

Council Minutes April 24, 2012

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 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 24th day of April, 2012 with the following members present:

Jim Story	Mayor
Chris Brown	Council Members
Ray Champney	
Roger Fisher	
Jim Griffin	
Roy Savage	
Roy W. Turner	

constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

David Miller	Deputy City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Michael Wells	City Secretary
Cliff Blackwell	Administrative Services Director
Eric Griffin	Deputy Police Chief
John Kubala	Public Works Director
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden	Managing Director of Community Services
Bill Syblon	Development Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Story called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION

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

Council discussed placing the following items on consent: 4, 7 which is being tabled, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Mayor Story adjourned the Work Session at 6:06 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To convene before the Regular Session, if time permits, in the conference room in compliance with Section 551.001 et. Seq. Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

- Pursuant to Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Block 1, Lot 2A, Bedford-Arlington Road Ltd. Sub.
- Pursuant to Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Block G1, Lot1, Citgo Addition #2.

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Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code pursuant to Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Block 1, Lot 2A, Bedford-Arlington Road Ltd. Sub. and Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Block G1, Lot1, Citgo Addition #2 at 6:06 p.m.

Council did not finish the Executive Session and will convene again at the end of the meeting.

Council convened into Executive Session again at approximately 7:12 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at approximately 7:38 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 6:30 P.M.

The Regular Session began at 6:33 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Story called the meeting to order. He stated that Council will have to go back into Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

INVOCATION (Erik Gronberg, Lead Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church of Fort Worth)

Erik Gronberg, Lead Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Fort Worth, gave tonight's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jackson Boyd, Star Scout from Boy Scout Troop 340, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Nobody chose to speak under tonight's Open Forum.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilman Champney, seconded by Councilman Turner, to approve the following items by consent: 4, 6, 7 which is being tabled, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

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

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation declaring May 2012 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

Mayor Story read a proclamation declaring May 2012 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. Members of the Patriots Motorcycle Club were on hand to accept the proclamation.

2. Proclamation recognizing the week of April 22–28, 2012 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Mayor Story read a proclamation recognizing the week of April 22–28, 2012 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Deputy Police Chief Eric Griffin and Crime Victims' Coordinator Kathy Haeker were on hand to accept the proclamation. Ms. Haeker thanked the citizens and the Police Department. She wanted to recognize citizen volunteers including Pam Lynch. She stated that just for the month of April,

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there have been 56 crime victims in the City. Deputy Chief Griffin thanked Ms. Haeker for her dedication to the community and for being an asset to the Police Department.

3. Employee Service Recognition.

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

Mary Miller, Community Services – 20 years of service

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes: a) April 10, 2012 regular meeting

This item was approved by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Consider a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, approving a process for awarding a contract when the City has received identical bids pursuant to Section 271.901 of the Texas Local Government Code; and awarding the bid for the sale of property located at 3601 West Pipeline Road, Euless, Texas to _____ after following the procedure in Section 271.901 providing that the contract to sell to _____ is approved.

Mayor Story presented information regarding this resolution. The City went out for bids to sell the Sotogrande Community Building and Tennis Center. Two bids were received and both were for the exact same amount. At the last Council meeting, Council decided to award the bid by “drawing lots” per State Law. Deputy City Manager David Miller then explained how the process for “drawing lots” would work.

City Secretary Michael Wells presented representatives from Euless Loaves and Fishes Foundation, Inc. and Westdale Properties America I, Ltd, index cards with the names of the companies printed on them to verify that both companies’ names were the exact same size and font. After that verification, Assistant City Secretary Amanda Jacobs folded the cards in the exact same manner and placed them into a hat. Mr. Wells then stood at the front of the room with the hat. Josh Vinson, Star Scout from Boy Scout Troop 340, pulled one of the folded cards from the hat and gave it to the Mayor. Mayor Story read the name on the card, which was Westdale Properties America I, Ltd.

Motioned by Councilman Champney, seconded by Councilman Griffin, to approve a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, approving a process for awarding a contract when the City has received identical bids pursuant to Section 271.901 of the Texas Local Government Code; and awarding the bid for the sale of property located at 3601 West Pipeline Road, Euless, Texas to Westdale Properties America I, Ltd. after following the procedure in Section 271.901 providing that the contract to sell to Westdale Properties America I, Ltd. is approved.

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

NEW BUSINESS

6. Consider a resolution of the City Council of the City Of Bedford, Texas approving an Economic Development Program Agreement, pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code and the City’s Economic Development Incentive Policy and Program, with Cheddar’s Inc.

This item was discussed during Executive Session and was approved by consent.

- 7. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into Utility Adjustment Agreement Amendment #2 (UAAA) with NTE Mobility Partners, LLC and Bluebonnet Contractors, LLC for the adjustment of the City of Bedford's existing utilities impacted by the North Tarrant Express Project.**

This item was tabled by consent.

- 8. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. CS0031 between the City of Bedford and Comptroller of Public Accounts State Energy Conservation Office related to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Transportation, Traffic Light Synchronization.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 9. Consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Oncor Electric Delivery Company Easement and Right of Way for electrical service to the site of the future Simpson Terrace Water Well.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 10. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Brain Freeze Events Incorporated, doing business as Kona Ice, to provide product for the sale of shaved ice at the Bedford Splash Aquatics Center for one season.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 11. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement for one year with the DFW Tejanos Organization for the purpose of conducting practices and games at the Stormie Jones soccer fields.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 12. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement for one year with the Tri-Cities Baseball Association for the purposes of having league games and practice at both the Boys Ranch Park and the Meadowpark Athletic Complex.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 13. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Western Enterprises Inc. for the 2012 4thFest Fireworks Program in the amount of \$29,000.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 14. Consider a resolution appointing members to Bedford's Citizen Boards and Commissions.**

Motioned by Councilman Griffin, seconded by Councilman Champney, to approve a resolution appointing members to Bedford's Citizen Boards and Commissions as read.

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

- 15. Staff update and receive Council input on the request to sponsor the Arts Council Northeast Triple Crown Event on Saturday, May 19, 2012.**

Deputy City Manager David Miller stated that at a previous Council meeting, Councilman Champney had presented the possibility of sponsoring a table at the Arts Council Northeast Triple Crown Event on May

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19 in order to raise money for the organization. Council was of the consensus to wait until after April 19 to make a decision since the amount for the sponsorship would drop to \$1,500. At the \$1,500 "Citation" level of sponsorship, the City would get its name in the program and a table for ten with City's name on the table. Council could also decide to buy individual tickets at \$150 a piece, which may be less expensive though the City would not get the sponsorship recognition.

Council discussed moving forward with the sponsorship as well as using the sponsorship as an economic development tool. Council was of the consensus to sponsor a table at the event.

16. Report on most recent meeting of the following Boards and Commissions:

✓ **Animal Control Board- Councilman Griffin**

No report was given.

✓ **Animal Shelter Advisory Board- Councilman Griffin**

Councilman Griffin reported on the Pet Fair that was held this past Saturday. It was one of the largest ones ever attended by citizens and visitors. He and Police Chief Roger Gibson and Deputy Police Chief Les Hawkins cooked over 300 hamburgers and hot dogs. Seven animals were adopted at the event. The Carter Blood Care vehicle was also there and 15 people gave blood.

✓ **Beautification Commission- Councilman Turner**

No report was given.

✓ **Community Affairs Commission- Councilman Fisher**

Councilman Fisher tipped his hat to the Commission and David Franklin in particular, for a successful Energy Fair at the Library. Between 350 and 400 people were in attendance and there were several sponsors and vendors. The event did not cost the City a dime. Also at the event was a game truck that was powered by solar energy. The Commission has discussed expanding the event to the Bedford Boys Ranch in order to accommodate more vendors and visitors.

✓ **Cultural Commission- Councilman Champney**

No report was given.

✓ **Investment Committee – Councilman Savage**

No report was given.

✓ **Library Board- Councilman Brown**

Councilman Brown reported that the Board met last week. The Library received the 2012 Wayne Williams Library Project of the Year award which included a \$500 cash award as well as a plaque which is on display in the Library lobby. Cate Marshall, a student at Texas Women's University, did a video for the Library's Annual report, which can be found on the Library's website and blog. He wanted to bring to Council's attention a discussion the Board had for placing a sign on Bedford Road at the entrance of the City, which may be electronic or a lighted monument sign. He thanked the Boy Scouts of Troop 340 for inviting him to speak to them earlier before the meeting.

✓ **Parks & Recreation Board- Councilman Griffin**

No report was given.

✓ **Senior Citizen Advisory Board- Councilman Savage**

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Councilman Savage reported that he attended his last Board meeting and has served as Council liaison for the past 12 years. The Center has had a large number of volunteers this past quarter and their energy never ceases to amaze him.

✓ Teen Court Advisory Board- Councilman Griffin

Councilman Griffin reported that the Teen Court Banquet will be held this Thursday at the Hurst Convention Center. The silent auction to help the scholarship fund will be at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner at 7:00 p.m.

17. Council member reports

Councilman Griffin reported that 6Stones and Atmos Energy are partnering to work on a house at 2001 Memphis Drive on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They are asking for representatives from the City to stop by and say hello.

Mayor Story thanked Scoutmaster Michael Ramsey and Boy Scout Troop 340 for being at tonight's meeting.

18. City Manager report

Deputy City Manager David Miller stated he wanted to echo what Councilman Fisher said regarding the Energy Fair and wanted to take his hat off to David Franklin.

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

Item #6 was discussed during the Executive Session and was then approved by consent.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary