

Council Minutes October 21, 2014

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Special Session at 5:00 p.m. in the Building A Conference Room of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, Texas, on the 21st day of October, 2014 with the following members present:

Jim Griffin	Mayor
Michael Boyter	Council Members
Jim Davisson	
Steve Farco	
Ray Champney	
Roger Fisher	

constituting a quorum.

Councilmember Turner was absent from the meeting.

Staff present included:

Beverly Griffith	City Manager
David Miller	Deputy City Manager
Michael Wells	City Secretary
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden	Managing Director

SPECIAL SESSION

The Special Session began at 5:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order.

1. Discussion and possible action to select monument sign designs.

Mayor Griffin stated the purpose of the meeting is to take action on the monument sign constructs resulting from the input and dialogue at the previous Council meeting.

Managing Director Mirenda McQuagge-Walden asked Council to identify the signs they want at Central Drive, whether they wanted something at Murphy Drive, and if they wanted entry features at other locations. There was discussion on the main focus being Central Drive followed by Murphy Drive; signage at other entry locations; signage on Bedford Road at the Library; and electronic signage at Fire Station #3. Deputy City Manager David Miller stated that in order to get cost estimates for the signs, they would need to be architecturally designed. In regards to the width of the signs, it was stated that at Central Drive, the median on the north side is 26 feet wide and the median on the south side is 14 feet wide; and that the signs would be designed to fit the medians. There was discussion on electronic signs including having them on traffic poles. Council was of the consensus for sign option "A-Front" with no electronics for the four signs at Central Drive and at Harwood Road/Highway 121. Council was of the

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consensus that all other entry monument signs including Murphy Drive be a shorter version of sign option "A-Front."

There was discussion on signage at City facilities; lighting features, including being part of the engineering and design; signage at the Bedford Road entrance to the Library including repurposing the old Central Drive sign, installing another type of decorative sign, and the entrance needing lighting; a shorter version of sign option "A-Front" at Fire Station #3 with electronics on both sides, updating the signage being the responsibility of the communications function, and the Bedford "B" as part of the rotation of the electronic signage; and using different materials including glass, maintenance, and backlighting the Bedford "B" and the word "Bedford." There was discussion on the Council authorizing funds for the design of the signs, Bluebonnet Contractors going out to bid and installing the two signs at Central Drive, the City utilizing Bluebonnet's contract for the sign at Murphy Drive, and the City having to go out to bid for multiple signs.

Motioned by Councilmember Davisson, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to approve money for the design of four large "A-Front" signs, a short "A-Front" sign, and a short two-sided electronic "A Front" sign.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Griffin adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Jim Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary