

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in work session at 6:00 p.m., and regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive on the 13th day of April 2010 with the following members present:

Jim Story	Mayor
Chris Brown	Council Members
Ray Champney	
Roger Fisher	
Lori Nail	
Roy Savage	
Roy W. Turner	

Constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen	City Manager
David Miller	Interim Deputy City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Michael Wells	Acting City Secretary
David Flory	Police Chief
Jill McAdams	Human Resources Director
Bill Syblon	Development Director
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden	Managing Director of Community Services

WORK SESSION

Mayor Story called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

- **Review and discuss items on the regular agenda and consider placing items for approval by consent.**

Council discussed approving the following item(s) by consent: 3a, 3b, 4, 6, and 7.

- **Staff update on the Highway 183 expansion to include aesthetics, drainage, utilities and traffic.**

Interim Deputy City Manager David Miller gave an update on the Highway 183 expansion and generally fielded questions. He stated that the Aesthetics Committee did meet last week on April 9. At the work session on April 8, Council directed staff on the items Council wanted in the aesthetics package. The other cities on the committee agreed on every item with the exception of landscaping. They felt that TXDoT did not do a good job maintaining landscaping now and that the \$2 million could be better spent in other ways. This would include adding treatments to the service road such as staining the retaining and noise walls, and treatments to the inside traffic lanes such as staining, form liners and installing pilasters every 50 feet. The vote on the landscaping was 5-1. The committee will meet again on Thursday, April 15 to finalize the package and color scheme. The consensus of the Council was to go along with the current agreement but to try and press TXDoT to do the prep work for the landscaping.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To convene before the Regular Session, if time permits, in the conference room in compliance with Section 551.001 et. seq. Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

- **Section 551.072, Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations, purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property relative to the Bedford Forum Addition Block 3R, Lot 3.**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code regarding Section 551.072, Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property relative to the Bedford Forum Addition Block 3R, Lot 3 at approximately 7:36 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at approximately 8:02 p.m.

Any necessary action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session will occur during the regular session of the Bedford City Council Meeting.

REGULAR SESSION

Regular session began at 6:37 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION (Pastor Charles Brown, St. Timothy Cumberland Presbyterian Church)

Pastor Charles Brown of St. Timothy Cumberland Presbyterian Church gave tonight's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

OPEN FORUM

Nobody chose to speak under tonight's Open Forum.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilman Champney, seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the following item(s) by consent: 3a, 3b, 4, 6 and 7.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation in observance of Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week.

Mayor Story read and presented a proclamation in observance of Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week.

2. Proclamation in observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Mayor Story read and presented in observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:
- a) March 20, 2010 work session
 - b) March 23, 2010 regular meeting

This item was approved by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Consider a resolution amending Resolution 10-13 ordering the May 8, 2010 General Election by adding the Notice of Election as Attachment A.

This item was approved by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager and/or her designee(s) to begin negotiations with a firm to create a potential contract to provide professional services to rebrand the City of Bedford by creating a new logo and motto.

Councilman Fisher stated that an RFP for rebranding services was sent out and six proposals were received. At last week's work session, Council received presentations from two firms, Torch Creative and Switch Creative. Council was of the consensus that Torch would be the best selection to begin negotiations to develop a contract to rebrand the City of Bedford with the addendum that the negotiations take no more than 60 days.

Motioned by Councilman Fisher, seconded by Councilman Savage, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager and/or her designee(s) to begin negotiations with Torch Creative to develop a contract to provide professional services to rebrand the City of Bedford by creating a new logo and motto with the exception that the time on the negotiations is 60 days.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

6. Consider a resolution endorsing certain legislative changes relating to the sunset review of the Texas Public Utility Commission and the special purpose review of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

This item was approved by consent.

7. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to enter into a professional services contract with Elliott and Hughes, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$29,920 for the design of Sanitary Sewer Creek Crossing Improvements.

This item was approved by consent.

8. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Imaginmedia for improvements to Sotogrande Park.

City Manager Beverly Queen discussed a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Imaginmedia for improvements to Sotogrande Park and generally fielded questions. The City was recently approached by Imaginmedia who is filming a pilot program for a television show. The show would be in the vein of Extreme Home Makeover except that it is a sports related show and they want to makeover a park. They identified Sotogrande Park specifically around the basketball courts. They propose to resurface and renovate the courts and the park around it including adding bleachers. If approved, they plan on starting tomorrow and have it complete by Saturday. The City asked for a legal

agreement that spelled out the responsibilities of both parties. The City did not get such an agreement but were given a release and hold harmless agreement which per the City Attorney will suffice. The City would have the normal protections and coverages that it has on its property now and there will be no additional liability.

Motioned by Councilman Champney, seconded by Councilwoman Nail, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Imaginemedica for improvements to Sotogrande Park

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

9. Review and possible appointment of a board member to fill the vacant seat on the Bedford Senior Activity Center Board created by the death of Susanne Herring. *Item requested by Councilman Savage**

Councilman Savage put this item on the agenda for discussion and possible appointment. Staff has received two applications for the Senior Activity Center Board. After reviewing the applications, Council decided on appointing Mr. J W Hayes to fill the vacant seat of Ms. Herring.

Motioned by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Turner, to appoint Mr. J.W. Hayes to serve out the open term on the Senior Activity Center Board created by the death of Susanne Herring.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

10. Council member reports

a) Mayor Story

- Report on Mayor's Meals on Wheels
- Report on the Heart Walk Kick-Off Breakfast
- Census update and citizen participation
- Report on Tarrant County Mayor's Council meeting of April 6, 2010

Every year there is a national mayors Meals on Wheels event where the mayors go out to deliver meals with the regular delivery people. He does it every year, he really enjoys it, has lots of fun and he meets the nicest people. Anybody who wants to volunteer should because they need people and drivers.

He was invited to attend the Heart Walk Kick-Off Breakfast. They want to get teams together and their goal this year is to raise \$1.75 million. He wanted to see if this could be tied in with the City's Wellness Program.

There have been two meetings regarding the census with apartment managers and faith-based personnel organized by the Community Affairs Commission. Census supervisors came to these meetings to give a brief presentation on the importance of the census which includes how it determines the distribution of grant money and representation in Congress. There are census jobs still available with paid training. For further information, citizens can check the census website or call City staff. He was told that in 2000, there was a 67% return on the mailed census form and for every percentage point, there is a savings of \$85 million dollars in cost.

He attended the Tarrant County Mayors Council meeting last week. Yolanda Garcia Olivares is the new regional administrator for the Small Business Administration. Joe Shannon, the new District Attorney was there to introduce himself and mentioned that home invasions are going to be his main focus. Deputy Police Chief Harland Westmoreland of Euless gave a presentation pushing for every city in Tarrant to be on the same net. There was a representative from Texas Workforce Solutions who runs the returning veterans division which helps returning veterans get jobs. Jeff Sanders of Tarrant Net was there and they are looking for 50 churches in Tarrant County to work together. He mentioned that the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure will be Saturday, April 24.

Councilman Champney– He wanted to mention that Randy Gardner of the Bedford Police Department spoke at his church regarding church safety. He suggested church communities who are interested can call him. They will do a survey of the grounds and give hints and tips on protecting the community.

11. City Manager/Staff reports

City Manager Beverly Queen gave an update on upcoming events. Twilight Thursdays will be held each Thursday night through May 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Bedford School. These are free concerts that showcase different types of music. On April 17, the Old Bedford School will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner titled "Murder on Ice". Get tickets before they sell out. On April 30, there will be a celebration for the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts and Arbor Day. They will be donating and planting trees at Boys Ranch Park at 11:30 a.m.

12. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

No action was necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, Acting City Secretary