

**City of Farmers Branch
City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Plaza
13000 William Dodson Parkway
Farmers Branch, Texas
Tuesday, February 5, 2013
Study Session 4:00 P.M. Study Session Room
Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M. City Council Chambers**

Study Session was called to order by Mayor Glancy at 4:00 p.m. with the following members of the City Council present:

Mayor	William P. Glancy
Mayor Pro Tem	David Koch
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem	Tim Scott
Councilmembers	Ben Robinson
	Harold Froehlich
	Jeff Fuller

The following members of Administration were present:

City Manager	Gary D. Greer
City Attorney	Pete Smith
City Secretary	Angela Kelly
Assistant to the City Manager	Rachael Johnson
Chief Accountant	Mayve Strong
Fire Chief	Steve Parker
Police Chief	Sid Fuller
Communications Director	Tom Bryson
Director of Economic Development & Tourism	John Land
Business Development Specialist	Allison Cook
Parks & Recreation Director	Jeff Harting
Director of Planning & Zoning	Andy Gillies
Community Services Director	Jim Olk (arrived at 4:33 p.m.)
Director of Information Services	Mark Samuels
Director of Equipment Services	Kevin Muenchow
Public Works Director	Randy Walhood
Senior Planner	Alexis Jackson
Special Projects Manager	Meredith Dowdy
Facilities Superintendent	Mitzi Davis

And with a quorum present, the following items were addressed:

STUDY SESSION

A.1 Discuss regular city council meeting agenda items.

C.2 – Mayor Pro Tem Koch asked if funds were in the current budget to replace the City Hall building automation system and if any of the existing system could be recycled. Jeff Harting, Parks and Recreation Director stated funds were currently budgeted for this item. He also reported the parts from the existing system are obsolete and could not be recycled.

A.2 Receive an update on the "Love the Branch" marketing campaign.

Erik Radle from the Miller Ad Agency presented an update on the Love the Branch campaign. Resident Rick Johnson asked what the return on investment was for the campaign. Mr. Radle reported approximately \$100 per piece. After a brief discussion, staff administration was directed to continue with the marketing campaign.

A.3 Receive a mini update on Liberty Fest 2013.

Meredith Dowdy, Special Projects Manager provided an update on possible entertainment options for Liberty Fest 2013.

A.4 Receive a mini report on the Branch Evening of Excellence.

Gary Greer, City Manager presented details of the upcoming Branch Evening of Excellence event hosted by the Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce.

A.5 Discussion of items to be placed on a future city council meeting agenda (discussion is limited to determination of whether to place an item on a future city council meeting agenda).

No items were discussed.

Mayor Glancy read the Agenda Items for Executive Session. The Study Session Meeting concluded at 4:59 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:59 p.m.

F.3 Discuss pending and contemplated litigation - Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Pending litigation relating to Fabela, et. al v. City of Farmers Branch, et. al., Civil Action No. 3:10-CV-1425-D in the US Dist Ct. for the Northern District of Texas (Dallas Division).

The City Council concluded Executive Session at 5:58 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Glancy at 6:03 p.m.

B.1 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Robinson gave the Invocation and Councilmember Fuller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B.2 Report on Study Session items.

Councilmember Froehlich reported on the following items:

- Mr. Erik Radle provided an update on the Love the Branch marketing campaign.
- An update on possible entertainment options for Liberty Fest 2013, which will feature a country & western act this year.

B.3 Report on items of Community Interest. Pursuant to Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code the City Council may report on the following items: 1.) expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences, 2.) information about holiday schedules, 3.) recognition of individuals, 4.) reminders about upcoming city events, 5.) information about community events and 6.) announcements involving an imminent threat to public health and safety.

Mayor Pro Tem Koch reported the court has ruled the next general election will be based on single member districts. The May 2013 general election will have candidates on the ballot for District 1 and District 4.

Mayor Glancy announced a joint meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council to be held on February 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Fire Station Administration Building regarding zoning on the west side of the City.

Gary Greer, City Manager, presented the following report to the community:

Traffic alert for westbound Valley View – closed for a sewer main repair through mid-February

Annual Great Backyard Bird Count – 16th annual event held on February 16 at the Farmers Branch Bird Sanctuary or on February 18th at the John F. Burke Nature Preserve
Landscaping with Roses Classes – held weekly through February 16th

Writers' Organization Book Launch & Author Signing – to be held on February 9 at Manske Library

Ancient Egyptian Exhibit held over at Manske Library – has been extended until February 16

Congratulations to staff:

- Stacy Wright – appointed to Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee for Texas Environmental Excellence
- Farmers Branch Police Hostage Negotiation Team – named "Team of the Year" by Texas Association of Hostage Negotiators

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Consider approval of minutes of city council meeting of January 22, 2013 and take appropriate action.**
- C.2 Consider adopting Resolution No. 2013-008 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Climatec, LLC dba Cohesive Automation, in the amount of \$135,300 to replace the City Hall building automation system for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) and take appropriate action.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Koch to approve Consent Agenda Items C.1 and C.2; motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SESSION

No items.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- E.1 Consider adopting Resolution No. 2013-009 adopting the City's Strategic Plan for 2013 and take appropriate action.**

Rachael Johnson, Assistant to the City Manager provided a presentation on the City's Strategic Plan for 2013.

Motion by Councilmember Robinson; motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Koch. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council reconvened into Executive Session at 6:28 p.m.

- F.1 Discuss economic development incentives and deliberations - Texas Government Code Section 551.087.**
(a) Consider an incentive package for Project Teddy Bear.
(b) Discuss retention incentives for the Wal-Mart Supercenter located at 13307 Midway Road, Farmers Branch, Texas.
- F.2 Discuss land acquisitions - Texas Government Code Section 551.072.**
Discuss purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in the following area: for the area generally bounded by the Dallas North Tollway, Valwood Parkway and Belt Line Road, I-635 and President George Bush Tollway.

The City Council concluded Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

THE COUNCIL RECONVENES INTO OPEN SESSION.

The City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:55 p.m.

G.1 Consider necessary action on items discussed in the Executive Session.

The following motion was made relating to Agenda Item F.1(a):

Motion by Councilmember Froehlich that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City of Farmers Branch a tax abatement agreement with Nafal Realty Group, LLC, Nafal Professional Services, Inc. and La Bodega Meat, Inc. which provides an abatement of fifty percent (50%) taxable value of the tangible personal property located at 14330 Gillis Road for years one through five (1-5) and seventy-five percent (75%) abatement for years six through ten (6-10). Motion seconded by Councilmember Fuller; motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on Agenda Item F.1(b), Agenda Item F.2, or Agenda Item F.3.

G.2 Adjournment.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Scott to adjourn; motion seconded Councilmember Robinson. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

William P. Glancy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Kelly, City Secretary