

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in work session at 6:30 p.m. and regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive on the 8th day of April 2008 with the following members present:

Jim Story	Mayor
Roy Savage	Mayor Pro Tem
Jeff Cason	Council Members
Lori Nail	
Charles Orean	
Bob Whistler	

Constituting a quorum.

Councilman Turner was absent at tonight's meeting.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen	City Manager
Steve Johnson	Deputy City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
John Kubala	Director of Public Works
James Hughes	Director of Parks and Recreation
Shanae Jennings	City Secretary
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden	Communications/Special Projects Manager
Maria Redburn	Library Manager
James Tindell	Fire Chief

WORK SESSION

Mayor Story called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Council discussed approving the following items by consent: 6, 7 and 8.

- **Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition Presentation.**

Vic Suhm, Executive Director, Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition, presented a power point presentation regarding the mobility crisis in the DFW Metroplex, spoke to the Council about the region and its future looming transportation crisis and generally fielded questions from Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To convene before 7:00 p.m., if time permits, in the conference room pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the following:

- a) Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

Council did not convene into executive session during tonight's meeting.

REGULAR SESSION 7:00 P.M.

Regular session began at 7:03 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION (Pastor Clay Hilton, Mid-Cities Community Church)

Pastor Clay Hilton of the Mid-Cities Community Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilman Whistler, seconded by Councilman Savage to approve the following item(s) by consent: Item(s) 6, 7 and 8.

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

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2008 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mayor Story read and presented a proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2008 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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

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3. Proclamation in observance of Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week and National 9-1-1 Education Month.

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4. Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 13-19, 2008 as National Library Week.

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Bruce Redden, Congressman Kenny Marchant's Outreach Representative, read and presented a congressional recognition to the Bedford Public Library.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

5. The following individuals have requested to speak to the Council tonight under persons to be heard:

a) Ray Champney, 2300 Marshfield Drive - Requested to speak to the Council regarding an update on the Bedford Community Affairs Commission activities.

Ray Champney, 2300 Marshfield Drive – Mr. Champney updated the Council on activities within the Community Affairs Commission and how they are proceeding with assisting in the support of Economic Development efforts for the City. He discussed subcommittees created within the Commission and the functions they served.

b) Ralph Good, 2229 Lakeview Drive – Requested to speak to the Council regarding progress on the employee performance measures and increased productivity.

Ralph Good, 2229 Lakeview Drive – Mr. Good spoke to the Council regarding his desire to see productivity and performance measures instituted and implemented. He indicated that he spoke in August of 2007 regarding this issue and is still hoping the performance measures are being enforced and on course by 2008-2009 fiscal year. He asked the Council to respond to the following questions: 1) Where are we on this project schedule; 2) Will it be possible for some or most of the departments to implement performance measures into the 2008 budget; and 3) Will new performance measures include investments for increased productivity.

The City Manager responded that several departments are already incorporating performance measures, such as Code Enforcement, Police, Fire, Library, Building Inspections, and Public Works. Other departments continue to implement theirs and depending on current budgetary needs certain ones will be implemented into the 2008-09 fiscal year budget.

c) Karen Kersey, 1209 Shady Lane – Requested to speak to the Council regarding the Library Focus Groups.

Karen Kersey, 1209 Shady Lane – Ms. Kersey spoke to the Council as a member of the Bedford Library Board Focus Group Committee regarding the old Food Lion that was purchased to become the new Library. Hidell and Associates will be the architects designing the new Library, but the Library needs people to assist in offering input into the new construction and design. Anyone with ideas about the new Library should attend the Focus Group meetings so any and all input can be considered. Several Focus Group meetings have been arranged and times and location can be found at the Bedford Public Library for those meetings. Please attend since it is not often that a new Library is built.

d) Leighton Railsback, 804 Shady Lane – Requested to speak to the Council regarding thanking the retiring Council members for time and dedication.

Leighton Railsback, 804 Shady Lane – Mr. Railsback thanked the Council members who will be stepping down this May for their many years of service to the City of Bedford, as well as Council members of present and past. He has been very encouraged by the current Council of the last 12-18 months. He also submitted his tax rebate to the City of Bedford as a donation. He specifically thanked Mr. Whistler and Mr. Orian for their service, time, effort, and energy to the City of Bedford.

e) Russ Dorsey, 1645 Bedford Oaks Drive – Requested to speak to the Council regarding Time Warner Cable.

Russ Dorsey, 1645 Bedford Oaks Drive – Mr. Dorsey has had extensive trouble with Time Warner Cable, including interruption of his phone service for about two and a half weeks, poor television reception, loss of internet access, etc. His neighbors are still having the same problems. He did receive adequate customer service from the company; however, he would like to know if there are any considerations being given to changing service providers in the area or options for alternate service.

Mirenda McQuagge-Walden, Communications Manager, indicated that while the City has been attempting to assist Mr. Dorsey, Time Warner can likely provide the most adequate information to Council regarding the issues and a representative from Time Warner is here to discuss the issue.

Renne Capehart was present at the meeting to represent Time Warner. She spoke on their behalf indicating that they have been working with Mr. Dorsey on his issues at his home, particularly slow Internet at his home for some time now, and they believe they now have it all resolved. Council questioned Ms. Capehart regarding why it took so many phone calls to receive assistance for a problem such as this and why it was so difficult to fix. Ms. Capehart simply expressed that they were trying to remedy all problems and that they have implemented some new systems since the issues with Mr. Dorsey have begun, including a toll free number on the bill.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**6. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:
a) March 25, 2008 regular meeting**

This item was approved by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed at tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase rescue equipment and related components from Advanced Rescue Systems, a sole source vendor for TNT Rescue Tool products, in the amount of \$25,000.00.

This item was approved by consent.

8. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Tex Op Construction, LP for the 2008 Asphalt Pavement Milling Program on Brown Trail in the amount of \$61,542.12.

This item was approved by consent.

9. Council member reports on City business.

Mayor Story – The Mayor went to the TML Region 8 dinner in Westlake. He also attended a non-profit

gathering at the office of Mike Bowman of Century 21 to honor a group called Philip's Wish, which distributes blankets to shelters. The Mayor attended the Mayor's Council meeting recently where they discussed the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department and their interaction with municipalities and the West Nile Virus and precautionary measures which can be taken to avoid it. The Beautification Awards were distributed recently and he thanked the Committee for taking care of those businesses. A citizen wrote a very nice letter to the City regarding assistance that the Public Works Department provided on Easter Sunday to the community and expressed her appreciation to them.

Bob Whistler – Mr. Whistler attended the Barnett Shale expo and listened to Dr. Perryman; Mr. Whistler reported on some of Dr. Perryman's comments during the expo as it relates to the economy. He attended Teen Court and they are preparing for the annual Teen Court Banquet on April 17, 2008.

10. City Manager's report.

City Manager Beverly Queen had no report.

11. Follow-up on issues raised at previous Council Meetings under persons to be heard.
a) Update on the flooding issues in the Rustic Woods subdivision.

Deputy City Manager Steve Johnson informed Council that staff has done extensive research on the Rustic Woods area. Most of the problems are lot-to-lot drainage issues that need to be addressed by the homeowners themselves. Staff has met with the neighbors and citizens of that area and wrote a letter to the homebuilder of the area requesting that he meet with the residents. They also tried to call the builder but the answering machine that answered said the machine was full. At this point a letter has been sent to the office of the builder via certified mail. The homeowners have also asked if the City would contact the engineer of the development and the City said they would; however, when it is all said and done the responsibility lies with the developer and the developer is the one that will need to attend to the issue.

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

There was no executive session during tonight's meeting.

OPEN FORUM

No one spoke during tonight's open forum.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, City Secretary