

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 9, 2011

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council convened in a Work Session on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall.

PRESENT: Council Member Gregory, Council Member Engelbrecht, Council Member Watts, Council Member Roden, Mayor Pro Tem Kamp, and Mayor Burroughs

ABSENT: Council Member King.

1. The Council received a report, held a discussion, and gave staff direction on the 2011-12 Proposed Budget, Capital Improvement Program, and Five-Year Financial Forecast.

Mayor Burroughs stated that this item was a placeholder for any additional Council questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Kamp asked how the Street Maintenance Fund would look like at the end of five years and what it would look like if all of the incremental part of the franchise fees were put in the Fund.

Bryan Langley, Chief Financial Officer, stated that staff would provide that information to Council in their Friday packets. He felt that such a move would have a negative position in the Fund Balance.

City Manager Campbell stated that it would get the fund to \$6 million much faster.

Council Member Roden asked if the \$6 million would include only OCI maintenance or all of the streets.

Langley stated it would be for the OCI.

Council Member Watts stated that in terms of the \$192,160 in additional funding, he felt that the Council should keep the mentality of austerity to keep in balance with the budget. He did not want to overspend in light of this good news but rather hold the line on spending.

Council Member Gregory spoke regarding the \$50,000 for the bike plan. The Mobility Committee had a draft of the bike/pedestrian plan. He questioned how much would be going towards the bike plan. The plan had street sections and prices of projects in the range of \$667,394 to \$1.6 million which did not include right-of-way and engineering costs. \$50,000 was not much in terms of what was needed. He agreed with the concept of not spending the additional dollars but felt there was a plan and a need to fund that plan.

Assistant City Manager Martin stated that the short term average cost for the bike plan was \$25,000 per mile which would not include right-of-way and engineering costs.

Council Member Watts questioned the cost of the right-of-way and engineering.

Martin replied that a minimal purchase of right-of-way was anticipated and depended on the segment that was being considered.

Council Member Watts felt the he needed education on why the Comprehensive Plan was projected to cost \$800,000 - \$1 million.

Mayor Burroughs stated that a review was needed to make sure the City was following the plan. The process was already a year behind in implementation.

Assistant City Manager Greene stated that staff could show how much each element would cost.

Mayor Burroughs asked to include the cost for the prior process.

Council Member Engelbrecht stated that he had been involved in two prior Comprehensive Plan reviews and encouraged staff to have public participation and public knowledge of the City activities.

Following the completion of the Work Session, the City Council convened in a Closed Meeting to consider the items listed below under the Closed Meeting section of this agenda.

1. Closed Meeting

A. Deliberations Regarding Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters – Under Texas Government Code Section 551.086.

1. Receive competitive public power information from staff in the form of a proposed operating budget for Denton Municipal Electric (“DME”) for the upcoming fiscal year, including without limitation, revenues, expenses, commodity volumes, and commitments, and the direction of DME; and discuss, deliberate, consider adoption of the budget and other matters, and provide staff with direction regarding such matters.

This item was not considered.

B. Consultation with Attorneys – Under Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

1. Consult with, and provide direction to, City’s attorneys on legal rights, restrictions, obligations, and issues associated with the proposed annexation of DH-7, DH-9, and DH-12, where a public discussion of such legal matters would conflict with the duty of the City’s attorneys to the City of Denton, Texas under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, and where such matters may become an issue in potential litigation.

The Council adjourned from the Closed Session at 5:35 p.m.

The City Council attended a reception for Board and Commission members in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall.

The City Council convened in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

1. The Council considered approval of a resolution of appreciation for retiring Board/Commission members.

Mayor Pro Tem Kamp motioned, Council Member Engelbrecht seconded to approve the resolution of appreciation. On roll call vote, Council Member Roden "aye", Council Member Gregory "aye", Council Member Engelbrecht "aye", Council Member Watts "aye", Mayor Pro Tem Kamp "aye", and Mayor Burroughs "aye". Motion carried unanimously.

2. Oath of Office for New and Continuing Board Members.

City Secretary Jennifer Walters administered the oath of office to the new and continuing board members.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MARK A. BURROUGHS
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

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CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS