

AGENDA

**JOINT
FLOWER MOUND TOWN COUNCIL
AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
WORK SESSION**

4.18.19

**FLOWER MOUND TOWN HALL, 2121 CROSS TIMBERS ROAD
FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS**

6:00 P.M.

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A. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND TO THE TEXAS FLAG *"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."*

D. WORK SESSION ITEM

1. Joint work session with Town Council and Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) to discuss accomplishments and objectives as presented in the 2018 ECC Annual update and within the scope of the [ECC powers and duties](#).

E. ADJOURN WORK SESSION

I do hereby certify that the Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board in Town Hall of the Town of Flower Mound, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said Notice was also posted on the Town's website in accordance with GC Section 551.056 on the following date and time: April 15, 2019, at 4:56 p.m. at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of said meeting.

Theresa Scott, Town Secretary

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TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

WORK SESSION ITEM

DATE: April 18, 2019
FROM: Matthew Woods, Director of Environmental Services
ITEM: **Joint work session with Town Council and Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) to discuss accomplishments and objectives as outlined in the 2018 ECC Annual update and within the scope of the [ECC powers and duties](#).**

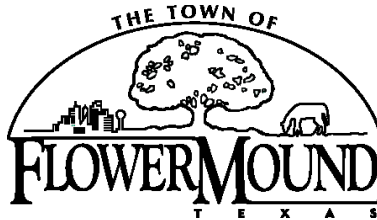
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This item provides the Town Council and Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) an opportunity to discuss the ECC's recent accomplishments and objectives for 2019.

The ECC will provide an annual update to the Town Council which will include some of the Commission's achievements over the past year and outline their objectives and initiatives for 2019. The ECC's 2019 initiatives include improving access to the Outdoor Learning Area, establishing an arboretum in the Town, addressing tree canopy decline, expanding Town-wide recycling, establishing a scheduled review and reporting process for conservation and cluster developments, and increasing the visibility of the ECC and promoting environmental programs and classes.

The ECC has provided the Town Council with annual reports previously which included updates related to the ongoing sustainability initiatives. The establishment of sustainability initiatives began as an overall goal to identify and monitor many of the Town's environmental programs and policies and to establish future goals related to the broad topic of sustainability. The ECC identified core areas to address, and through Town Council feedback began prioritizing initiatives and developing objectives to promote and continue designated sustainability initiatives. These initiatives have primarily focused on internal Town programs and policies. The 2019 ECC objectives are connected to the ongoing sustainability initiatives and the ECC periodically evaluates and updates the sustainability initiatives.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. ECC Adopted Powers and Duties (Ord. 51-11, Sec. 2-175)



Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) Powers and Duties

Sec. 2-175. - Powers and duties.

The environmental conservation commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) *Open space.* Promote the town's open space plan and its components and facilitate relations between landowners and land trusts. Develop and implement appropriate land protection techniques and tools for preserving open, productive agricultural, natural and scenic lands, while creating compatible recreational resources where appropriate.
- (2) *Conservation projects.* Review, evaluate and/or propose conservation projects in relation to objectives expressed in the open space plan and advise town council on appropriateness of conservation incentives.
- (3) *Water quality and conservation.* Advise the town council relative to water conservation and the future character and health of the town's bodies of water, stormwater, ground water, and surface water to include reviewing water quality and conservation program activities, prioritizing actions and plans, and public education.
- (4) *Tree preservation.* Oversee and advise the town council and staff in policy matters relative to tree preservation. Promote tree care, planting, and the proper management of urban forests.
- (5) *Special matters.* Consider, investigate, report and/or recommend upon any special matter or question coming before the commission within the scope of its duties and responsibilities or referred to it by the town council or town manager.
- (6) *Outdoor learning area.* Assist in the enhancement, promotion, and preservation of the town's tree farm and outdoor learning area.
- (7) *Recruitment and funding.* Assist and advise the town council and staff in recruitment of volunteers, facilitating grant applications, and seeking contributions to support environmental initiatives.
- (8) *Public engagement.* Promote public awareness and community outreach programs related to environmental initiatives.
- (9) *Advisory resources.* The commission may form subcommittees, recruit unpaid advisors, hold public hearings, encourage the interest of other organizations in its objectives, and engage in similar activities which in its judgment may assist it in making recommendations and promoting environmental conservation.
- (10) *Regulations.* The commission may propose adoption, amendment, or repealment of regulations to town council as deemed necessary or desirable in order to carry out its powers and duties.
- (11) *Reporting.* The commission shall submit to the town council, not less than every 12 months, a report of its progress and recommendations.
- (12) *Sustainability.* The commission shall develop, oversee, and promote the town's sustainability plan and its components.

(Ord. No. 51-11, § 2, 9-19-2011)