

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 24th day of August 2010 with the following members present:

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

Constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen	City Manager
David Miller	Deputy City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Michael Wells	City Secretary
Cliff Blackwell	Director of Administrative Services
David Flory	Police Chief
John Kubala	Public Works Director
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden	Managing Director of Community Services
Maria Redburn	Library Manager
Bill Syblon	Development Director
James Tindell	Fire Chief

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 placing the following item(s) on consent: 5, 8, 9, and 10.

- **Hear a presentation by representatives of Torch Creative regarding a vision statement for the City of Bedford.**

Human Resources Director Jill McAdams introduced Mike Thurman and Brad Bishop from Torch Creative to review the vision statement for the City of Bedford which will serve as the pathway to the logo and the motto. Mr. Thurman and Mr. Bishop stated that they had interviewed both Council and staff and did a tour of the City. They tried to glean everything they could from those interviews and the tour to create a pathway to where they are going to go with the logo and tagline. He stated that the vision statement is not the motto but serves as the foundation for the logo and tagline.

The brand identity needs to be as versatile as possible as well as unique so that it separates itself from surrounding cities. In their interviews, staff and Council were of the consensus to look at a more

corporate angle for the logo as it lends itself to different applications. One thing they noticed in their research was that the City had a nice blend of a hometown feel with a progressive, more up-to-date, evolving trend. Keywords they found in the interviews included safe, comfortable, home, progressive, evolving, central location and medical district. The brand equities found in the City include location, smaller community with defined borders, safe, comfortable and a growing cultural district. The current behavior of the City is how visitors commuting to and through Bedford as well as those who live here interact with the City. The desired behavior is for everyone to choose Bedford for comfortable, safe living or for a planned trip.

Their objective is to develop a vision for Bedford that lets it grow into a unique destination. Their target is everybody across the board that lives and works in the City. The current belief is that Bedford is a smaller city in between places people want to go, it is comfortable, and it is a nice place to live. People want a small town feel but they also want to be in the middle of everything. The desired belief is that it is a place to go to partake in quality of life, dining, entertainment and culture. The core message is that Bedford is the central beating heart of the Metroplex. They identified the "Heart of Culture" which includes the new cultural district and the new Library, the "Social Heart" which includes dining, the Boys Ranch and faith-based organizations, the "Healthy Heart" which includes the medical aspects of the City, and the "Joyful Heart" which includes the entertainment zone of the City. The finalized vision statement is "World Class with a Hometown Heart."

The next step is for Torch to begin the sketch phase and the tagline exploration. Based on feedback from Council, they will then go to the computer and keep the development going until completion of the project.

- **Discussion concerning banning the sale or possession of K-2. ***Item requested by Councilman Champney**

Councilman Champney requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. He stated that everybody has read in the paper about concerns regarding K2 and several cities have taken steps to control the sale and distribution of the product. He sent a letter to Representative Todd Smith and was informed that Senator Florence Shapiro will be introducing legislation in the next session addressing K2. The military and several states have already banned K2. There was a recent investigation in the City with somebody who suffered complications after using K2 and other illegal stimulants. He wants something in place to control the situation until such time as the state legislature addresses K2.

City Attorney Stan Lowry stated that issues drafting an ordinance include the fact that as K2 is a synthetic product, and as it changes, the ordinance may not cover it in its current form; what kind of ordinance it is to be such as a complete ban on the sale or a distance ban; and there are issues with enforcement as it is the City's burden to test and prove whether the substance in question is K2. He stated that it would probably be October before an ordinance could be prepared.

The Work Session recessed at 6:49 p.m. and will reconvene at the end of the Regular Session.

The Work Session reconvened at 8:28 p.m.

Mr. Champney stated that he agreed that he did not want to do something that is costly or burdensome but his goal is to safeguard the citizens of Bedford. He wants an ordinance that states the City recognizes that the substance is potentially detrimental and is passing an ordinance as a holding pattern until such time as the state legislature reviews it as towards its legality. He wants a ban on the sale and possession of K2 and to make it retroactive to current businesses who sell K2.

In regards to questions regarding the City's authority to ban K2, Mr. Lowry stated that there have been no challenges to current laws. There is no current answer to the question as to if State law preemption is an issue since they define what are illegal substances or if local governments can define them.

There was a consensus among the Council to have staff put together an ordinance banning the sale and

possession of K2. Staff was also to look at adding language regarding salvia in the ordinance as well. There would be no age limits and there would not be a focus on paraphernalia. Council also called for a resolution to be passed in tandem with the ordinance to be sent to State Representative Todd Smith and State Senator Wendy Davis stating that the City has passed this ordinance and recognizes and requests the state do something regarding K2.

Mayor Story adjourned the work session at 9:07 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION 6:30 P.M.

Regular session began at 6:49 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor Story gave tonight's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

OPEN FORUM

Mark Albritton, North Richland Hills – In listening to the discussion of K2, he agrees with a lot of the points that have been made. He states that there is no current age limit for the sale of the product. K2 has been out since 2007 but only recently has it become news namely due to the concern that teenagers are getting hold of it. Europe, eight states, and the military have banned it. He believes that Texas is surely to follow but that the City should not be acting like the sky is falling. He believes there should be an age ban for anybody less than 21 years of age. He proposes that the City wait until the State has the resources to test for the product. He questioned how people are to know what laws are in place from city to city since some have banned K2 while others have not. He also stated that K2 should not be sold in grocery or convenience stores where children can purchase them.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilman Champney, seconded by Councilman Griffin to approve the following items by consent: 5, 8, 9 and 10.

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

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

- 1. Proclamation recognizing the month of September 2010 as “Be Bedford Prepared Month” in the City of Bedford.**

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- 2. Proclamation recognizing August 24, 2010 as “Marnie Williams Day” in the City of Bedford.**

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3. Employee Service Recognition

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

Butch Lindsey, Police Department – 25 years of service

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

4. The following individuals have requested to speak to the Council tonight under Persons to be Heard:

- a) **Cathy Hernandez, Arts Council Northeast, P.O. Box 210816, Bedford, Texas 76095- requested to speak to the council to brief them on the progress of the arts scene in Bedford and provide an introduction of Bedford funded arts organizations and artists.**

Ms. Cathy Hernandez requested to speak to the Council regarding the progress of the arts scene in Bedford. She wanted to give a year in review of what the Arts Council has done. There will be an inaugural performance of the Van Cliburn series at the Old Bedford School. Maggie Reese, who recently worked in West Africa on behalf of the Ford Foundation, is working with Billie Yahne in the Development Department to create a new cultural plan for the City. In the past, the Arts Council has only awarded grants to non-profit organizations such as the Trinity Arts Guild. They are now awarding grants to individual artists as they are the key to the culture of the City. The City cannot have a cultural district without working individual artists. They do a dollar-for-dollar match with the City through fundraisers such as the Taste of Northeast. Projects supported by these grants have to be free and beneficial to the community.

Laurie Gowland has lived in Bedford since 1980 and has been an art teacher for the past 21 years. She received a grant to do renovations at her school including installing stained glass windows. She wanted to thank the Council for their part in the grant.

Irma Ward, who handles memberships for the Trinity Arts Guild then spoke. She stated that the guild was established in 1961 and has been at the Boys Ranch since 1975. They have members who range from 6 to 94 years. Their vision is to provide enrichment of the community and expand the appreciation of the arts and to allow artists to develop in their medium. She appreciates the grants that allow them to be in Bedford.

Bonnie Dunn, Vice President of the Trinity Arts Guild and the director of the juried shows. She wanted to share her enthusiasm for artists and their gallery. They have continuing shows which are changed out every month, four of which are major juried shows. This year they sponsored their first digital show. The gallery is staffed nearly every day by volunteers and is open every day except Sunday.

Ms. Hernandez stated that her goal is to help local musicians and poets to branch out and become well known in the state over the next five years. She stated that arts and culture are the key to the City's brand.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:

- a) **August 6, 2010 budget work session**
- b) **August 10, 2010 regular session**

This item was approved by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Public hearing on the annual budget for the City of Bedford, Texas for the fiscal period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011; levying taxes for 2010.

Director of Administrative Services Cliff Blackwell presented information regarding the 2010 City of Bedford budget and indicated this item is to hold a public hearing to receive citizen comment and input on the proposed 2010 budget. There are no water or sewer rate increases as they are still waiting for numbers from the Trinity River Authority and there is no recommended increase for storm water.

City Manager Beverly Queen provided a general overview of the budget. The handout regarding this overview was distributed to Council and copies may be requested through the Office of the City Secretary.

Mayor Story opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Nobody chose to speak during tonight's public hearing.

Mayor Story closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

No other action is required on this item tonight.

7. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with CXT Inc. for the purposes of constructing park restrooms at Boys Ranch Park for \$123,586.52 and Stormie Jones Park for \$148,914.11 for a total of \$273,500.63.

Deputy Parks Director Don Henderson presented information regarding this resolution. He stated that the restrooms are part of a bond package that they are trying to expedite. The difference between the two bathrooms is that the one at Stormie Jones can be modified to provide storage in the back of the building. They are made of solid concrete and have stainless steel fixtures that are vandal resistant. They will provide amenities that will improve both the look and use of the restrooms that are currently in place. The bidding was done through the TXMA system. They are total pre-fabbed units which will be installed on prebuilt foundations. It will only take a couple of days to hook up the electricity and plumbing. They can be heated and have automatic fans and lights to save energy and auto flushes and faucets to save water. The hand driers are recessed into the wall to prevent vandalism. The restroom at the Boys Ranch will be located by the lake and will fit into the Parks Master Plan. The Parks and Recreation Board has reviewed and approved this item.

Motioned by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Griffin, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with CXT Inc. for the purposes of constructing park restrooms at Boys Ranch Park for \$123,586.52 and Stormie Jones Park for \$148,914.11 for a total of \$273,500.63.

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

8. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$20,500 for the design of the Boys Ranch Erosion Control Project.

This item was approved by consent.

9. Consider a resolution to accept bids and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for concrete panel replacement with Estrada Concrete, LLC in the amount of \$33,054.90.

This item was approved by consent.

10. Consider a resolution authorizing the emergency expenditure of \$15,360 for unexpected water line repairs on Central Drive to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Bedford.

This item was approved by consent.

11. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Libratech to furnish the new Bedford Public Library in the amount of \$788,114.34.

Library Manager Maria Redburn presented information regarding this resolution. One October 13, 2009, the Council approved \$1,059,000 to furnish the new Library. The furniture was bid out and a bid was received from Libratech. Their original bid was \$947,691; however, staff is recommending that the custom desks be removed which will save \$116,000 and there was an option to change out some chairs for a savings of \$49,579. There is still a need to fund the outdoor furniture and other miscellaneous items towards the original \$1,059,000.

Tony Blaas of Hiddell and Associates gave a presentation showing images of furniture that will be found at the Library. A copy of Mr. Blaas' presentation is available upon request in the City Secretary's Office. Mr. Blaas noted that in the toddler zone the component for the activity panels was never in the construction project. Drawings will be made available to Harrison, Walker and Harper on August 25 to price out the wall and signage. The 15X15 activity panels have already been purchased through a grant from Lone Star.

Motioned by Councilman Champney, seconded by Councilman Brown, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Libratech to furnish the new Bedford Public Library in the amount of \$788,114.34.

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

12. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase computer equipment for the new Bedford Public Library from Insight in the amount of \$51,515.

Library Manager Maria Redburn presented information regarding this resolution. She stated that this item is to purchase 62 desktop computers, 56 17" monitors, 6 22" monitors, three data projectors, and six all-in-one computers for the lobby. At the October 13, 2009 Council meeting, Council approved \$737,390 for technology for the new Library and this is the computer component of that budget. The new Library will have 65 new public access computers and reservation stations. The meeting room is dividable and will have projectors for movies, Power Point presentations or other A/V functions. The story room will have one projector. The contract is with Insight who is an approved vendor with the Texas Department of Information Resources.

Motioned by Councilman Turner, seconded by Councilman Griffin, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase computer equipment for the new Bedford Public Library from Insight in the amount of \$51,515.

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

13. Council member reports

Mayor Story stated that if Council wants to attend the Beautification awards this Saturday, they can get the information regarding the presentations from Debi Johnson in the City Manager's Office.

14. City Manager/Staff Reports

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

15. 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 regular session at 8:23 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary