

STATE OF TEXAS §

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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 27th day of April 2010 with the following members present:

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

Constituting a quorum.

Roy W. Turner was absent from tonight's meeting.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen	City Manager
David Miller	Deputy City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Michael Wells	Acting City Secretary
Cliff Blackwell	Director of Administrative Services
David Flory	Police Chief
Jill McAdams	Human Resources Director
Bill Shelton	Public Works Superintendent
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: 5a, 5b, 6, 7, 9, and 10.

- **Presentation by Michael Boyter, Chairman of the Beautification Commission, concerning recent Commission activities and Arbor Day activities at Bedford Boys Ranch. \*\*\*Item requested by Councilman Turner**

Michael Boyter, Chairman of the Beautification Commission, gave a presentation concerning recent Commission activities and Arbor Day activities at Bedford Boys Ranch. He took the opportunity to invite everybody to the Boys Ranch Park on April 30 at 11:30 a.m. behind the Senior Center where there will be a ceremony commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the Boys Scouts of America. They will be planting five ceremonial trees which represent five core values of the Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts have purchased 50 trees to donate to the City. They will initially be put in the greenhouse and then

transplanted at Meadowpark. On May 1 the Crud Cruiser will be out at Meadowpark beginning at 9:00 a.m. Residents can utilize the Cruiser to recycle household hazardous waste.

Mr. Boyter announced that the Beautification Commission held their fourth annual Clean Up Bedford Day on April 10 which was held in conjunction with Chunk Your Junk. A total of 266 individuals participated. For Chunk Your Junk, they filled up eight 20-yard containers. A representative from Habitat for Humanity claimed a number of items that would have been thrown away. He wanted to thank groups that participated including: the Bedford Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association and Jeff Coben, Kaner Medical Group and Cinda Nichols, Homewood Suites and Rafael Loqu, Boy Scout Troop #250 and Kevin Brown, Bandera Homeowner's Association and Gaye Liddell and Beryl Companies and Tina Clay. Companies that contributed resources and funds included: CVS, Legacy Medical Imaging, Kroger and Wal-Mart. He wanted to thank Mirinda McQuagge-Walden and Don Henderson for their support, guidance and resources and thanked Council for their support and encouragement. He also thanked Bedford residents for the motivation to undertake these efforts.

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

Deputy City Manager David Miller updated Council on the 183 expansion. He stated that the aesthetics are complete. The current issues are drainage, traffic and the Brown Trail Bridge design. The Aesthetics Committee met and the one thing that came out was that the decorative fencing only covered one side of the bridges. In lieu of that, the Committee went with the Texas rail siding. Many on the Committee felt it was more pleasing than the fencing. TXDoT will get back with the Committee as to why the decorative fencing was only on one side.

Staff met with TXDoT and NTE Mobility Partners Group on April 19 regarding drainage and traffic. It was discovered that TXDoT was working off a newer set of plans than the City's engineers. They did find out that TXDoT agreed to rework the traffic flow on service roads at Forest Ridge and Central. The biggest issue is still with the reduction of lanes on Bedford Road at Airport Freeway. TXDoT did not want to acquire any more right-of-way. Staff is working within parameters that TXDoT has to make the third lane possible.

In regards to egresses and ingresses to shopping centers and restaurants, TXDoT has forwarded an RFI to NTE to address these concerns. One thing that was agreed to was to keep the entrance to Starbucks open.

In regards to drainage plans, they are not the ones that the City's engineers evaluated back in 2008. The engineers will have to reevaluate these newer plans. Notice was served on TXDoT that their failure to address these drainage issues will shift liability for flooding from the City to them.

Regarding the design of the Brown Trail Bridge, it currently has a six foot sidewalk on each side. The new design reduces it to a six foot sidewalk on the east side of the road. This would channel any pedestrian traffic to one side of the bridge and create a dangerous situation. TXDoT has been told that the new design is unacceptable. TXDoT did agree to construct pedestrian islands in the service roads. The new design will also have Texas u-turns on both sides of the bridge. TXDoT has agreed to go back and look over the design again. Staff has also asked them to construct a pedestrian barrier wall between the sidewalk and the Texas u-turn which would prevent a vehicle from coming up on the sidewalk.

TXDoT has asked for six weeks to look at the design, recalculate the drainage issues, and bring back answers. Staff is scheduled to meet with them again on June 1 at 2:00 p.m.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

Regular Session began at 6:35 p.m.

## **CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS**

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION** (Dr. Jeff May, First United Methodist Church)

Dr. Jeff May of First United Methodist Church gave tonight's invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**OPEN FORUM**

Nobody chose to speak during tonight's Open Forum.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT**

Motioned by Councilman Champney, seconded by Councilman Brown, to approve the following item(s) by consent: 5a, 5b, 6, 7, 9 and 10.

Motion approved 6-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

**COUNCIL RECOGNITION**

**1. Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2010 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.**

Mayor Story read and presented a proclamation in observance of Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

**2. Recognition of Hiroko Laukhuf, Crime Scene Tech II and Amy Jones, Crime Scene Tech I for a Bedford Employee Commitment Award (BECA)**

Hiroko Laukhuf, Crime Scene Tech II and Amy Jones, Crime Scene Tech I, were both recognized with the Bedford Employee Commitment Award for going above and beyond the call of duty when immediately responding to a death investigation even though they were not on-call and were two hours away from Bedford.

**3. Employee Service Recognition**

The following employee(s) received recognition for dedicated service and commitment to the City of Bedford:

Jesse Tamayo, Fire Department – 10 years of service  
Brian Meaders, Police Department – 15 years of service

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

**4. John Sargent, President of the Bedford Citizen Corps Council, 721 Hunters Glen Court, Bedford, TX 76021 – Requested to speak to the Council regarding the Bedford Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) first Multi-City Tabletop exercise held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

John Sargent, President of the Bedford Citizen Corps Council, 721 Hunters Glen Court, requested to speak to the Council regarding the Bedford Community Emergency Response Team's (CERT) first multi-city tabletop exercise. They have trained over 200 citizens through 11 classes over the past six years. During the storm event in April of 2008, 25 CERT volunteers showed up at Fire Station 1 at 3:30 a.m. to support the first responders. The volunteers did damage assessments throughout the City in order to prioritize 911 calls. They then came up with a plan to do a joint exercise with neighboring CERT teams.

On March 23, Bedford, Euless, and North Richland Hills partnered on a tabletop exercise which involved approximately 50 volunteers. The scenario was a tornado hitting North Richland Hills. Teams were asked to conduct damage assessments and respond within their training to any issues discovered. In the future, they look forward to working with other CERT teams in the area. On May 1 at 9:00 a.m. they will be conducting a live exercise at Sotogrande which will serve as the graduating exercise for the 11th class.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

5. **Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:**
- a) **April 8, 2010 work session**
  - b) **April 13, 2010 regular meeting**

This item was approved by consent.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

6. **Consider a resolution to reject the bid from M-Co Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$332,111.80 for the 2010 Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation.**

This item was approved by consent.

7. **Consider a resolution to accept the bids and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Axis Construction, L.P. in the amount of \$122,700 for the decommissioning of Brown Trail Well and Central Well.**

This item was approved by consent.

8. **Consider a resolution to accept bids and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Flagship Sweeping Services, Inc. in the amount of \$27,428 for the 2010 Street Sweeping Program.**

Public Works Superintendent Bill Shelton presented information regarding a resolution to accept bids and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Flagship Sweeping Services, Inc. in the amount of \$27,428 for the 2010 Street Sweeping Program. After some discussion, staff recommended to Council that they table this item to give staff until the next meeting to determine if there are any options to amend the storm water management plan at least until this one expires and see what latitude we have to structure a program that is more advantageous to the City. Staff would then come back with a recommendation to approve this contract or change it at the next Council meeting.

Motioned by Councilman Fisher, seconded by Councilwoman Nail to table a resolution to accept bids and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Flagship Sweeping Services, Inc. in the amount of \$27,428 for the 2010 Street Sweeping Program to a future Council meeting.

Motion approved 6-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

9. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Elliott and Hughes, Inc. in the amount of \$34,848 for the design of the Martin Drive Water Line Replacement.**

This item was approved by consent.

10. **Consider a resolution of the City Council of Bedford, Texas, authorizing the purchase of a 2010 Chevrolet Silverado Truck in the amount of \$15,878.17 from Caldwell Chevrolet through the Houston-Galveston Area State Contract.**

This item was approved by consent.

**11. Council member reports**

**a. Mayor Story - Comments on the facelift of Sotogrande Park**

Mayor Story presented information regarding the facelift of Sotogrande Park. A group associated with Pat Summerall came to the City two weeks ago to allow them to do some work on the park. In about a day, they put down a new basketball court, installed a backboard, planted flowers, and brought picnic tables. All of this work was done at their expense. They are trying to get on television and work on revitalizing parks in cities. If they are picked up, they will come back and finish the whole park.

**12. City Manager/Staff reports**

City Manager Beverly Queen had no report at tonight's meeting.

**13. 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 6:56 p.m.

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Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michael Wells, Acting City Secretary