

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Public Safety Training Room, Police Station, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn Rd Fair Oaks Ranch

Live

Stream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDqRvLvReqxrh1lbajwshKA/live>

MINUTES

OPEN MEETING

1. Roll Call- Declaration of a Quorum

Council Present: Mayor Maxton and Council Members: Olvera, Pearson, Parker and Swarek

Council Absent: Council Members Stroup and Rhoden

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

CITIZENS and GUEST FORUM

3. Citizens to be heard

Resident John Wall addressed the Council regarding drainage concerns and the isolation of approximately 660 acres during the recent flood event. He urged the Council to reconsider raising the Rolling Acres Trail bridge to improve emergency access and suggested using the low-profile bridge over Leon Creek at Aue Road as a model.

Resident Harold Prasatik encouraged the Council to interview both incumbents and applicants during the appointment process and to consider term limits for board members. He stated that he had reapplied to serve on the Municipal Development District Board and believes the Board would benefit from new members.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approval of the July 2, 2026 Regular City Council meeting minutes

5. Approval of Council Member Stroup's absence from the July 16, 2026 and September 3, 2026 Regular City Council meetings

6. Approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinance, Chapter 3 Building Regulations, Article 3.01 General Provisions, Section 3.01.018 Driveways Passing Through Drainage Channel with amended requirements for driveways with culverts

MOTION: Made by Council Member Olvera, seconded by Council Member Parker, to approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: 5 - 0; Motion Passed.

CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Consideration and possible action approving a resolution authorizing a Free Tree Giveaway as mitigation for removal of trees related to the Dietz Elkhorn Road Water Line and GBRA Shared Pipeline projects

MOTION: Made by Council Member Swarek, seconded by Council Member Parker, to approve a resolution authorizing a Free Tree Giveaway as mitigation for removal of trees related to the Dietz Elkhorn Road Water Line and Shared Pipeline projects, and expenditure of the required funds.

VOTE: 5 - 0; Motion Passed.

WORKSHOP

8. FY 2026-27 Preliminary Budget, property tax rates, and budget updates

Director of Finance Summer Fleming led a budget workshop with Council. Following discussion, the Council directed staff to use the recommended tax rate of \$0.30697 as the maximum allowable tax rate for the proposed budget, public notices, and the resolution to be considered at the August 6, 2026, City Council meeting.

REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. Announcements and reports by Mayor and Council

Mayor Maxton provided an update on the recent rainfall event and resulting road closures, noting that Battle Intense remains closed and is expected to reopen in the coming days. He announced that he had signed a local disaster declaration earlier that day for submission to the Texas Division of Emergency Management. He commended City staff for their exceptional response to the event. Mayor Maxton also reminded residents of the July 29, 2026, Town Hall meeting regarding the Dietz Elkhorn reconstruction project, where staff will provide information on the project, anticipated construction impacts, and planned detours.

10. Announcements by the City Manager

City Manager Scott Huizenga echoed the Mayor's remarks and expressed his appreciation to City staff for their response and efforts during the recent rainfall event.

11. Requests by Mayor and Council Members that items be placed on a future City Council agenda

None.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Section 551.101 of the Open Meetings Act, Texas Gov't Code, City Council convened into closed session at 7:44 PM regarding:

12. Sec. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the process and options for filling the vacancy of City Secretary

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

City Council reconvened into open session at 8:06 PM.

Motion: Made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Pearson, to approve a Resolution appointing Amanda Valdez as City Secretary of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas.

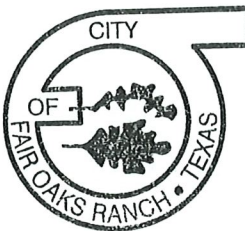
Vote: 5 - 0; Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Maxton adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

ATTEST:


Amanda Valdez, TRMC,
City Secretary




Gregory C. Maxton, Mayor