

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 19, 2012

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, Frazier, Taylor, and Holley, City Attorney Wilson, City Manager Howerton, and City Secretary Batchler.

Commissioner Searcy was not able to attend.

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Erisman and News Media.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS: City Manager Howerton reported that newly appointed Director of Finance Mitchell had successfully balanced the general ledger for the month of October. The annual audit is underway with discussion of a clean and favorable report indicating a possible General Fund balance of \$6,000,000 to bring forward for the new year. Attributing factors regarding the fund balance was due to a stabilizing economy increasing the sales tax revenue by 5% and a similar increase in property tax collection.

As the 287 Bypass construction progresses to the intersection of Ennis Parkway there will be a possible closing of Bluebonnet Park around January 10, 2013 through January 20, 2013.

2012 STREET BOND PROGRAM: The City Manager presented an update to the change order on North Dallas Street, Denton Street to Martin Luther King Drive. There are two options to be considered. (1) Cement treat the subgrade and utilize \$27,967.50 of the project contingency. (2) Install 7" concrete pavement and utilize \$58,716.55 of the project contingency. The installation of 7" concrete pavement is the recommendation of city staff adding no more than thirty days and possibly less to the North Dallas Street construction. The utilization of \$58,716.55 of the project contingency would reduce the project contingency fund to about \$18,000.00.

Commissioner Haupt present at 6:20 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS: Agenda items were discussed. The commission will consider Resolution 12-11-10 repealing Resolution 10-12-01 in its entirety, adopting a Comprehensive Policy Statement on Economic Development Incentives; establishing objective and subjective criteria for evaluating Incentive Applications; establishing maximum values of Incentives to be provided; establishing Procedural Guidelines for considering Incentive Applications; establishing Guidelines and Criteria Governing Tax Abatement Agreements. City Manager Howerton explained that the current resolution expires December 2012 and under Texas State Law the commission must adopt a new resolution every two years. The resolution replaces the current one. The City Manager presented Tax Abatement Application Data citing 52 applicants, \$636,187,398.00 in investments, 5,183,970 square feet of new construction and 3516 new jobs since 1990.

The Mayor presented his recommendation for three appointments to the Historic Landmark Commission. The appointees are Bill Smith, Cathy Morales, and Mary Ann Kinzie.

The Mayor adjourned the workshop at 6:36 P.M.

City Secretary

