

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**September 12, 2011**  
**City of Richardson, Texas**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2011 with a quorum of said Council present, to-wit:

Bob Townsend	Mayor
Laura Maczka	Mayor Pro Tem
Mark Solomon	Council member
Scott Dunn	Council member
Kendal Hartley	Council member
Steve Mitchell	Council member
Amir Omar	Council member

City staff present:

Bill Keffler	City Manager
Dan Johnson	Deputy City Manager
Michelle Thames	Assistant City Manager Administrative Services
David Morgan	Assistant City Manager Community Services
Cliff Miller	Assistant City Manager Development Services
Samantha Woodmancy	Management Analyst
Pamela Schmidt	City Secretary
Kent Pfeil	Director of Finance

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- 1. INVOCATION – MARK SOLOMON**
  - 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS – MARK SOLOMON**
  - 3. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22, 2011 AND AUGUST 29, 2011 MEETINGS**

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Omar moved approval of the minutes as posted; second by Ms. Maczka and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

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- 4. VISITORS.** *(THE CITY COUNCIL INVITES CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY TOPIC NOT ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. PRIOR TO THE MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE A "CITY COUNCIL APPEARANCE CARD" AND PRESENT IT TO THE CITY SECRETARY. THE TIME LIMIT IS FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER.)* **None.**

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- 5. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3835, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.**

Mr. Keffler referred to the previous meetings and presentations pertaining to the proposed budget for fiscal year 2011-2012, and explained the process and needed action. He made note that the information has been posted on the City's website. The public hearing held on August 29, 2011 completed the public hearing requirement. Before the Council are two ordinances and an additional consideration regarding property tax revenue. He stated that Ordinance No 3835

adopts the budget for FY 2011-2012 and enables the various transfers of appropriations budgeted from one account classification to another within the same department as well as transfer of appropriations from one department or activity to another within the same fund.

Mr. Mitchell acknowledge that the Council has witnesses good times and lean times and noted that Richardson has always come out ahead of other cities in large part due to the efforts of Mr. Keffler and his staff as far a maintaining a very solid budget. He complimented Mr. Keffler and the staff for submitting a lean budget, noting the lower number of employees and constant tax rate with an expansion of services. He felt it was the mark of a professional team. He stated he still questions the timing of compensation increases because of the economy, but felt Richardson was fortunate to have the staff that is here and noted the need to maintain the level of professionalism among the staff. He stated he supports the budget wholeheartedly.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Solomon moved to approve Ordinance No. 3835 adopting the City budget for the year 2011-2012; second by Mr. Hartley and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

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**6. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3836, LEVYING THE AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2011 (FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012) AT A RATE OF \$0.63516 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) ASSESSED VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF RICHARDSON AS OF JANUARY 1, 2011.**

Mr. Solomon echoed the comments previously made by Mr. Mitchell and particularly noted conversations he has had with elected officials in other communities. He felt it was commendable that the City has been able to hold the same tax rate for many years while maintaining the level of services. Mr. Mitchell also noted the impact of inflation on the City's budget.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Solomon moved to approve Ordinance No. 3836 levying the tax rate for the year 2011-2012; second by Ms. Maczka and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

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**7. CONSIDER INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE OF \$0.63516 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION.**

Mr. Keffler stated action on this item is required by the Texas Local Government Code to specifically outline the tax revenue differences from the previous year and reiterates that the tax rate of \$0.63516 per \$100 of assessed valuation remains the same. He stated that the tax rate earns \$614,781 more in tax revenue than was earned last year, which is a 0.99% increase. Of that amount, \$562,911 is from new property value that was added to the tax roll.

Mr. Omar underscored that although the rate increases the property tax revenue, the actual tax rate remains the same and noted the opportunity of adding additional property to the roll.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Omar moved to increase the property tax revenue through the adoption of the proposed property tax rate of \$0.63516 per \$100 of assessed valuation; second by Mr. Hartley and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

On behalf of the City staff, Mr. Keffler stated that they take very seriously the confidence placed in them by the Council with the passage of the budget. He recognized the members of the staff involved in the development of the budget and stated the staff fully recognize the consequences of the economy and the fiscal demands as a result of it, and take nothing for granted. He acknowledged the confidence and commitment to the City team of 950 employees. He thanked the Council for their time in consideration of the budget.

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ALL ITEMS LISTED UNDER ITEM 8 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED BELOW. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS OF THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY:

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Omar moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented; second by Mr. Mitchell and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

A. Consider the following Resolutions:

1. Resolution No. 11-25 establishing inspection fees for buildings and apartment building units as authorized by Sections 6-326(a) and (c) of the Code of Ordinances.
2. Resolution No. 11-26 amending the ambulance service user fees as provided by Section 10-1 (b) of the Code of Ordinances.
3. Resolution No. 11-27 establishing revised fees and charges for the removal of garbage and refuse within the City.
4. Resolution No. 11-28 establishing fees and charges for Sherrill Park Golf Course.

B. Advertisement of the following bids:

1. Bid #65-11 – Terrace Drive & East Tyler Street Paving, Drainage & Utility Rehabilitation. Bids to be received by Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
2. Bid #66-11 – Park Shelter Roof Replacement. Bids to be received by Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

C. Award of the following bids:

1. Bid #63-11 – authorization to issue a Cooperative Annual Requirements Contract to Legacy Contracting, LP dba Control Specialists, LP for water and wastewater pumping facilities maintenance through the City of Plano Bid 2011-210-C pursuant to unit prices.
2. Bid #64-11 – authorization to issue a Cooperative Annual Requirements Contract to Insituform Technologies, Inc., for the 2011 Trenchless Sewer Repair Project

pursuant to unit prices bid through the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buyboard) Contract #354-10.

Mayor Townsend adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
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CITY SECRETARY