



City of Farmers Branch City Council Minutes

3 p.m. Study Session
6 p.m. Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Farmers Branch City Hall
13000 William Dodson Pkwy
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Council Chambers

- Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Robert C. Dye
- Present:** 5 - Mayor Pro Tem John Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner; Council Member Ana Reyes, Council Member Bronson Blackson; Council Member Terry Lynne
- Staff:** - Charles Cox, City Manager; John Land, Deputy City Manager; Amy Piukana, City Secretary; Pete Smith, City Attorney; Tina Figgins, Director of Planning; Benjamin Williamson, Assistant to City Manager, Allison Cook, Director of Economic Development; Jeff Harting, Director of Parks and Recreation; Brian Beasley Director of Human Resources; David Hale, Police Chief; Jay Siegal, Deputy Police Chief; Steve Parker, Fire Chief; Shane Davis, Director of Sustainability and Environmental Services; Marc Bentley, Director of Public Works

A. CALL TO ORDER - STUDY SESSION

Mayor Dye called the Study Session meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

A.1 TMP-2614 Discuss regular City Council meeting agenda items.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner asked for clarification on Agenda Item I.2, in regards to the Electrical Code, and if it includes LED lighting.

Director of Community Services Hugh Pender stated the energy code will be brought forward next, and cycles prior to other codes. He noted we are going from 2014 Electrical Code to 2017 Electrical Code standards. He stated tonight's code upgrade does not include LED lighting. He explained that would be covered through the Energy Code.

Council Member Lynne asked for clarification regarding Agenda Item I.3, on the Public Art and Culture Board, in regards to the one-year term.

Deputy City Manager John Land replied stating this is an Ad Hoc Committee, and is set up for a one-year assignment; afterwards, City Council can review to see if the board is still necessary.

Council Member Lynne suggested increasing the board to seven members to allow additional citizens to serve on the board.

Council Member Blackson stated he feels five members is adequate, noting this is an Ad Hoc Committee which requires specific requirements to the serve on the board.

Council Member Reyes suggested moving forward and revisiting again in one year.

A.2 TMP-2625 Receive a report from Farmers Branch Night Out.

Assistant to City Manager Ben Williamson briefed City Council regarding the Farmers Branch Night out event being held April 5th.

Council Member Reyes asked if these are community engagement events, and clarified if the name change should be amended to night out instead of Town Hall meeting.

Mr. Williamson replied stating all marketing material has it as Farmers Branch Night Out.

City Secretary Amy Piukana briefed City Council regarding Board and Commission recruitment, which has been combined with Farmers Branch Night Out on April 5, 2018. She stated notification letters will be sent out to all members with expiring terms, and interviews would be held in May, for June appointments.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood suggested being cognizant of the residents that wish to apply for more than one board, when scheduling interviews.

A.3 TMP-2595 Receive a report from the Senior Advisory Board and discuss Senior Center operational policies and potential modifications.

Senior Advisory Board Chairman Matt Rice introduced the following Senior Advisory Board Members in attendance: Dale Sheaffer, Ruth Fuls, Joe Wallen, and Beth Ferrell. He explained the Board agreed to modify policies to allow rentals, alcohol, and implementing a non-resident fee. He noted a \$15 non-resident fee was discussed.

Council Member Lynne asked if the \$15 fee is paid annually.

Mr. Rice confirmed this would be an annual non-resident membership fee.

Council Member Lynne explained all items are still under discussion among the City Council and no official action has been taken.

After discussion, City Manager Charles Cox explained the City would move forward with a global rental policy for Council's review at the next City Council meeting.

A.4 TMP-2623 Receive an update from the Sustainability Committee

Sustainability Committee Chairman David Griggs introduced the following committee members in attendance: Amy Rogers, Charles Lawless, and Jeffrey Prutz and Pat Link. Mr. Griggs provided an overview of sustainability. He explained the Committee has been working on Recycling and Waste Reduction, Education, and Resource Conservation.

Ms. Link provided an update on the alignment of Keep Farmers Branch Beautiful. She explained the program was created in order to expand community improvement programs, non-profits, and is within alignment of the City's sustainability initiatives. The next item discussed was Recycling and Waste. She stated the board has created a recycling

campaign, bulk brush, and hazardous waste disposal process.

Mr. Griggs explained a Resource Conservation Subcommittee was created and has proposed an energy and water audit plan, residential and small business education and awareness plan, and is performing an analysis of exploring renewable energy. He noted the next steps are to review the energy audit findings, finalize the water conservation plan, and explore more renewable energy.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner discussed implementation time lines, areas of focus, and costs associated with implementation.

Mr. Davis explained once Council provides direction, the City will meet with CWD regarding costs to implement.

Council Member Lynne suggested providing education material through the permit process, starting with our new home developments.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner suggested requiring a dumpster on site for home remodels to encourage recycling of construction materials.

Mr. Davis noted there would be a tipping fee involved.

Council Member Reyes asked if the City has discussed these ideas with contractors.

Mr. Davis replied, stating he hasn't met with local contractors yet, however; he agrees with Council Member Lynne to implement through the permit process.

Council Member Lynne suggested once our energy contract comes up, to research solar and power generators.

Mr. Cox replied stating our current contract expires in 2020, and the City plans to bid out facilities and look at all options.

A.5 TMP-2640 Discuss the City's Road Hump Policy.

Director of Public Works Marc Bentley briefed City Council regarding this item. Mr. Bentley spoke reviewing the criteria for the road hump policy. He explained residents submit a request with 25% of residence in the affected areas. He further stated the street length minimum is 1500 feet. He noted 85% of the speed must be greater than or equal to 36 mph, traffic volumes must be between 400-4,000 vehicles per day, and the Fire Department's response time cannot increase beyond 4 minutes and 59 seconds. He noted a petition is required with a minimum of 80% of the properties owners signature. He explained the cost for installation is between \$5,000-\$6,000, to install a street hump.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood asked why the 1500 length requirement was determined.

Mr. Bentley replied explaining in his research, it seems to be comparable with other cities.

Council Member Lynne asked why this item is being discussed tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood replied stating recently the City received a petition for neighbors at Primrose requesting speed humps, and the petition was denied. He requested this item, in order to receive clarification on the process.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood asked the Fire Chief what his opinion was on the effects of road humps and public safety.

Fire Chief Steve Parker spoke stating road humps are hard on the Fire Trucks suspension systems. He noted it's difficult to transport injured patients with speed humps.

Council Member Lynne suggested utilizing a digital radar speed sign that reflects the drivers speed instead of speed humps. He asked what the cost would be for such a sign.

Council Member Reyes replied stating she estimates the cost to be around \$16,000 for a flashing sign.

Mr. Bentley stated recently Coppell removed several road humps due to its effects on emergency services.

City Manager Charles Cox stated we will research the price of an illuminated speed sign and report back to Council.

A.7 18-40 Discuss agenda items for future City Council meetings.

Deputy City Manager John Land explained entry monument signs are moving forward, he is meeting with la terra on Friday. He stated three tiers are targeted (west side, central areas, and east side). He noted a video with the presentation would be provided to show the consultants recommendations. He stated it could be brought forward as a Study Session item, if Council wishes.

Council Member Blackson asked for a future agenda item to discuss the City's residential masonry ordinance.

Council Member Lynne suggested adding additional color to the medians, such as crepe myrtles, to help break up the greenery. He asked for a future item or report on Code Enforcement recycle bins, a follow up on the Atmos gas lines, and more discussion on the Police Departments salary.

Council Member Reyes asked for a review of our older multifamily units in regards to inspections with Atmos, boiler issues, and system failures. She asked that the city take proactive measures on code fixes to our multi-family housing dwellings.

Council Member Lynne announced next Friday at 10 a.m., Atmos is planning to hold a mock line strike in Plano.

Mayor Dye recessed from the regular meeting for a short break at 4:50 p.m. and reconvened into closed executive session at 5:02 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- B.1 18-42 Council may convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate regarding:**
- ***Discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property located east of I-35, south of Valwood, west of Webb Chapel, and north of 635.***

Council may convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate regarding:

- *Discuss contemplated litigation with the City Attorney regarding Town of Addison water rights permit for Farmers Branch Creek.*

Mayor Dye recessed from closed executive session at 5:41 p.m.

C. CALL TO ORDER (6 P.M. REGULAR MEETING)

Mayor Dye called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

D. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A representative from CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations) provided the invocation. Council Member Reyes introduced a local group of Girl Scouts who led the pledge of allegiance and pledge to the Texas Flag.

E. CEREMONIAL ITEM

E.1 TMP-2626 Presentation of the SAVES recognition award to Officer Jose Cortes from Point Blank Enterprises.

Mayor Dye and representatives with Point Blank Enterprises presented the Saves recognition award to Farmers Branch Officer Jose Cortes. Chief Hale passed around the lifesaving vest that protects our first responders.

E.2 TMP-2627 Presentation of the Farmers Branch Fire Department's Award of Exemplary Action to 9-year-old Michaias Griffin for helping save the life of his mother on the evening of January 31, 2018.

Mayor Dye and Fire Chief Steve Parker provided 9-year-old Michaias Griffin the Award of Exemplary Action for helping save the life of his mother on the morning of January 31, 2018.

E.3 TMP-2628 Presentation of the Farmers Branch Fire Department's Award of Exemplary Action to 6-year old Olivia Aldridge for helping save the life of her grandfather on the evening of January 20, 2018.

Mayor Dye and Fire Chief Steve Parker provided 6-year old Olivia Aldridge the Award of Exemplary Action for helping save the life of her grandfather on the evening of January 20, 2018.

F. REPORT ON STUDY SESSION ITEMS

Council Member Reyes provided a report on study session items.

G. MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Council Member Lynne recognized Eagle Gun Range for their commitment and contribution to the City of Farmers Branch.

City Manager Charles Cox provided the following community announcements:

- All residents are invited to gather in celebration of the City at the first-ever Farmers Branch Night Out event, planned for Thursday, April 5 from 6 until 8 p.m. at three locations. Councilmembers Reyes and Norwood will be at the Gussie pavilion outside City Hall; Councilmembers Bomgardner and Blackson will be at the Manske Library amphitheater; and Mayor Dye and Councilmember Lynne will be at Brookhaven College. There will be opportunities for discussion on many topics, including Economic Development, the Charter

Election, Boards and Commissions recruitment, bonds and budget and much more. Call 972.247.3131 for more information.

- The first education class for prospective backyard chicken owners has been planned for Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center. Residents are required to pre-register for the class by contacting Animal Services at 972.919.8770.
- Please be aware that the Camping Under the Stars event at the Farmers Branch Historical Park has been canceled. Instead, a Saturday morning Nature Event has been planned for March 17 from 8 until 11 a.m. including a craft activity, a bird walk and a scavenger hunt. For more information or to register, call 972.406.0184.
- Musician Bing Futch, described as the Jimi Hendrix of the mountain dulcimer, will perform in a concert at the Farmers Branch Senior Center on Thursday, March 29 at 1 p.m. Boasting a variety of genres, Mr. Futch concentrates on Americana, blues, rock and roll and world music. Admission to the concert is free.
- Most City offices will be closed on Friday, March 30, in observance of the Good Friday Holiday. The Community Recreation Center, Aquatics Center and Historical Park will operate limited hours and trash and recycling will be collected on schedule. Call 972.247.3131.
- You can sign up for that eNews at farmersbranchtx.gov to have current City news and information delivered directly to your eMail box.

Council Member Lynne shared a commendation on Eagle Gun Range for their support to the community. He stated they have given back to our community, and truly care.

H. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizens present that wished to speak.

I. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- I.1 18-41 **Consider approving minutes of the special City Council meeting held on February 28, 2018 and the regular City Council meeting held on March 6, 2018; and take appropriate action.**
- I.2 ORD-3489 **Consider adopting Ordinance No. 3489, amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IV Electrical Standards adopting the 2017 Edition of the National Electric Code with local amendments; and take appropriate action.**
- I.3 R2018-28 **Consider approving Resolution No. 2018-28, establishing the Public Art and Culture AD HOC Committee; and take appropriate action.**

Motion made by Council Member Blackson to approve Consent Items I.1 through I.3, as presented. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Blackson, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

J. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

- J.1 ORD-3492 **Conduct a public hearing and consider adopting Ordinance No. 3492**

for a Specific Use Permit for a warehouse, distribution, light fabrication and assembly business located in the existing building at 12400 Ford Road; and take appropriate action.

Director of Planning and Development Tina Firgens briefed City Council regarding this item. Ms. Firgens explained the applicant is requesting approval of a Specific Use Permit for a stone countertop fabrication and distribution business, including the warehousing and distribution of related type of products. The property is located within Planned Development District No. 74 (PD-74).

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood stated he toured with the applicant, noting the old Buchanan building. He stated we toured one year ago, needed repair, and the applicant has invested in the property and the owners will improve the roof, and HVAC.

Council Member Blackson clarified; there will be no outside storage, or truck traffic.

Ms. Firgens replied stating the applicant has not requested any outdoor storage, noting trucks are not allowed.

Council Member Reyes asked if the applicant could request outdoor use in the future, and would it require a Specific Use Permit.

Applicant Matt Nafziger replied stating he does not plan to expand any time soon and reassured the Council that he would protect the green space.

Mayor Dye opened the public hearing. There was no one that wished to speak.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner to close the public hearing and approve Ordinance No. 3492, as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Blackson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Blackson, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

J.2 ORD-3493 Conduct a public hearing and consider adopting Ordinance No. 3493 for a Specific Use Permit amendment for a hotel located at 1570 Mira Lago Boulevard; and take appropriate action.

Director of Planning and Development Tina Firgens briefed City Council regarding this item. Ms. Firgens explained the applicant is requesting an amendment to the Hampton Inn SUP for the approved building elevations to reflect a change in architectural style. She further stated the applicant has requested minor changes to the site plan. She explained one special exception is to the setback requirement along Mira Lago Boulevard; this special exception has been requested by the proposed ordinance. The SUP amendment includes an additional special exception to the architectural standard, roof design requirements of PD-81.

Mayor Dye asked when the groundbreaking is scheduled.

Ms. Firgens stated the developer broke ground on the building pad and garage.

Applicant Darsit Bhakta spoke explaining this is the new prototype, and once Council approves, he will move forward with construction.

Council Member Lynne asked what the cost savings was with the new design.

Mr. Bhakta replied stating he does not have exact numbers, however; the new prototype is cheaper with the new roof design.

Council Member Blackson stated he supports this development, noting it looks more modern and stream lined.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner asked when the target completion date is set for.

Mr. Bhakta replied stating March or April of 2019.

Mayor Dye opened the public hearing. There were no citizens that wished to speak.

Motion made by Council Member Blackson to close the public hearing and approve Ordinance No. 3493, as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynne. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Blackson, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

J.3 R2018-26 Conduct a public hearing and consider approving Resolution No. 2018-26 for a Detailed Site Plan for the construction of a new warehouse and office building located at 13309 Senlac Drive; and take appropriate action.

Director of Planning and Development Tina Firgens briefed City Council regarding this item. Ms. Firgens explained the applicant is proposing to construct a new warehouse and office building at 13309 Senlac Drive. She explained the property is located within Planned Development District No. 77 (PD-77). The proposed site plan includes one special exception request on building setbacks requirements. She noted the applicant is going to relocate the drainage channel to allow better use of the property. She noted City Engineering and the Valwood Improvement Authority would review to ensure proper installation.

Mayor Dye opened the Public Hearing. There were no citizens that wished to speak.

Motion made by Council Member Lynne to close the public hearing and approve Resolution No. 2018-26, as presented. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Blackson, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

K. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

K.1 TMP-2615 Receive an update from Woven Health Clinic.

Ms. Lisa Rigby representing Woven Health Clinic spoke explaining the Woven Health Clinic is a 501(c) (3) community health care clinic that helps uninsured and under-insured adults build healthier, happier, and more productive lives. She stated the clinic is reinventing healthcare delivery through an innovative patient-centric model of healthcare,

providing high quality integrated care focused on wellness and disease prevention that's accessible, affordable, and comprehensive. She reviewed the vision, and mission of the clinic, and provided statistics on patients and community outreach. She noted the Woven Clinic is expanding a 1,000 square feet to the current Clinic. She invited all the Council to come and see the clinic and experience what they do.

Council Member Bomgardner thanked Ms. Rigby for her presentation, and stated he would support an additional percentage of funding to the Woven Clinic.

Council Member Reyes stated she supports the program, encouraging more walks on the utilizing the City's trail system.

Council Member Blackson asked if the Walk With a Doc Program has been successful and suggested more advertising in Farmers Branch.

Ms. Rigsby replied stating 25-30 people have attended the event. She explained she is learning how to better publicize the event, which includes reaching out to schools, churches, etc., noting this will increase participation.

K.2 TMP-2616 Receive an update from The Family Place.

Assistant to City Manager Ben Williamson introduced Dr. Felicia Holloway with The Family Place spoke stating she is the Program Director. She provided an update on The Family Place, noting many families utilize their services, which includes counseling, noting most services are free. She stated safety for families is important. She stated many children and families are utilizing The Family Place. She explained outreach is key, noting Farmers Branch Police Officers attended an open house recently. She stated she is working CFBISD Teachers, to let them know of the available shelters.

Council Member Reyes thanked Dr. Holloway for her assistance. She asked regarding the outreach programs, what type of educational programs could the City host at our Recreation Center.

Dr. Holloway stated that's a great questions, and she is interested in exploring ideas of how to work better with the City. She noted the "Bee Project" would be great for children attending the recreation center.

Council Member Reyes noted the City has Citizens on Patrol, Police Academy, and Student Explorers could all incorporate with the program

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner asked for more statistical analysis on services provided to Farmers Branch residents.

Dr. Holloway said she would provide this data.

Council Member Reyes asked for clarification if a client is considered a family unit or per person.

Dr. Holloway replied stating that is per person.

K.3 R2018-20 Consider approving Resolution No. 2018-20 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Phoenix 1 Restoration and Construction for repairs to the Gilbert House in

the amount of \$239,980; and take appropriate action.

Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Harting briefed the City Council regarding this item. Mr. Harting explained the Gilbert House was constructed in 1856 and is on its original foundation. The Gilbert House is a unique structure and is listed as a Registered Texas Historic Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places. The plaster on the interior walls has shown cracks for many years. Engineers and architects have been retained through the years to investigate but no concerns beyond "normal" settling had been identified. He noted JQ Engineering firm has historical expertise, and was hired to do the work to stabilize the wall. He noted plans and specifications to stabilize the Gilbert House with the addition of a concrete foundation beneath the Gilbert House has been requested. He noted the Texas Historical Commission was consulted and they agreed with the findings and recommended solution.

Council Member Blackson asked if the architect will be able to fix the problem and if the tree would need to be removed, which he heard may be causing the problem.

Mr. Harting replied stating, yes it will fix the problem by stabilizing and won't allow it to get worse. He stated once the digging begins he will review the tree roots to see if they are the issue.

Council Member Lynne asked did you consider MUD jacking.

Mr. Harting replied stating MUD jacking was not recommended.

Mr. Bill Morgan spoke with Gallagher Construction stating the MUD jacking process would require lifting the building. He noted a stone wall needs to be lifted, and lifting could affect the structure.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood asked if this fix is for the whole house.

Mr. Harting stated this will cover the entire house.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood noted he has met with the Sub Committee of the Historical Preservation and Restoration Board, and they asked if there is a plan once the house is excavated, to comb through and see if any artifacts could be retained.

Mr. Harting explained the Texas Historical Commission has been consulted and an archaeologist will be onsite during the repair to review all artifacts. He noted since the State is involved, it would be up to the State if they retain or we could retain the items.

Motion made by Council Member Lynne to approve Resolution No. 2018-20, as presented. Motion seconded Mayor Pro Tem Norwood. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Blackson, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

K.4 R2018-21 Consider approving Resolution No. 2018-21 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Solar System, Inc. for the repairs of the Old Church.

Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Harting briefed City Council regarding this item. The

Old Church is a significant structure in the Historical Park. The Church has issues that appeared to staff to be from moisture. He noted there is insufficient ventilation and drainage beneath the structure. He noted the City hired an Architecture firm.

Mr. Harting stated Architexas (Architecture firm) recommends increasing the elevation of the Old Church by adding to the existing foundations and modifying drainage under and around the structure. Other repairs will be necessary including a new access ramp due to increased floor elevation, siding, flooring, and hvac repairs.

Mr. Harting stated Gallagher Construction Services assisted with the bid proposals and four proposals were received. The consultants and staff found that Solar System, Inc. d/b/a McMillan Movers proposal of \$411,356 was the lowest responsible proposal for this project.

Council Member Blackson asked if this will fix the problem and if we continue to budget for future maintenance. He asked if we have already paid for partial work.

Mr. Harting stated this should take care of it, noting we do budget for future projects, and have paid partial construction management fees.

Council Member Lynne stated he supports the Historical Park and asked if we spend these funds, will it prohibit us from using these funds elsewhere.

Ms. Evans-Jones stated the original budget for these two projects was \$650,000. Ms. Evans-Jones stated this additional cost exceeds our original fund, but does not take us off target.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner stated when he reviews the analysis; he sees a 40% higher delta in price. He asked if it's truly worth the extra cost.

Mr. Morgan stated they had good references, however; it was a different type of work, the problem is lifting a historical building, you could lose the entire building, it has to be raised high enough to get underneath. He stated, safety and the structural integrity went into the decision making process.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood asked if we need to adjust the motion to add \$145,000 contingency amount for the remaining project cost.

Mr. Harting stated the total cost is included within the Resolution.

Mr. Cox reviewed the documents explaining the overage amount is included and no contingency is necessary.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Norwood to approve Resolution No. 2018-21, as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynne. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Blackson, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

K.5 Consider approving Resolution No. 2018-27 authorizing a Commercial

Facade Revitalization Grant Agreement for 4300 - 4350 Alpha Rd.; and take appropriate action.

Director of EDC Allison Cook briefed City Council regarding this item. In 2012, a Commercial Facade Revitalization Program (Program) was developed and funded to encourage property owners to enhance the publicly viewed areas of their buildings. The Program is set up as a single payment reimbursement to property owners per building/business, and in some situations, tenants. Facade grants are available with a minimum project value of \$2,000 and a maximum reimbursement of \$50,000 per grant, unless otherwise approved by the City Council. Since the Program's inception, ten grants have been approved: 12879 Josey Lane, 12895 Josey Lane, 3212 Beltline Road, and 2914-2920 Valley View Lane, 13610 Midway Road, 13740 Midway Road/Suite 700, and 13720 Midway Road/Suite 100; 200,4464 Sigma Road, and 4885-4887 Alpha Road, and 2275 Valley View Lane.

Mr. Johnathan Beal representing Kennington Commercial briefed City Council regarding this item. He noted he is working with GFF Architects and Preston Pierce Construction and would like to propose the updates below to the properties located at 4300-4350 Alpha Rd. Estimated total value is approximately \$1,106,586.49. Estimated total value of façade work is \$774,522. The request indicates an amount of \$50,000.00; and staff recommends authorizing the maximum grant of \$50,000.00

- Façade and soffit demolition
- Rock salt finish on sidewalks
- Installation of ADA ramps
- Curb and gutter landscaping
- Brick and relay on façade
- Stucco coated soffits
- Steel support columns
- New fascia design for signage
- New storefront doors and glazing
- Paint entirety of exterior on all buildings
- Façade sign circuitry
- Replace recessed can trims
- Replace existing wall packs (LED)

Motion made by Council Member Reyes to approve Resolution No. 2018-27. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynne. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Blackson, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

K.6 **Consider approving Resolution No. 2018-25, adopting the iChoosr program; and take appropriate action.**

Assistant to City Manager Ben Williamson briefed City Council regarding the iChoosr program. He stated the cities of Waco and Fate have already implemented the program and Dickinson is in the process of implementing the plan. Staff reached out to all three cities and they have all provided extremely positive feedback for the program and recommend moving forward with the program. He explained tonight's discussion is to consider the option to partner with iChoosr and participate in the Texas Power Switch

program for the City of Farmers Branch.

Council Member Lynne asked Mr. Williamson if he checked with the City of Fort Worth, and if a disclaimer would be provided noting this is a separate program.

Mr. Williamson stated he would follow up with City of Fort Worth, and noted all agreements for program participation would be handled separately through the vendor.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner to approve Resolution No. 2018-25, as presented. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Norwood. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Blackson, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

Mayor Dye recessed from regular meeting at 8:34 p.m. and called the executive session meeting to order at 8:42 p.m.

L. TAKE ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion made by Council Member Lynne to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and sign contracts and such other documents that are reasonable and necessary to sell to the Farmers Branch Local Government Corporation for the purpose of resale to Nancy Lorts and/or assigns the property described as Lot 5, Block C of the Revision of Lots 2,3,4,5,6,7, and 8 and in Block C of Farmersdell Addition, more commonly known as 12934 Harrisburg Circle for a purchase and sales price of not less than \$112,000 with the resale of said property to be subject to a restriction agreement requiring construction of a single family residence of not less than 2800 square feet of air conditioned space with an assessed value of the property upon completion of construction, inclusive of both land and improvements, to be not less than \$535,000. Motion seconded by Council Member Blackson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Blackson, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Blackson to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Norwood. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Blackson, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Signed: _____

Attest: _____

Mayor

City Secretary