

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2013

WORK SESSION – 6:00 P.M.:

• **Call to Order**

Mayor Maczka called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council members present:

Laura Maczka	Mayor
Bob Townsend	Mayor Pro Tem
Mark Solomon	Councilmember
Scott Dunn	Councilmember
Kendal Hartley	Councilmember
Paul Voelker	Councilmember
Steve Mitchell	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present:

Dan Johnson	City Manager
David Morgan	Deputy City Manager
Cliff Miller	Assistant City Manager Development Services
Don Magner	Assistant City Manager Community Services
Shanna Sims-Bradish	Assistant City Manager Admin/Leisure Services
Aimee Nemer	City Secretary
Bill Alsup	Director of Health
Greg Sowell	Director of Communications
Jessica James	Marketing Manager
Taylor Patton	Management Analyst

A. VISITORS

There were no visitors comments submitted.

B. REVIEW AND DISCUSS UPDATES TO EISEMANN CENTER PROGRAMMING

Shanna Sims-Bradish, Assistant City Manager, reviewed this item for Council reporting that the Eisemann Center passed the 2 Million attendance mark on November 6, 2013 on RSO Symphony Days with RISD third grade student attending. Ms. Bradish also informed Council of the new educational program titled Eisemann Extras, which consists of interactive events inspired by the Family Theater Series. She also noted significant 2014 events including Willie and the Wheel, featuring Willie Nelson and Ray Benson and Alseep at the Wheel on November 23, 2014; and the Miss Texas Pageant, July 1-5, 2014.

C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS SOLID WASTE SERVICES STUDY

Don Magner, Assistant City Manager, briefed this item for Council. Jessica James, new Marketing Manager, also addressed Council regarding her focus on the City's recycling program and the implementation of new initiatives to increase recycling education and awareness.

D. REVIEW AND DISCUSS FARMERS MARKET REGULATIONS

Bill Alsup, Director of Health, addressed Council on this item and reviewed a proposed ordinance for Farmers Markets that would address Food Safety, Vendor Compliance, Operator/Vendor Responsibilities, Signage, Fees, and Enforcement.

Council requested to make revisions that reflect a balance of safety and over-regulating.

E. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR

Mr. David Morgan and Ms. Aimee Nemer presented information on the proposed 2014 City Council meeting schedule explaining that staff is proposing to eliminate 11 meetings which fall on a City Holiday, RISD/PISD Spring Break week, 5th Mondays, the Monday after the Independence Holiday, and the Mondays the week of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Staff explained that this schedule would provide 41 scheduled work sessions and meetings, a two-day budget retreat, and allow for a consecutive two-week break in summer and winter.

F. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Councilmember Dunn reported on a ribbon-cutting for a new park as a result of collaboration with RISD, the City, and JJ Pearce High School.

Councilmember Solomon thanked the Heights Baptist Church and the Girl Scouts for their work in collecting food and funds for Network.

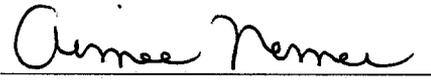
Mayor commented on a field hearing held at the Eisemann Center by Congressman Pete Sessions. She commended the Center for the putting together a successful high caliber event on short notice.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY