

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 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive on the 21st day of October 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
David Flory	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 6:01p.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: 2, 5, and 8. Item 6 was tabled.

- **Presentation by Buxton Company on retail analysis study.**

Bill Syblon and Amy Wetzel, Senior Vice President of Buxton Company presented information to Council regarding the comprehensive study of a retail strategy for the City of Bedford and generally answered questions.

- **Present cost estimates and revised library design for the new Bedford Public Library incorporating comments from City Council, Library Advisory Board, Project Team and Library staff.**

Maria Redburn, Library Manager, William Hidell, Hidell and Associates Architects and Hunter Moore, Harrison, Walker and Harper presented information to Council regarding potential changes to Conceptual Design #7 that was approved by the Council on July 8, 2008. The changes include the addition of study rooms and a reading room, the reduction of staff space and the addition of a drive-up café window.

Council indicated that they were leaning towards item C as proposed by Hidell with the option to add the coffee shop or other items as necessary.

Maria summarized what she believed Council was asking her to do. She indicated she is hearing them ask her to do the following: 1) Investigate return on investment for technology compared to what it would do for staffing on a cost/benefit analysis basis; 2) Look into lease plans for furniture, computers and an automated handling sorter system; and 3) to move forward on the cost design for item C as proposed by Hidell and Associates.

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, and Section 551.072, Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations, purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property relative to properties located north of Highway 183, south of Bedford Road, east of Highway 121, and west of Reliance Parkway.**
- b) Section 551.087, Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to the Super 8/121 Addition Block 1 Lot 1R.**

There was no executive session at tonight's meeting.

Mayor Story recessed the work session at 7:15 p.m. and will reconvene at the end of the regular meeting.

Council reconvened back into the work session at 8:03 p.m. to continue discussing cost estimates for the library design. Discussion regarding this item can be found under the work session above.

The work session was adjourned at approximately 8:52 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Regular session began at 7:15 p.m.

INVOCATION (Pastor Ginger Ziegler, Embracing His Grace Church)

Pastor Stan Hare of Embracing His Grace Church gave tonight's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilman Cason, seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the following item(s) by consent: Item(s) 2, 5, and 8. Item 6 was tabled by consent.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Employee Recognition

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

Larry Ferguson, Fire Department – 10 years of service
John Henrichsen, Fire Department – 10 years of service
Kevin Cole, Police Department – 15 years of service
Bill Pond, Police Department – 20 years of service
James Tindell, Fire Department – 25 years of service
James Hughes, Parks and Recreation Department – 35 years of service

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**2. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:
a) October 14, 2008 regular meeting**

This item was approved by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Consider an ordinance extending the exclusive franchise for the collection of solid waste to Allied Waste Services effective on January 1, 2009 for a period of five years.

Mirenda McQuagge-Walden, Communications/Special Projects Manager, presented information to Council regarding an ordinance to extend the franchise for the collection of solid waste to Allied Waste Services and generally fielded questions.

Motioned by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Cason to approve an ordinance extending the exclusive franchise for the collection of solid waste to Allied Waste Services effective on January 1, 2009 for a period of five years.

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

4. Consider an ordinance extending the exclusive franchise for recycling services to Allied Waste Services effective on January 1, 2009 for a period of five years.

Mirenda McQuagge-Walden, Communications/Special Projects Manager, presented information to Council regarding an ordinance to extend the franchise for recycling services to Allied Waste Services and generally fielded questions.

Motioned by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Brown to approve an ordinance extending the exclusive franchise for recycling services to Allied Waste Services effective on January 1, 2009 for a period of five years.

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

5. **Consider a resolution denying Oncor Electric Delivery Company's requested increases to its electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the city; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; and requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.**

This item was approved by consent.

6. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for city-wide mowing services.**

This item was tabled at the request of staff.

7. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the contract with Hidell and Associates for architectural design services for the new Bedford Public Library in the amount of \$81,000.00 for a total contract amount of \$612,690.00**

Maria Redburn, Library Manager and William Hidell, Hidell and Associates Architects presented information to the Council regarding architectural design services for the new Bedford Public Library and generally fielded questions.

Motioned by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Champney to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a revised contract with Hidell and Associates for architectural design services for the new Bedford Public Library in the amount of \$612,690.00.

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

8. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Buxton Company in the amount of \$62,000.00 to conduct a comprehensive study for the development of a retail strategy for the City of Bedford.**

This item was approved by consent.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

9. **a) Mayor Jim Story**
 - **Notify citizens of Texas Unclaimed Property Report.**

Mayor Story informed citizens that the State Comptroller of Public Accounts published a list of unclaimed property in the State of Texas in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. A copy of this list is in the City Manager's Office.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

10. **Beverly Queen**
 - **Halloween Fest at the BRAC, October 31, 2008.**

- **Open House at Fire Station #1, October 25, 2008.**
- **Evening with the Author at the Bedford Public Library, October 25, 2008.**

City Manager Beverly Queen reminded the Council and citizens of the following above-listed events that will be held in the coming weeks and encouraged everyone to attend.

The Open House is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be show and tell, information on what it's like to be a firefighter, K9 arson dogs will be in attendance as well as the fire clowns. The event is entirely free. The Evening with the Author will be at 6:30 p.m. sponsored by Friends of the Library. Tickets are \$6 each or 2 for \$10. It will feature Mary Rogers a former columnist from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The annual Halloween Fest will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Bedford Boys Ranch Activity Center. There is no fee for admission but you are encouraged to bring a canned food item or donate to the Tarrant County Food Bank.

- 11. Follow-up on issues raised at previous council meetings under persons to be heard.**
- **Staff report on Bridgeton on the Creek**

John Kubala, Director of Public Works, presented information to the Council about a previously discussed issue by Council regarding drainage at Bridgeton on the Creek. Mr. Kubala outlined some proposed options for addressing the issue and generally fielded questions by Council.

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

(Any item on this posted agenda may be discussed in executive session provided it is within one of the permitted categories under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.)

No action was necessary as a result of the Executive Session as Council did not convene into Executive Session at tonight's meeting.

OPEN FORUM

No one spoke during tonight's open forum.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, City Secretary