



City of Farmers Branch City Council Minutes

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

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

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

Council Chambers

- Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Robert C. Dye
- Present:** 4 - Mayor Pro Tem John Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner; Council Member Ana Reyes; Council Member Terry Lynne
- Absent:** 1 - Council Member Bronson Blackson
- 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 18-43 Discuss regular City Council meeting agenda items.

There was no discussion on this item.

A.2 18-47 Receive an update from Oakbrook Homeowners Association on infrastructure improvement.

City Manager Charles Cox briefed City Council regarding this item. Mr. Cox reviewed the infrastructure issues Oakbrook Homeowner's Association (OCSA) has with its six private streets. He noted three concrete streets are still in good condition, however; the three asphalt streets need repairs. He stated in October 2017, the City proposed the OCSA to 1) fund OCSA-owned water & sewer lines under asphalt streets separately, 2) OCSA required to increase dues by at least \$50 per month for future infrastructure improvements, and if the above requirements met, then the City would recycle all three asphalt streets, and bid/manage street and utility contracts. He noted the ongoing maintenance for streets/utilities is the OCSA responsibility, and the offer would be valid until September 30, 2018.

Mr. Cox explained the following OCSA actions have been taken. On March 15, 2018 the Association held a Special Meeting/Election to review the following two ballot items:

Ballot Item #1 – Covenant Amendment

- ▶ Creates Infrastructure Assessment
- ▶ Increases Monthly Dues/Assessments by \$100 for Years 1-10
- ▶ Reduces Monthly Dues/Assessments to \$50 for Years 11+
- ▶ Passed by 75% (67% required)

Ballot Item #2 – Loan Approval

- ▶ Approves 10-year loan of \$750,000
- ▶ Passed by 74% (67% required)

Mr. Cox explained the next steps are to utilize the street recycling funding through the Street Bond Program, enter into a Local Government Code Chapter 380 Incentive Agreement, and obtain Bid Specs with timelines under evaluation, noting the project is scheduled for completion by December 2018.

Council Member Reyes asked if this is a one-time request for assistance, or will there be future funding requests.

Mr. Cox replied stating this is a one-time request, and the HOA Community will handle all future road improvements.

Council Member Reyes asked if individual meters would be installed.

Mr. Cox replied stating this does not include meters, noting that would need to be phased over time due to the projects expense. He further stated the City would move forward with the Local Government Code Chapter 380 Incentive Agreement.

A.3 TMP-2646 Discuss the Oncor LED Street Lighting Program.

Public Works Project Manager John Roach introduced Oncor Street Light Manager Gil Salazar. Mr. Salazar reviewed the LED Streetlight History, new lighting tariff, and community outreach. He explained the Pilot Program began with six locations, eight manufacturers in years 2010-2018. He stated upon evaluation they reviewed the reliability of technology, light quality, energy efficiency, and unit pricing.

Mr. Salazar reviewed the new lighting tariff, which became active April 1, 2018, which includes LED for new subdivisions and maintenance replacements. He stated the new LED lighting would be replaced when existing lights have failure. He stated the cost would be included in the monthly rate, noting new monthly rates would be effective after the install and an authorization form is completed.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner asked about cost for high-pressure sodium lighting, and what the annual energy savings would be with LED lighting.

Mr. Salazar stated it would depend on what the City pays with their electric provider.

Mr. Roach explained the City pays a flat rate.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner asked if Oncor has a grid for Farmers Branch, which indicates the age of the existing lights. He stated the City could analyze the data and prioritize replacement lighting accordingly.

Council Member Lynne suggested viewing the City in quadrants to rank areas for lighting replacement and possibly working with HOA's to assist with funding of any specialized lighting, if desired for a specific area.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner asked if the savings is typically around 40% with the LED lighting.

Mr. Cox stated the City pays a flat rate fee, and having to pay for lighting fixtures would offset the savings initially.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner discussed installation charges, maintenance and energy costs.

Mr. Salazar stated based on the market, it appears the high pressure sodium lighting will over time be phased out. He further stated that all cities over the next five years will be switching to the LED lighting poles.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood asked what the annual maintenance fee would be, noting the type of fixture drives the rates. He stated a third party vendor could be utilized to remove the streets lights and this could be coordinated with the smart city project to help with costs.

Mayor Dye stated we need to look at operations and maintenance.

Council Member Lynne suggested installing smart poles at the beginning and end of streets.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner suggested transitioning the major artery streets first.

Council Member Reyes asked if the City initially chooses the cobra head lighting design, then decides to change it, would that be possible.

Mr. Salazar stated with the proactive plan, the City could change the design plan.

Mayor Dye asked for consensus from the City Council, if the City wishes to move forward and authorize replacement lighting to be switched to the LED lights.

The Council agreed to authorize new and replacement lighting be upgraded to the LED technology.

Mr. Cox asked Mr. Salazar if there are any health concerns with switching to the LED lighting.

Mr. Salazar replied stating research does not indicate any affects.

A.4 TMP-2670 Receive a quarterly update presentation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ms. Tina Firgens introduced Chairman Jason O'Quinn, with the Planning and Zoning Commission and Commissioner David Moore who were in attendance.

Mr. O'Quinn provided an update on the Planning and Zoning Commissions purpose. He reviewed the following committee strategies: 1) Acts with Ethics & Integrity, 2) Be open and accessible, noting the Commission records the work session portion of the Planning

meetings, 3) to pursue sustainable economic development growth, 4) provide thriving neighborhoods, and 5) provide excellent quality of life.

Mr. O'Quinn reviewed accomplishments noting the Commission had successfully processed two rezoning cases, five Specific Use permits, five site plans, and seven plats over the past twelve month period. He further stated two big accomplishments were the Blue Lake Mixed Use Development, and the Jefferson at Knightsbridge Phase II Development by JPI. He explained the Commission held a successful joint meeting with the City Council in October of 2017, and received the APA Long Range Planning Award for the east side plan. He reviewed the 2018 Work Plan and asked City Council for direction on the following items: 1) Anything the Commission needs to focus on, and 2) Any direction as to how to proceed on a project or program.

Council Member Lynne replied stating his goal is for the Commission to find the highest and best use for City Developments. He asked if there are any issues with turnaround times.

Director of Planning and Development Tina Firgens replied stating the case load has been about 15 to 20 cases. She stated the City has been able to employ a contract planner named Brooks Wilson, to assist with plan review.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood thanked Mr. O'Quinn for his eleven years of service. He stated in his opinion, the Planning and Zoning Commission is headed in the right direction. He contemplated if the Council should be reviewing minor items such as garage height requests, and if the Code needs to be changed. He recalled the recent debate with an ATV motor sport facility location and asks was that the best use for the property. He noted the Council wrestled with the PD-100 zoning district over density, and stated all these issues were reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Council Member Lynne urged the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt a comprehensive land use plan.

Council Member Reyes suggested revisiting landscaping and the benefits of trees with future projects.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner suggested focusing on the east side and west side areas, noting he struggles with I-35 corridor area.

Mr. O'Quinn stated the I-35 corridor needs to be reviewed and suggested having a long range plan of action.

Ms. Firgens stated the City has engaged a company to conduct a market analysis, which is a part of the City's strategic initiatives. She stated the market analysis would provide more details and how to move forward.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner asked if it is too premature to begin a market study.

Ms. Firgens replied stating we are being proactive, and in her opinion, the study would be useful. She further stated we need a vision of what we want to see on the I-35 corridor.

Mr. O'Quinn thanked the City Council, for being forward thinking and their leadership.

A.5 TMP-2648 Receive an update on Police Department Facilities.

Deputy Police Chief Dean Habel briefed City Council regarding this item. He reviewed Justice Center Upgrades, which include security, wall, gates, cameras, ballistic glass, locker room upgrades, and multi-use Building (SWAT Bays/Locker Area, Bike Unit Storage, Vehicle Processing).

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood asked if anything was forgotten.

Deputy Chief Habel replied bathrooms in the locker area might need to be addressed in the future. He further stated the focus was on security and all security items were addressed.

Council Member Reyes asked if the lighting was adequate, and if the Council could tour the facility.

Deputy Chief Habel replied stating the lighting is adequate, and stated he would personally provide the tour to City Council.

A.6 18-48 Discuss agenda items for future City Council meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood asked for discussion on the bike sharrows lanes.

Mr. Cox stated the City will have bond money to work on trail connections, and noted he would ask the consultant to evaluate sharrows to see if they are working properly.

Council Member Reyes asked for discussion on green space percentage requirements.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner suggested reviewing rental policy for single-family homes to include car registration.

Mr. Cox stated we would bring this item back for Council's review.

Mayor Dye recessed from the regular meeting for a short break at 5:06 p.m.

Mayor Dye reconvened into closed executive session at 5:16 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**B.1 18-48 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 north of I-635, south of Valwood, east of I-35, and west of Josey Lane.*

Mayor Dye recessed from closed executive session at 5:48 p.m.

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

Mayor Dye called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

D. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Brother Eddy with The Branch Church provided the invocation, and Council Member Lynne provided the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag.

E. REPORT ON STUDY SESSION ITEMS

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner provided a report on study session items.

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

- The weather is looking great for everyone 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 amphitheatre; 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.
- In anticipation of issuing bonds, which is on tonight's agenda, the City's bond rating has been affirmed at AA+ by both Fitch Ratings and S&P Global Ratings. In their report, Fitch praised the City's budget flexibility, stating "Superior inherent budget flexibility underpins the city's high level of financial resilience through the economic cycle and also has allowed for the maintenance of an ample operating reserve cushion." S&P had similar sentiments. "We view the city's management as very strong with strong financial policies and practices under our methodology, indicating financial practices are strong, well embedded and likely sustainable."
- Mark your calendars for these events coming up in April:
 - There will be a Vintage Base Ball Festival this Saturday at the Farmers Branch Historical Park. First pitch is at 10 a.m.
 - Date Night in the Park returns to the Historical Park on Saturday, April 21. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Admission will be \$5 per person and \$15 for kids under 16.
 - Fishin' Fun in Farmers Branch will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.
- Don't forget that even though the City officers election was canceled since candidates were unopposed, we still have a Charter Amendment Election where voters can decide on 15 possible amendments to the City Charter. Early voting will be April 23 thru May 1. Election Day is Saturday, May 5.
- You can sign up for that eNews at farmersbranchtx.gov to have current City news and information delivered directly to your eMail box.

Mayor Dye noted the STAR test is coming up, and asked that families encourage kids to succeed and help reinforce childrens education. Mayor Dye announced destination of Discovery Program, noting the camp was successful. He stated the program is a launch of the new program. He stated needs are for volunteers and funding for programs. He challenged companies to get involved with the CFBISD Education to get involved. He noted the goal is 200 enrollees this summer.

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no residents that wished to speak.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

- H.1 18-45 Consider approving minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on March 20, 2018; and take appropriate action.**

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| H.2 | TMP-2669 | Consider approving the acceptance of a donation of 25 ergonomic office chairs for the Fire Department from Two Trees Management Company LLC; and take appropriate action. |
| H.3 | R2018-29 | Consider approving Resolution No. 2018-29 for a Detailed Site Plan amendment for pavement expansion for a property located at 13700 Diplomat Drive; and take appropriate action. |
| H.4 | R2018-30 | Consider approving Resolution No. 2018-30 awarding a contract to Fuquay, Inc. for sanitary sewer main inspection and cleaning through the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) Contract # 555-18 in the amount of \$149,942; and take appropriate action. |

Motion made by Council Member Lynne to approve Consent Items H.1 through H.4, as presented. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- I.1 ORD-3494 Conduct a public hearing and consider adopting Ordinance No. 3494 for a Specific Use Permit for a detached garage exceeding 10 feet in height at 13426 Castleton Drive; and take appropriate action.**

Director of Planning and Development Tina Firgens briefed City Council regarding this item. She explained the applicant has requested a detached garage to extend 14 ft. in height at property located at 13426 Castleton Drive. She explained the current zoning is R6, single family residential.

Council Member Lynne asked if the design is consistent with the existing structure and the if the garage area has plumbing.

Ms. Firgens reviewed the design elevations, stating the design is complimentary to the structure.

Applicant Cameron Scooter explained bathroom plumbing has been pre-approved for the garage location.

Council Member Reyes read a letter of support she received from a neighbor, and thanked the applicant for investing in the neighborhood.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner to close the public hearing and approve Ordinance No. 3494, as presented. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Norwood. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

J. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- J.1 ORD-3495 Consider adopting Ordinance No. 3495 authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Farmers Branch, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2018, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed approximately \$11,000,000; levying a tax in payment thereof; prescribing the form of said certificates; approving the Official Statement; enacting other provisions relating thereto; declaring an effective date; and, take appropriate action.**

Mayor Dye explained Agenda Items J.1 and J.2 would be reviewed together.

Director of Finance Sherrelle Evans-Jones briefed City Council regarding this item. She explained Ordinance No. 3495 and Ordinance 3496 review details for the issuance and sale of the certificates authorized by Resolution No. 2018-06. In addition, an opportunity exists to provide for the combined issuance and sale of voter authorized bonds remaining from the May 2014 bond election for street improvements totaling \$9,000,000 and a portion of voter authorized bonds totaling \$5,000,000 from the November 2017 bond election for park and open space improvements (\$4,000,000) and residential revitalization (\$1,000,000), in order to realize interest rate and cost of issuance savings. To realize these savings, the Certificates are being offered by the City concurrently with the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018. The Certificates and Bonds are separate and distinct securities offerings being issued and sold independently except for the common Official Statement. She noted this agenda item supports the City Council goal to maintain responsible stewardship of taxpayers' investments in the community.

Managing Director of Hilltop Securities Boyd London provided a presentation reviewing key dates for Series 2018 General Obligation and Certificate of Obligation Issuance. He reviewed the financial details of a May 2018 issuance, noting the City received a AA+ rating from S&P Fitch.

Council Member Lynne asked what kept the City from receiving a Triple A rating.

Mr. London replied stating demographics may have affected the rating.

Council Member Reyes clarified, are you referencing population demographics.

Mr. London replied stating yes, population demographics.

Council Member Lynne asked if Mr. London if the new developments would be beneficial in obtaining a Triple A rating.

Mr. London stated within the next 3 years, the City might be able to obtain the Triple A rating due to the demographics from the new developments.

Motion made by Council Member Lynne to approve Ordinance No. 3495, as presented. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Norwood to close the public hearing and approve Ordinance No. 3496, as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Reyes. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

- J.2 ORD-3496 Consider adopting Ordinance No. 3496 providing for the issuance of City of Farmers Branch, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed approximately \$14,000,000; awarding the sale of said bonds; levying a tax in payment thereof; approving the Official Statement and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; enacting other provisions relating thereto; declaring an effective date; and, take appropriate action.**

This item was reviewed and approved with Agenda item J.1.

- J.3 TMP-2647 Receive an update on the Atmos Pipeline Replacement Program.**

Special Projects Manager Roach introduced Jan Rugg, Manager of Public Affairs, Celina Cardenas Fleites, Manager of Public Affairs, Chris Felan, Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs, and Allen Hawkins, Director of Operations.

Mr. Felan provided a brief history about Atmos noting their vision is to be the safest natural gas provider for their systems, public safety and employee safety. He stated Atmos follows their prescriptive program requiring leak surveys at least annually for all systems within a business district, every five years for non-business districts PE Systems, every three years for all non-business districts CP protected steel systems, and every two years for all other non-business district systems. He explained Atmos exceeds minimum required replacement percentages.

Mr. Cardenas Fleites spoke regarding safety. She stated Atmos has a comprehensive pipe replacement program with no cast iron. She further stated since 2011, Atmos has more than \$5 million invested, more than 2,000 lines replaced, and has reduced excavation damage per 1,000 by 36%. She explained the replacement pace was influenced by several factors. She reviewed a map of the City of Farmers Branch Natural Gas Distribution System map.

Mr. Hawkins reviewed the Mid Tex Capital Spending chart from 2005 to 2022 projections.

Council Member Reyes asked for street names to be added to the natural gas

distribution map, and noted many homes were built in the 1950's, asking if the steel piping is safe.

Mr. Hawkins replied stating he would add the street names, and stated Atmos is reviewing data to ensure safety for the community.

Council Member Reyes asked about the gas detection technology being used through a vehicle to detect leaks.

Mr. Hawkins replied stating we have 6 cars that are sent out to detect leaks. He stated Farmers Branch does have some steel pipes, and Atmos is continuing to monitor and replace.

Council Member Reyes asked that a vehicle be added to the list for the City of Farmers Branch to ensure Farmers Branch residents are safe from any leaks. She also asked if the vehicle could detect leaks from alley areas or unpaved surfaces.

Mr. Hawkins stated they have a list, and he would make sure Farmers Branch is on it. He further stated the car can detect alley way leaks, but encouraged residents to not pour concrete on top of gas lines, as it could be destroyed if repairs are necessary.

Council Member Lynne stated with the recent events in North Dallas, what is the replacement schedule for Farmers Branch and if there is a map of available.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner asked how many lines have been replaced, noting based on the data provided it appears 57% of the lines are steel and need to be replaced.

Mr. Hawkins replied stating poly lines are replacing the steel lines. He further stated Atmos is monitoring and replacing as necessary.

Mr. Felan stated he would work with Public Works to provide an update on line replacement.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood asked for clarification on the process of line replacement and how earthquakes are being monitored.

Mr. Hawkins noted they have a threshold to review earthquakes and they currently monitor once it meets the threshold.

MR. Cox stated the City has water and sewer lines similar to Atmos, noting you mentioned a risk based approach. He stated the City looks at leaks, age of lines, and provides replacement. He explained this should be similar to Atmos gas line replacement, and noted the City has a specific schedule of line replacement plans. He explained Atmos should have a risk based map and schedule to identify areas within the City. He noted this information could be useful to the City's first responders (Fire and Police).

Mr. Felan stated lines scheduled to be replaced within 6 months are considered low risk.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood stated Atmos should have a plan that designates specific

areas, and asked that it be provided to the City of Farmers Branch.

Mr. Felan stated he has a five-year plan, and would provide the Council with this information.

J.4 TMP-2649 Receive an update on Keep Farmers Branch Beautiful.

Keep Farmers Branch Beautiful Board Members Patricia Link, Craig Belanger, and Micah Harleaux briefed City Council regarding the Keep Farmers Branch Beautiful (KFBB) program. Ms. Link explained the program was incorporated as a 501c3 on October 9, 2017. She stated the mission is to educate and engage residents to take responsibility for improving their community environment. She reviewed the following accomplishments: the board has selected a logo, conducted their first board meeting, adopted bylaws, developed a strategic plan, signed a contract with the City, procured 2 internet domains, and designed accounting processes. She stated the board has partnered with the City Council, Sustainability and Public Health Department, City Parks and Recreation, working with Roy Rabenaldt, CPA, Coca Cola, and events such as volunteers for two City events, neighborhood door hanger placement advertising bins, and hazardous waste collection.

Council Member Lynne asked what are the needs.

Ms. Link responded stating volunteers.

Mr. Harleaux stated the committee might need to work with the city to distribute education materials with the city's utility billing inserts.

J.5 18-46 Receive an update from the Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce.

President of the Farmers Branch Chamber Nannette Fought provided an update on the Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce. She reviewed the history of the Chamber, noting it began 40 years ago, in 1979. She reviewed the Chamber's mission statement and introduced Laura Bremer who provided a presentation over the Chamber's theme and accomplishments.

Ms. Fought reviewed member services accomplishments, which included the following:

- Texas Workforce Commission luncheon twice a year
- Free SCORE Business Mentoring
- Business Referrals – online and in person
- Listing in Membership Directory
- Advertising & Promotional Opportunities
- Social Media Marketing
- Link from Chamber Website to your website
- Networking Opportunities: Branch Out – 1st & 3rd Wednesday, and First Friday Luncheons
- Ribbon Cuttings & Ground Breakings
- Certificate of Origin Seal

Ms. Fought reviewed the Chambers vision for 2018-19, the challenges with cash flow issues, opportunities, and asked if the City would be willing to assist the Chamber with a website link to the Chamber and assist with an additional \$20,000 in funding.

Council Member Reyes asked what the City could do to assist the Chamber.

Ms. Fought replied stating a more hand in hand partnership with the Chamber would be helpful, noting she works well with EDC Director Allison Cook.

Mayor Dye replied stating he would add the link to the City's website. He asked about there are any funding issues.

Ms. Fought stated she has requested \$25,000 from the City, which could be spread over a two month period.

Mayor Dye asked what other milestones could be accomplished if funding was provided.

Ms. Fought stated she would use the funds to focus on leadership with larger corporations. She noted the Chamber has increased membership dues to help raise more funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood asked what the original budgeted amount for the Farmers Branch Chamber was, and what is left to be released.

Mr. Williamson stated \$10,700 is left over.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood suggested releasing the existing funds (\$10,700) now to assist with the financial needs. He stated the Council and City supports the Chamber, and suggested the Chamber obtain more sponsorships. He asked for a business plan, projections, salaries and all data for the Council to review. He asked that in the future, the Chamber hold a collaborative discussion.

Ms. Fought apologized and stated her intent was not to offend, but to work as a partner with the City.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner asked to see their budget, and revenue from membership. He asked to review expenditures from last year, this year and the projection for next year. He stated not many cities fund their chambers.

Ms. Fought replied stating it is very common for Chambers to receive funding through cities and Economic Development funds.

Council Member Lynne suggested regrouping and visiting with Council Members individually to address any concerns.

J.6 18-49 Receive a report from Community Waste Disposal regarding residential solid waste and recycling collection during the 2017-18 contractual year.

President of CWD Greg Roemer provided City Council an annual review of services

provided. He stated trash is collected twice a week, recycling services for residential properties is serviced weekly, noting residents recycled 1,851 tons of material in 2017. He reviewed community partnership (green events) such as Independence Day and Boards and Commissions. He stated the City received the Keep Texas Beautiful Award. He further stated CWD has a community partnership for a paint reuse program. He summarized stating CWD has provided a bench made from 100% recycled materials.

Mayor Dye asked if recycling for commercial properties was a possibility.

Mr. Roemer replied stating it is possible, however; businesses would need to pay for recycling services.

Council Member Lynne suggested working with Tracy Eubanks with Metrocrest Services on a paint recycling program.

Mr. Cox thanked Mr. Roemer for presentation and customer service to our residents. He stated the City received only 51 complaints throughout the year, which is amazing.

Mayor Dye recessed at 8:47 p.m. and reconvened into closed executive session at 8:57 p.m.

Mayor Dye recessed from closed executive session at 10:12 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

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

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Norwood to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and sign documents that are reasonable and necessary to sell to the Farmers Branch Local Government Corporation an approximately 1.593 acre tract of land located at the northeast corner of I35E and Valley View Lane for a sales price of not less than \$1,101,196, 1.93 acre tract ne corner I35 E and Valley View subject to a requirement that the property be resold to LCP Development Company, LLC and/or assigns subject to requirement LLC and/or signs subject to a restriction agreement subject to a restriction agreement requiring construction of a Starbucks restaurant on a portion of said property; and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an incentive agreement with LCP Development, LLC and/or assigns or the tenants of such property for upscale retail improvements to be constructed on such property. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynne. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynne. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Lynne

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
City Secretary