

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. at the Bedford Public Library, Bonnie Finn Room located at 1805 L. Don Dodson on the 10th day of November 2008 with the following members present:

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

Constituting a quorum.

Chris Brown arrived at 5:31 p.m.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen	City Manager
Russell Hines	Building Official
John Kubala	Public Works Director
Shanae Jennings	City Secretary
Steve Johnson	Deputy City Manager
Bill Shelton	Public Works Superintendant
Bill Syblon	Development Director

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Story called the meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

WORK SESSION 5:00 P.M.

1. Discuss Council priorities for FY 08-09 including City Codes and Capital Improvements.

City Manager Beverly Queen provided information to Council about the Council's desire to focus on City Codes as a priority for the year. She indicated the presentation would show actual code violations versus non-violations and staff would answer any questions they had.

Bill Syblon, Development Director, and Russell Hines, Building Official, indicated staff has been diligently focusing on economic growth that will develop and foster an environment for business redevelopment and attraction. City Codes falls within the plan to develop and foster an environment for business attraction. A well maintained City invites more business development.

Mr. Syblon identified the focus of the purpose, opportunity and goals of Code Enforcement as follows:

- a) The purpose - Address several previously identified codes and ordinances for review;

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- b) The opportunity - Discussion and preparation for improvements to the identified codes of ordinances; and
- c) The goal – Provide a comprehensive code of ordinances, which helps to protect property owners' investment, promote general health and welfare and enhance the quality of neighborhoods. Additionally, to ensure homes and businesses are properly maintained to promote a positive effect on the overall appearance of the community.

The following were generally discussed tonight:

- a) How code enforcement patrols the City;
- b) Working a violation;
- c) High grass and weeds;
- d) Fences;
- e) Truck parking;
- f) Parking on all weather surface;
- g) Canvas cover; and
- h) Questions and discussion

A presentation of the above material can be requested through the City Secretary's Office.

John Kubala, Director of Public Works, presented information to Council regarding Capital Improvements Program and Capital Funding.

The following were generally discussed tonight:

- a) Wasterwater (sanitary sewer);
- b) Water;
- c) Drainage;
- d) Traffic;
- e) Street Improvement Economic Development Corporation (4B); and
- f) Capital Funding

A presentation of the above material can be requested through the City Secretary's Office.

City Manager Beverly Queen reviewed funding options for possible projects for FY 08/09. They include:

- Sulphur Branch Drainage \$2,607,000
- New Library Building \$4,885,000
- Signal Light Upgrades \$606,000

Total \$8,098,000

A presentation of the funding options can be requested through the City Secretary's Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, City Secretary