



**CITY OF ROLLINGWOOD  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Rollingwood, Texas held a meeting, open to the public, in the Municipal Building at 403 Nixon Drive in Rollingwood, Texas on April 14, 2026. Members of the public and the City Council were able to participate in the meeting virtually, as long as a quorum of the City Council and the presiding officer were physically present at the Municipal Building, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. A video recording of the meeting was made and will be posted to the City's website and available to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act upon written request.

**CALL SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER**

1. Roll Call

**Mayor Gavin Massingill called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.**

**Present Members:** Mayor Gavin Massingill, Mayor Pro Tem Sara Hutson, Council Member Phil McDuffee, and Council Member Kevin Schell

**Also Present:** City Administrator Alun Thomas, Assistant to the City Administrator Lindsay Saenz, Development Services Manager Nikki Stautzenberger

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public comments

**REGULAR AGENDA**

2. Roundtable discussion with community stakeholders regarding the MoPac South Expansion Project

*Council Member Brook Brown joined the meeting at 5:03 p.m.*

Mayor Gavin Massingill publicly acknowledged the guests in attendance and thanked them for attending.

Mayor Gavin Massingill noted that the purpose of the item was to facilitate an open dialogue and allow Council, stakeholders, and the public to review updated materials and share perspectives on the project. He also acknowledged the City's long history of involvement in the project, noting that Rollingwood has provided input for over a decade and has generally sought to remain engaged without being adversarial, while continuing to advocate for community

concerns. He also expressed appreciation for CTRMA's increased responsiveness and willingness to provide updated data and visuals in recent years.

Mayor Gavin Massingill recognized several stakeholders in attendance, including Travis County Commissioner Ann Howard, Westlake Hills Mayor James Vaughn, community member Amy Patillo, and representatives from the Westlake Chamber of Commerce, thanking them for their continued involvement and collaboration on the issue.

Mayor Gavin Massingill explained that they would recess briefly to allow members and attendees to review large-format maps and project materials, including both the currently published CTRMA plan and a conceptual alternative intersection design of Bee Cave Road and MoPac.

**Mayor Gavin Massingill recessed the meeting at 5:09 p.m.**

**Mayor Gavin Massingill reconvened the meeting at 5:36 p.m.**

Upon reconvening, Mayor Gavin Massingill summarized the materials included in the meeting packet and noted that additional background information and historical documents are available on the City's website. He emphasized that the project is currently in the public comment phase of the environmental assessment process and that any Council input would be directed toward that phase

Mayor James Vaughn of the City of West Lake Hills provided an overview of West Lake Hills' engagement with the project, noting that earlier plans raised concerns regarding east-west mobility and express lane access. He reported that coordinated advocacy has resulted in several improvements, including added northbound express lane access, a proposed divergent diamond intersection, and anticipated congestion reductions.

Mayor James Vaughn stated that while the revised plan reflects progress, concerns remain regarding the loss of southbound express lane access and potential impacts to Rollingwood residents. He noted that West Lake Hills has focused on improving the project rather than opposing it and is considering a position of conditional support. He also expressed interest in coordinating with Rollingwood and other stakeholders on a unified regional approach.

Councilmembers and stakeholders discussed key issues, including traffic impacts and the trade-offs of travel times, and that improvements in some directions can lead to potential traffic increases in others. The proposed divergent diamond intersection design at Bee Cave Road and MoPac, with general acknowledgment of potential long-term benefits. There were still ongoing concerns related to noise, elevation, and environmental mitigation measures, as well as the need for improved stormwater treatment and constraints due to limited right-of-way.

Amy Patillo provided additional context based on her involvement at the regional level (CAMPO). She expressed concerns regarding the lack of a comprehensive analysis of cumulative impacts, particularly in relation to the potential SH 45 gap project and its effects on Mopac traffic patterns.

She noted that the MoPac South project is currently being evaluated under an Environmental Assessment (EA), rather than a more comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and that recent regulatory changes may limit the scope of analysis.

Amy Patillo emphasized that cumulative regional impacts, long-term traffic volumes, and system-wide performance may not be fully addressed under the current process. She encouraged the City to consider raising these concerns during the public comment phase. She further noted that Rollingwood may have limited influence in certain future decisions, such as noise mitigation, due to federal processes assigning authority to adjacent property owners or other jurisdictions.

Tal Cooper, Westlake Chamber of Commerce, expressed support for regional collaboration and stated that the Chamber's role is to help amplify community input rather than advocate for or against the project.

Tom Ferrell, former Rollingwood Mayor, expressed appreciation for the work completed on the project and acknowledged progress made in addressing earlier concerns, including elevated roadway and noise impacts. He emphasized ongoing concerns related to traffic flow at Bee Cave Road, potential cut-through traffic on residential streets, and the impacts of the proposed SH 45 gap, particularly increased truck traffic. He also highlighted the importance of environmental considerations, including water quality and drainage, and encouraged a more holistic review of regional construction timing and traffic impacts.

Bill Bunch, Save Our Springs Alliance, encouraged the City to delay taking a formal position to allow for additional community input and expert analysis. He advocated for a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), citing concerns regarding inadequate evaluation of cumulative impacts, outdated traffic modeling, and potential environmental harm. He also raised concerns about construction impacts, including extended disruptions, traffic delays, and effects on recreational areas and nearby schools.

Elizabeth Bray, a resident of 103 Vale Street, asked questions about the project timeline, approval status, and funding sources, noting concern about the project's cost-benefit relative to projected travel time savings. She also emphasized the need for improved communication and public engagement, including clearer information on how residents can participate in the process.

Additional discussion clarified that the project remains in the planning and environmental review phase and has not been fully approved. It was also noted that construction funding has not been finalized and may include a combination of toll revenues, bonds, or other sources.

Mayor Gavin Massingill noted that no action would be taken at this meeting and that Council would continue discussion at a subsequent meeting following additional review.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

Minutes adopted on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.



Gavin Massingill, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nikki Stautzenberger, Development Services Manager