

**THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2008 IN THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 2121 CROSS TIMBERS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, COUNTY OF DENTON, TEXAS AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Town Council met in a work session with the following members present:

Jody Smith	Mayor
Tim Trotter	Mayor Pro Tem
Joel Lindsey	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Al Filidoro	Councilmember Place 2
Jean Levenick	Councilmember Place 4
Jeff Tasker	Councilmember Place 5

constituting a quorum with the following members of the Town Staff participating:

Harlan Jefferson	Town Manager
Paula Paschal	Town Secretary
Chuck Springer	Assistant Town Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Kent Collins	Assistant Town Manager
Kenny Brooker	Police Chief
Eric Metzger	Fire Chief

**A. CALL TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION TO ORDER**

Mayor Smith called the work session to order at 7:30 p.m.

**B. INVOCATION**

Councilmember Tasker gave the Invocation.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG**

Two local scouts led the pledges.

**D. COORDINATION OF CALENDARS**

Town Manager Harlan Jefferson stated the proposed mixed-use ordinance had been scheduled for the August 21 work session, however it appeared that meeting would not be required. He noted that the proposed tree ordinance had been sent to members of the business community for comments. Staff would follow up with a meeting and provide a summary to Council in a Council Communication before bringing it back for consideration.

**E. WORK SESSION ITEM**

**1. Discuss Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets for FY 2008-2009.**

Assistant Town Manager/Chief Financial Officer Chuck Springer informed the Council of the upcoming changes to the Council Chambers, including moving the staff desk to the north wall, and upgrading the sound mixer and speakers. If the Council wanted the keyboards moved, or wished to have internet or email access, staff could take care of that. Council feedback was requested.

Mr. Springer gave the following presentation on the proposed budget for FY 2008-2009.

















































Councilmember Tasker asked about the debt service rate, which Mr. Springer stated it was declining this year.

Councilmember Filidoro asked if there was a standard rate for fund balances according to the Texas Municipal League.

Mr. Springer stated there was no real standard. When the Council adopted the financial policies, it was set at 15%. The Town Charter required 10%, or about two months of cash reserves. He stated the budget would be balanced next year, and stressed that it might be more challenging than compared to the current year. Staff would review fee levels for permits, etc.

Assistant Town Manager Kent Collins discussed the Capital Improvement Program (CIP ) and the projects proposed for funding in FY 2008-2009.

#### Roadway Projects

- River Walk project improvements
- Turn lane at Morriss and Gerault
- Dixon Lane
- Garden Ridge
- Spinks
- Design for Wichita Trail
- Design and right-of-way for Chinn Chapel
- Reconstruction programs on Dover, Homestead and Savannah - funded through dedicated sales tax

#### Facilities

- 2 fire stations
- O&M Facility (Service Center)

#### Parks

- Start for the Wilson/Carmel tract, Phase 1
- Bakersfield Park entry
- Hilltop Park, Wilkerson Park, Rustic Timbers Park, Northshore Park and the Dunham Equestrian Trail Head - all funded through 4B sales tax

#### Water Projects

- 2 waterline projects on Timbercreek
- 1 waterline project on Valley Ridge
- Cowboy lane waterline to feed the lift station associated with the Trinity River Authority Graham Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Large waterline project from Tour 18 to 377

#### Wastewater Projects

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehab Project
- Oak Street lift station improvements
- Kipling Lift Station - gravity line to serve existing development off Dixon
- Inflow & Infiltration monitoring project

Councilmember Tasker asked if the cleanup had taken place on the Wilson tract, and Mr. Collins responded yes. Councilmember Tasker asked if the notations for Phase 1 and Phase 2 were the projection of what was under discussion by the Community Development Corporation and the PALS Board, and Mr. Collins stated that was correct.



Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated Phase 1 included trails, parking, the park entry, play area, and possibly the amphitheater for a total of \$2.5 million. Phases 2-4 called for the botanical garden, the development of the eastern portion of the park, including the dog park at some later stage. He noted the dog park had not been determined for any specific phase.

Councilmember Tasker stated he did not support a dog park and never will.

Town Manager Harlan Jefferson stated one of the goals for the dedicated sales tax was to stop issuing debt for parks projects which had resulted in a gap on the CIP. He noted that the Council had previously approved the CIP with the dog park included. He noted staff needed direction from the Council to remove it.

Mayor Pro Tem Trotter concurred with Councilmember Tasker about removing the dog park from the CIP.

Mayor Smith suggested making the property available in the future to a non-profit organization for a dog park.

Councilmember Filidoro asked how much of the \$185,000 for the dog park was for parking.

Mr. Jones stated about 35 spaces were associated with the dog park, and the parking lot was planned for multi-use purposes.

Councilmember Filidoro asked if the parking would be removed if the dog park was removed.

Mr. Jones stated about 30 spaces could be eliminated along with the dog park. He estimated that each space was about \$2,000.

Mr. Collins stated as the park builds out, additional parking may be needed. The Park CIP was driven by revenues (4B). The budgets will be adjusted each fiscal year and staff will make sure adequate parking is available.

Councilmember Filidoro asked about the Twin Coves sewer project.

Mr. Collins stated a neighborhood meeting was scheduled for August 27 at McKamy Middle School where staff will present the options to the residents. Staff will compile the results of the meetings and conduct a Town-generated survey to get feedback from the residents.

Councilmember Filidoro asked when the Town needed to make a decision.

Mr. Collins stated the project was on the CIP, and the projects could cross fiscal years.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lindsey stated with the success of the CAC, he would like to see an extension of the outdoor pool on the CIP.

Councilmember Tasker agreed, and stated the Town should start discussing this now so that citizens knew it was being addressed.

Mr. Jefferson stated staff had talked about an expansion already. He stated if Council wanted this on the CIP, staff would begin working on this in early September so as to have something open by next summer.

Mayor Smith asked that staff check with the survey cities for square footage of water park area relative to membership levels. The consensus of the Council was to add the expansion to the CIP.

**Community Support**

Mayor Smith asked if the Humane Society was a judicial board or a non-profit.

Mr. Jefferson stated it was a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Mayor Smith commented there had been some extreme expenditures on attorneys by the Humane Society over an issue of ownership of two animals, even though there were two judgments to return the dogs. She stated she would do additional research on this matter.

Mr. Springer stated the amount in the proposed budget for Community Support was \$186,872. This was 1/2 of 1% of the general fund budget for FY 2007-2008.

The consensus of the Council was to grant the social services groups what they had requested and to grant the cultural arts what they had received last year, thereby saving \$6,000.

Mayor Smith stated the consensus of the Council was to remove the dog park from the CIP and to add the expansion of the water park.

**F. ADJOURN WORK SESSION**

Mayor Smith adjourned the work session at 8:53 p.m.

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS

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JODY SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PAULA J. PASCHAL, TOWN SECRETARY