



City of Farmers Branch

Farmers Branch City Hall
13000 Wm Dodson
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Study Session Meeting held at 4:00 PM in the Study Session Room

A. STUDY SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Fuller called the Study Session Meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Absent: 1 - Mayor Bob Phelps

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Fuller

Present: 4 - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Kirk Connally, Council Member Ben Robinson, Council Member Harold Froehlich and Council Member Ana Reyes

Staff: 15 - John Land Managing Director - Operations, Charles Cox Managing Director - Administration, Peter G. Smith City Attorney, Brian Beasley Human Resources Director, Tom Bryson Communications Director, Allison Cook Economic Development Manager, Shawna Eikenberry Management Analyst, Sidney Fuller Police Chief, Andy Gillies Director of Planning, Jeff Harting Parks & Recreation Director, Rachael Johnson Assistant to the City Manager, Kevin Muenchow Fleet & Facilities Director, Jim Olk Community Services Director, Steve Parker Fire Chief and Stacy Henderson Office Manager

A.1

Discuss regular City Council meeting agenda items.

(G.3) - Council Member Reyes asked John Boyle, legal representative for the Valwood Improvement Authority, if they have ever had to ask the City for authorization before. Mr. Boyle reported they had approximately 30 years ago. He also stated expanding the lake is necessary for flood control and that every effort would be made to resolve any issues with the property owners. He also reported issues are typically resolved working with RL Lemke and Monitronics. Council Member Reyes asked if Valwood Improvement Authority was getting refusal from both property owners. Mr. Boyle reported both property owners have refused the initial settlement.

A.2

Discussion of a possible Community Arts Program for Farmers Branch.

Managing Director John Land provided an overview of the benefits of a Community Arts Program. After general discussion, this item will be discussed further at the City Council Retreat in January, 2015.

The Study Session Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.

B. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Fuller called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He reported

Mayor Phelps was out due to medical reasons.

Council Member Robinson gave the Invocation and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Connally led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

C.1 Presentation of a proclamation recognizing Valley View Car Care for 25 years of operation in the City of Farmers Branch.

This item was not presented.

C.2 Recognition of Parks and Recreation Department staff for recent awards.

Mayor Pro Tem Fuller and Parks & Recreation Department Director Jeff Harting announced the winners of recent awards given by Texas Recreation and Parks Society. Meredith Dowdy received the Excellence in Programming Award for Special Events, which recognized Date Night in the Park as an outstanding, on-going program. Pam Smith was honored as the Park Professional of the Year, which recognizes an individual that has made outstanding contributions to the Parks and Recreation field.

Farmers Branch also took first place in the North Regions Equipment Rodeo that tests skills and abilities of each department. The team was made up of Roberto Sarabia, Jose Torres, JD Arnold, Joey Romans, Earl Marett, Tony Derrick, Jose Ramirez, Will Totsch, Robert Carrera, Ross Pittman, and Porfirio Leyva.

D. REPORT ON STUDY SESSION ITEMS

Council Member Reyes reported on the following:
Community Arts Program - Managing Director John Land provided an overview of the benefits of a Community Arts Program. This item will be discussed further at the City Council Retreat in January, 2015.

E. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Topics for the City Manager's Report included:

Dallas Stars Practice in Farmers Branch - a big crowd turned out the day before Thanksgiving, November 26, for the practice; The Ticket broadcast live and a good time was had by all

Christmas Tour of Lights - opened on Friday, November 28; will be open every night thru December 30 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm (except for 12/06 & 12/25); the driving tour is free with donations accepted by non-profit groups working each night; there is a new route from Valley View to Denton Drive to Farmers Branch Lane and through the Historical Park; there is also a synchronized light show in the park

Community Recreation Center Christmas Open House - to be held on Friday, December 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm; admission is free to the event, which will also include stage performances, strolling carolers, arts & crafts, visits with Santa, holiday treats and more; canned food donations will be accepted to support Metrocrest Services

Manske Library Semi-Annual Used Book Sale - hundreds of titles will be on sale at the Manske Library book sale; will be held Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6 during regular library hours; most titles are less than \$1; proceeds go to help fund Library programming throughout the year

Christmas Tree Lighting - the official lighting of the Farmers Branch Christmas Tree will be held on Saturday, December 6, beginning at 7:00 pm at the Historical Park; events will include a fireworks show, visit from Santa, refreshments, tours of the historical structures, tubing on snow hill and more; admission is free; parking at Metrosquare Business Park, two blocks south of the Historical Park on Ford Road with a free shuttle to the gate

F. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No one wished to speak.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Connally, seconded by Council Member Robinson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Connally, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Froehlich and Council Member Reyes

- G.1 Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Hall meeting held on November 13, 2014 and the City Council meeting held on November 18, 2014, and take appropriate action.**

The Minutes were approved.

- G.2 Consider approving Resolution No. 2014-113 approving the assignment to CADG One Hickory, LLC of the Economic Development Agreement with Guardian Texas Management, LLC relating to the improvement of the property located at 1800 Valley View Lane and take appropriate action.**

This Resolution was approved.

- G.3 Consider approving Resolution No. 2014-115 authorizing the Valwood Improvement Authority to exercise the power of eminent domain within the City's incorporated limits within an area bounded by Luna Road, Mercer Parkway, Senlac Drive, and Wittington Place; and take appropriate action.**

This Resolution was approved.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings on this agenda.

I. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**I.1 Consider request for a Residential Demolition/Rebuild Program Incentive Agreement for the property located at 12633 Epps Field Road and take appropriate action.**

Acting City Manager, John Land, provided background on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Connally, that this request be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Connally, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Froehlich and Council Member Reyes

I.2 Consider approving Resolution No. 2014-111 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and sign a Joint Fire Training Center Interlocal Cooperation Agreement among the Cities of Carrollton, Coppell and Farmers Branch for the construction and operation of a joint fire training facility that will be located at the Bob Phelps Fire Administration/Fire Station #3 site, and take appropriate action.

Fire Chief Steve Parker stated a review of the proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement was presented to City Council at the November 4, 2014 Study Session meeting. He then provided an overview outlining each cities financial and operational responsibility for the project, and each city's minimum allotted training time at the facility.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Connally, seconded by Council Member Reyes, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Connally, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Froehlich and Council Member Reyes

I.3 Consider request for final plat approval of Kitchen Club Addition, Lot 1, Block A and take appropriate action.

Planning Director Andy Gillies reported the property previously addressed as 2424 Bee Street is presently comprised of four small parcels of land. The owner desires to re-plat the property to develop a food establishment addressed as 13529 Bee Street.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Connally, that this Plat be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Connally, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Froehlich and Council Member Reyes

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items were discussed.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Connally, seconded by Council Member Froehlich, that this Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Connally, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Froehlich and Council Member Reyes

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Bob Phelps, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Kelly, City Secretary