessibility and access requirements associated with street and sidewalk improvements at 1) the intersection of Hillcrest and Daniel; and 2) Snider Plaza. No action was taken. Council Conference Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall.

PRE-MEETING WORK SESSION(S)

4:00 - 5:00 P.M. The City Council met in open work session to receive agenda item briefings from staff. No action was taken. Council Conference Room, 2nd floor, City Hall.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Rollcall

Present: 5 - Mayor Tommy Stewart, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Aldredge, Councilmember Phillip Philbin, Councilmember Bob Myers and Councilmember Melissa Rieman

A. INVOCATION: Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish / Scouts

Scout Alli Turner of Troop 72G was present as part of earning her Communication merit badge. She assisted the City Council in leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL: Mayor Tommy Stewart

D. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: City Manager Robbie Corder

Staff in attendance included City Attorney Rob Dillard, Director of Information Services Dale Harwell, Chief of Police Bill Mathes, Special Projects Coordinator Amanda Hartwick, City Secretary Christine Green, Community Information Officer Paige Ruedy, Chief of Police Bill Mathes, Fire Chief Randy Howell, Director of Human Resources Talia Gregory, Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish, Director of Community Development Patrick Baugh, Director of Parks & Recreation Sean Johnson, Parks Events/Reservations Coordinator Kaylon Jackson, Director of Public Works Keegan Littrell, and Library Director Jackie Lott.

II. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

[25-003](#) Recognition - Rabel McNutt

Mayor Stewart recognized Rabel McNutt for her initiative to display "In God We Trust" in the City Council Chamber.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

[24-300](#) Consider reservation request from the University Park Preschool Association

City Manager Corder said that the University Park Preschool Association submitted a request to hold their annual fundraiser "UP All Night" at University Park Elementary and Curtis Park on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 3 - 9 p.m. At this event, families camp out and participate in a variety of activities including camp games, carnival games, crafts and community service projects.

This reservation request was approved.

[25-001](#) Consider the minutes of the December 17, 2024 City Council meeting, with or without correction

The minutes were approved.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Aldredge, seconded by Councilmember Philbin, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Stewart, Mayor Pro Tem Aldredge, Councilmember Philbin, Councilmember Myers, and Councilmember Rieman

IV. MAIN AGENDA

[25-002](#)

Miracle Mile Construction Project Update

Director of Engineering Katie Barron gave a presentation to update the City Council about the Miracle Mile Construction Project. The design for this project was approved by the City Council in June 2019. She said that construction is scheduled to begin in April 2025. She said that staff prefers to begin at this time of year so that construction could be complete in early fall 2026 and avoid the disruption to the merchants of construction over two holiday seasons. She listed the estimated total cost of the project at \$11.692M and provided an estimated funding breakdown:

Dallas County MCIP	\$4.600M
DART PTI Funds	\$2.154M
City of Dallas (Lomo Alto Signal)	\$0.400M
City of UP	\$4.538M

Councilmember Rieman asked Katie to confirm that the project construction will be phased so that one side of Lovers Lane will always be open. Katie said yes, the construction will always provide for through traffic on Lovers Lane - they will not divert traffic through the neighborhoods. Councilmember Rieman asked Katie to confirm that no parking spots will be lost in the construction. Katie said that several parking spots will be added with the construction.

Councilmember Philbin thanked Katie for her work and said he thinks this is a significant improvement to the Miracle Mile. He asked about parking on the south side of Lovers Lane, noting that the property line splits through the middle of the parking spots. He expressed his concern that the City hasn't obtained easements from the Miracle Mile property owners to enable the parking improvements on their property and also provide public access to the parking spots and sidewalks on private property. Instead, the City is using access agreements that are temporary and only enable construction. Katie said that the City is just replacing the sidewalk and parking spaces that are already there to address the crumbling infrastructure and add some decorative light fixtures. He asked if the City had asked these property owners to reimburse the City for the improvements to the parking spaces and sidewalks on their property. Robbie said that such a request would be executed at the direction of the City Council and would not be initiated by City staff.

Mayor Stewart asked Katie if the City has asked the owners if they claim to own the property that the City is improving. Katie said City staff is working with the property lines as they exist on paper.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Mayor Stewart adjourned the meeting.

Considered and approved this 21st day of January, 2025:

Tommy Stewart, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Green, City Secretary