

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND WORK SESSION
JUNE 15, 2015

WORK SESSION – 6:00 P.M.:

• **Call to Order**

Mayor Voelker called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following Council members present:

Paul Voelker	Mayor
Mark Solomon	Mayor Pro Tem
Bob Townsend	Councilmember
Scott Dunn	Councilmember
Vacant	Councilmember
Steve Mitchell	Councilmember

Absent:

Mabel Simpson	Councilmember
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The following staff members were also present:

Dan Johnson	City Manager
Don Magner	First Assistant City Manager
Kent Pfeil	Chief Financial Officer
Cliff Miller	Assistant City Manager Development Services
Shanna Sims-Bradish	Assistant City Manager Admin/Leisure Services
Aimee Nemer	City Secretary
Michael Spicer	Director of Development Services
Dave Carter	Assistant Director of Development Services
Steve Spanos	Director of Engineering
Jim Lockart	Assistant Director of Engineering
Jim Dulac	Assistant City Engineer
Brian Davis	Deputy CIO – Tech and Franchising
Lori Smeby	Director of Parks and Recreation
Roger Scott	Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
John Sweeden	North Texas Municipal Water District Boardmember
John Murphy	North Texas Municipal Water District Boardmember

Consultants Present:

Tom Kula, Executive Director, North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD)
Judd Sanderson, Deputy Director, NTMWD
Mike Rickman, Finance Director, NTMWD

1. **INVOCATION – BOB TOWNSEND**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS – BOB TOWNSEND**
3. **CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 5.**

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Voelker stated that the Council has undertaken a vigorous selection process and vetted many candidates for the appointment of Council Member Place 5 as outlined in the City Charter.

Council Action

Councilmember Dunn moved to appoint Marta Gómez Frey to fill the vacancy for Council Member Place 5. Mayor Pro Tem Solomon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 5-0 with Councilmember Simpson absent.

4. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 5

Secretary Nemer administered the oath of office to Ms. Frey.

5. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 5 AND WELCOMING COMMENTS

Councilmember Frey gave introductory comments stating that she is honored and privileged to be chosen to serve the community as a councilmember. She stated that she pledged to uphold the serious obligation and expectations that everyone has for her. She recognized and thanked her family.

Each councilmember expressed appreciation for her willingness to serve and their pride with the appointment.

• ADJOURN TO WORK SESSION

Mayor Voelker adjourned the Council Meeting and stated the Work Session would reconvene at 6:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEETING, RICHARDSON ROOM

A. VISITORS

Mr. Kevin Balsley, 1804 Weanne Drive, addressed Council expressing concerns about the regulations for group homes and presentation from Mr. Staples. He recommended that Council consider consulting with an expert on group homes that the City of Dallas used.

Mr. John Fritsche, 1807 Weanne Drive, addressed Council expressing concerns about the regulations for group homes. He also recommended Council consider consulting with the expert used by the City of Dallas.

B. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY PLAN AND PROJECTS

Tom Kula, NTMWD Executive Director, updated Council on the following:

- NTMWD History
- Water Supply & Conservation Efforts
 - Main Stem Pump Station
 - Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir Project
 - WaterMyYard
- NTMWD Wastewater Initiatives
 - EPA Audit

- Partnering Meetings
- Future Rates Projections
 - Water
 - Wastewater
- Solid Waste System Update – Lookout Transfer Station

C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS UPDATE ON COLLIN COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE GRANT REQUESTS

Lori Smeby, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the Collin County Project Funding Assistance Program and 2015-2016 proposed projects:

Priority 1 – Spring Creek Nature Area Trail – Outside Loop Connection

Grant Request –	214,250
Match Required –	214,250
Estimated Project Cost –	\$428,500

Priority 2 – University Trail Phase II Connection

Grant Request -	125,061
Match Required -	125,061
NCTCOG Grant -	588,378
Estimated Project Cost	\$840,500

Ms. Smeby explained that a resolution authorizing the grant application will be on the June 22 Council Agenda for consideration.

D. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE ATMOS ENERGY RATE REVIEW ACTION

Brian Davis, Deputy CIO, reviewed this item for Council explaining the background of the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC); the 2014 rate increase request, denial, and settlement; the 2015 rate increase request; and the negotiated settlement:

Settlement

- The ACSC negotiated with Atmos to effect a settlement which resolved both the 2014 appeal, and 2015 requested rates. The settlement includes:
 - A \$6 million reduction in the rates requested for the 2015 filing.
 - Implement the minor reduction in the 2014 request pending at the Commission.
 - Atmos will file a formal withdrawal of its 2014 RRM appeal. The ACSC does not believe a final disposition by the Commission will improve the Cities’ position, and that withdrawal and settlement will save ratepayers significant expenses in future filings.
- The proposed resolution and settlement tariffs will approve rates that increase the company’s revenues by \$65.7 million system-wide for the Mid-Tex division, effective for bills rendered after June 1, 2015. The monthly residential customer charge will be \$18.60, and the consumption charge will increase from \$0.08819 per Ccf to \$0.09931. The monthly impact for a typical 60 Ccf customer would be an increase of \$1.14 (about 1.59%). A typical commercial customer would see an increase of about \$2.69 of .96%.

Mr. Davis explained that the proposed resolution will be on the June 22 Council Agenda for consideration.

E. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE STREET, ALLEY, AND SIDEWALK NEEDS FOR CONSIDERATION IN A FUTURE BOND PROGRAM

Don Magner, First Assistant City Manager, reviewed possible bond program projects including new streets and rehabilitation projects for streets, alleys, and sidewalks. He also reviewed the proposed street maintenance strategy for the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget.

F. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION NEEDS FOR CONSIDERATION IN A FUTURE BOND PROGRAM

Dave Carter, Assistant Director of Development Services, reviewed this item for Council:

- Highest Priority Projects
 - Traffic Control Devices (\$4.1M)
 - Operational and Efficiency Improvements
 - Intersections (\$2.2M)
 - Streets (\$1.225M)

G. REVIEW AND DISCUSS MAINTENANCE STRATEGIES: SCREENING WALLS, BRIDGE RAILINGS, AND TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS AND MARKINGS

Don Magner, First Assistant City Manager, and Jim Lockart, Assistant Director of Engineering, reviewed this item for Council:

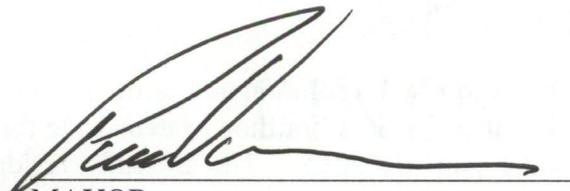
- Review of screening wall maintenance strategy
- Screening wall inventory
- FY14-15 completed projects
- Bridge railing condition assessment
- Bridge railing completed projects
- Street sign inventory and maintenance schedule
- Pavement markings 3 year management strategy

H. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mayor Voelker reminded Council of the HOA presidents meeting Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Solomon congratulated the Lauder's on their 60th wedding anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY