

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in work session at 5:00 p.m. and regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive on the 22nd day of July 2008 with the following members present:

Jim Story	Mayor
Roy Savage	Mayor Pro Tem
Chris Brown	Council Members
Jeff Cason	
Ray Champney	
Lori Nail	
Roy Turner	

Constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen	City Manager
Steve Johnson	Deputy City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Roger Gibson	Deputy Police Chief
Shanae Jennings	City Secretary
John Kubala	Director of Public Works
Tom Ross	Director of Administrative Services
Maria Redburn	Library Manager
Bill Syblon	Development Director
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden	Communications/Special Projects Manager
James Tindell	Fire Chief

### **WORK SESSION**

Mayor Story called the work session to order at 5:00 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: 5, 11, 12 and 13. Following the discussion during the workshop, they also elected to approve items 8 and 9 by consent.

- **Discussion of various budget related items.**

Tom Ross, Director of Administrative Services, presented various budget related items to Council, including the base budget, a general overview of the budget process, timelines for receiving and approving the tax roll, public hearings for the budget, approval dates for the budget, as well as exception

reports and generally fielded questions.

Mr. Ross indicated that one of the larger concerns for the upcoming budget is trying to read the crystal ball of how fuel prices are going to affect the upcoming fiscal year and as a result, the remainder of the budget.

- **Staff presentation to City Council regarding employee health insurance.**

Jill McAdams, Human Resources Director, presented information to Council regarding the employee insurance committee's recommendation for an insurance carrier for the employees for FY 08-09, including an overview of the request for proposals received by the City and how health insurance premiums are generated and generally fielded questions.

Roger Gibson, Deputy Police Chief, spoke to the Council as a member of the insurance committee in order to represent the committee's perspective in addition to what Ms. McAdams indicated. He provided a general overview of the differences in utilization of the HMO plan versus the HSA plan and how much greater the HMO premiums came out to be versus the HSA premiums. Mr. Gibson suggested that two of the more poignant recommendations made by the committee are to stay with Cigna as the City's insurance carrier and to no longer offer the HMO buy-up plan.

Ms. McAdams also explained that the City of Bedford would be proposing a clinic for the employees where claims are not filed with the insurance company and costs are not incurred by the employee. The employee could be treated for minor acute care, minor surgical follow-up, referrals to PCP, school/child physicals, flu and allergy shots, diagnosis and treatment of chronic diseases, referrals to specialists, adult physicals and lab work. This clinic will also provide hard costs to the City because it will minimize costs provided to the insurance companies due to high premiums being paid by the City. It also benefits staff because wait times to see a provider are minimal and there is no need to check to see if a specific doctor is on "a plan."

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**To convene before 7:00 p.m., if time permits, in the conference room in compliance with Section 551.001 et. seq. Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:**

- a) Section 551.087, Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations pertaining to Block 7 Lot 1 of the Bedford Forum Addition.**

Council elected to convene into Executive Session at the end of tonight's regular session, following open forum.

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code regarding Section 551.087, Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations pertaining to Block 7, Lot 1 of the Bedford Forum Addition at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at approximately 8:32 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 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS**

Regular session began at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION (Pastor Kevin Smith, Faith Christian Fellowship Church)**

Pastor Kevin Smith of Faith Christian Fellowship Church gave tonight's invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT**

Motioned by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the following item(s) by consent: Item(s) 5, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13.

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

**COUNCIL RECOGNITION**

**1. Presentation of the Texas Municipal Library Director's Association Achievement of Excellence Award (TMLDA) for 2007 to the Bedford Public Library.**

Maria Redburn, Library Manager, presented the TMLDA for 2007 to Jeannie Green and the Bedford Public Library for their demonstration of service excellence. Bedford Library was one of 20 libraries to receive this award out of 565.

**2. Presentation of the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) Public Relations and Marketing's "Best of Show" Winner to the Bedford Public Library.**

City Manager Beverly Queen presented the LAMA's Public Relations and Marketing's "Best of Show" award to the Bedford Public Library and Library Manager Maria Redburn to recognize outstanding library public relations materials produced by libraries in the previous calendar year.

**3. Employee Recognition.**

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

William Mack, Police Department – 10 years of service  
Gregory Austin, Police Department – 15 years of service

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

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

The speakers listed below did not speak in the order in which they are listed. They spoke in the following order: 1) Mr. Johnson, 2) Mr. Grant and 3) Mr. O'Donnell

- a) Rory O'Donnell, 2301 Meadow Creek Drive – Requested to speak to the Council**

**regarding the Hurricane Creek that flows through the Bridgetown subdivision and other issues.**

Rory O'Donnell, 2301 Meadow Creek Drive – Mr. O'Donnell spoke to the Council about drainage issues within his subdivision that affect both his house and the entire neighborhood. He indicated that he has been a resident of Bedford since April 2000. He would like to see City Ordinance 2163 rescinded, see no dumping signs posted at the spillway with fines set if someone is caught dumping, have letters sent to apartment owners along the creek encouraging no-dumping compliance, encourage apartments to erect fences to minimize safety concerns to children, extend engineering interval reports to five years instead of once a year, suggest public works assist in the creek's flow and annual maintenance of the creek, enforce the rules on flow and maintenance cleanup, and receive assistance from the City to assure a safe, free and flowing Hurricane Creek.

**b) Richard Grant, 2313 Aberdeen Drive – Requested to speak to the Council regarding the Hurricane Creek that flows through the Bridgetown subdivision and other issues.**

Richard Grant, 2313 Aberdeen Drive – Mr. Grant spoke to the Council about drainage issues within his subdivision that affect both his house and the entire neighborhood. He indicated that he has resided here for 10 years and would like to plead his case for relief of Hurricane Creek, which is behind his house. A letter was read by Mr. Grant representing Bridgeton on the Creek asking for relief and assistance from the City regarding Hurricane Creek. A copy of the letter was provided to the City Secretary's Office for filing.

**c) Hal Johnson, 2321 Aberdeen Drive – Requested to speak to the Council regarding the Hurricane Creek that flows through the Bridgetown subdivision and other issues.**

Hal Johnson, 2321 Aberdeen Drive – Mr. Johnson spoke to the Council about drainage issues within his subdivision that affect both his house and the entire neighborhood. He indicated Hurricane Creek backs up to his home and runoff from new subdivisions and apartments have caused excessive runoff to his property. He further indicated that the HOA is responsible to have the drainage channel improvements inspected and he would like to see the responsibility of the HOA relieved of this duty and have the zoning ordinance changed.

Council indicated that while they can not provide monetary assistance to this HOA in order to be fair and equitable to all HOA's and Bedford residents, it is possible to enforce code enforcement issues such as no dumping and potential enforcement over at the apartment complex.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

5. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:
  - a) July 8, 2008 regular meeting

This item was approved by consent.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business at tonight's meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. Public hearing and first and final reading of an ordinance (Zoning Case Z-174, request of Darlene Thomas for Cats Unlimited) to rezone a portion of property known as Lot A, Block

**J, Ste. #D, Shady Oaks East Addition from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Kennel. The property is generally located east of Brown Trail and south of Harwood Road.**

Bill Syblon, Development Director, presented the proposed zoning ordinance to Council and generally fielded questions.

Mayor Story opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

Nobody elected to speak at tonight's public hearing.

Mayor Story closed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

Motioned by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Savage to approve the first and final reading of an ordinance (Zoning Case Z-174, request of Darlene Thomas for Cats Unlimited) to rezone a portion of Lot A, Block J, Shady Oaks East Addition, Suite D, from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Kennel.

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

- 7. Public hearing and first and final reading of an ordinance (Zoning Case Z-175, request of Brent Tipps for BoomerJack's Grill and Bar) to rezone a portion of property known as Lot 1, Block 1, The Shops At Central Park Addition, Ste. 222, from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Outdoor Seating. The property is generally located south of Airport Freeway and east of Central Drive.**

Bill Syblon, Development Director, presented the proposed zoning ordinance to Council and generally fielded questions.

Mayor Story opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Nobody elected to speak at tonight's public hearing.

Mayor Story closed the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Motioned by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the first and final reading of an ordinance (Zoning Case Z-175, request of Brent Tipps for BoomerJack's Grill and Bar) to rezone a portion of property known as Lot 1, Block 1, The Shops at Central Park Addition, Suite 222 from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Outdoor Seating.

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

- 8. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into contractual agreements for employee health and dental insurance benefits with Cigna.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 9. Consider a resolution approving the City of Bedford's Section 125 Plan that allows employees to make contributions for insurance premiums and Health Savings Accounts (HSA) on a pre-tax basis as allowable under the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code Section 125.**

This item was approved by consent.

10. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Letter of Agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Sulphur Branch Phase 3 – Update on Erosion Improvements for Sulphur Branch and Tributary SB-1.**

John Kubala, Director of Public Works, presented information to Council regarding the intention of the City to enter into a Letter of Agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Sulphur Branch Phase 3 – Update on Erosion Improvements for Sulphur Branch and Tributary SB-1 and generally fielded questions.

Motioned by Councilman Champney, seconded by Councilman Savage to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Letter of Agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Sulphur Branch Phase 3 – Update on Erosion Improvement for Sulphur Branch and Tributary SB-1.

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

11. **Consider a resolution suspending the August 8, 2008 effective date of the Oncor Delivery Company requested rate change.**

This item was approved by consent.

12. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Member's Building Maintenance under the existing interlocal agreement with Tarrant County Purchasing for the Facilities Management Annual Janitorial Services Contract in the amount of \$61,500.00.**

This item was approved by consent.

13. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vortex Construction to replace retaining walls on the City of Bedford property located at 2000 Forest Ridge Drive for an amount not to exceed \$34,998.00.**

This item was approved by consent.

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

No action was necessary as a result of tonight's Executive Session.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

No one spoke during tonight's open forum.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

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Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shanae Jennings, City Secretary