



RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009
Richardson Civic Center/City Hall
411 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, Texas 75080



The Richardson City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, August 31, 2009, in the Civic Center/City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho, in compliance with Section 551.002 of the Texas Government Code (open meetings law). As authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed executive session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the city attorney on any agenda item listed herein. This building is wheelchair accessible. Any requests for sign interpretive services must be made 48 hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements, call 972-744-4000 VIA TDD or call 1-800-735-2989 to reach 972-744-4000.

WORK SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

- Call to Order
- A. Visitors
- B. Review and Discuss Restricting Use of Cell Phones in School Zones
- C. Review and Discuss Custer Parkway and Grove Road Bike Lane Progress
- D. Review and Discuss Huffhines Recreation Center Construction Update
- E. Review and Discuss Development Services Web Site Enhancements and Development Activity Report

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – 7:30 P.M.

1. Second Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.57516 per \$100 Valuation for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

ACTION TAKEN:

2. Consider cancellation of the Monday, September 7, 2009, City Council Meeting for the Labor Day Holiday.

I certify the above agenda was posted on the Bulletin Board at the Civic Center/City Hall on Friday, August 28, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Signed: _____

Pamela Schmidt
City Secretary

Worksession Agenda Item A



City of Richardson
City Council Meeting
Agenda Item Summary



Meeting Date: Monday, August 31, 2009

Agenda Item: Visitors

Staff Resource: Pamela Schmidt, City Secretary

Summary: Members of the public are welcome to address the City Council about items of interest. Speaker Appearance Cards should be submitted to the City Secretary. Speakers are limited to 5 minutes and should avoid personal attacks, accusations, and characterizations.

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council cannot take action on items not listed on the agenda. However your concerns will be addressed by City staff, may be placed on a future agenda, or by some other course of resolution.

Board/Commission Action: N/A

Action Proposed: Hear comments by visitors.

Worksession Agenda Item B



City of Richardson
City Council Worksession
Agenda Item Summary



Worksession Meeting Date: Monday, August 31, 2009

Agenda Item: Restricting Use of Cell Phones in School Zones

Staff Resource: Dave Carter, Assistant Director Development Services - Traffic and Transportation

Summary: City staff will brief the Council regarding the new State Law concerning the use of cell phones in school zones passed as House Bill 55, which becomes effective September 1, 2009.

The law prohibits the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle within a school crossing zone unless the vehicle is stopped or the operator uses a hands-free device.

A municipality that enforces this law is required to post a sign at the entrance to each school crossing zone; TxDOT has developed a standard sign to be used in Texas.

City staff will brief Council regarding the strategy for installing over 250 new regulatory signs, which will be required to enforce the law this fall.

Board/Commission Action: N/A

Action Proposed: Discussion of the City Council

Worksession Agenda Item C



City of Richardson
City Council Worksession
Agenda Item Summary



Worksession Meeting Date: Monday, August 31, 2009

Agenda Item: Custer Pkwy and Grove Road Bike Lane Progress

Staff Resource: Dave Carter, Assistant Director Development Services - Traffic and Transportation

Summary: City staff will brief the Council regarding the status of Bicycle Lanes and Bike Route signs along Custer Parkway (Campbell to Renner) and Grove Road (Centennial to Arapaho). Attached is an illustration of the proposed roadway cross-section.

City staff has met with the Canyon Creek HOA and the Highland Terrace HOA, both of which have worked to gather community support and gained a significant level of positive input from the residents living along each roadway.

Implementation is well underway for both segments. On Custer, the markings were in place prior to school starting at Aldridge Elementary. On Grove, the markings should be completed by the first week in September.

Other bicycle routes and designated bicycle lanes are included in the City's Trailway and Bicycle Route Master Plan and will be implemented in a phased approach when additional funding is available, and community and neighborhood support is established along each corridor.

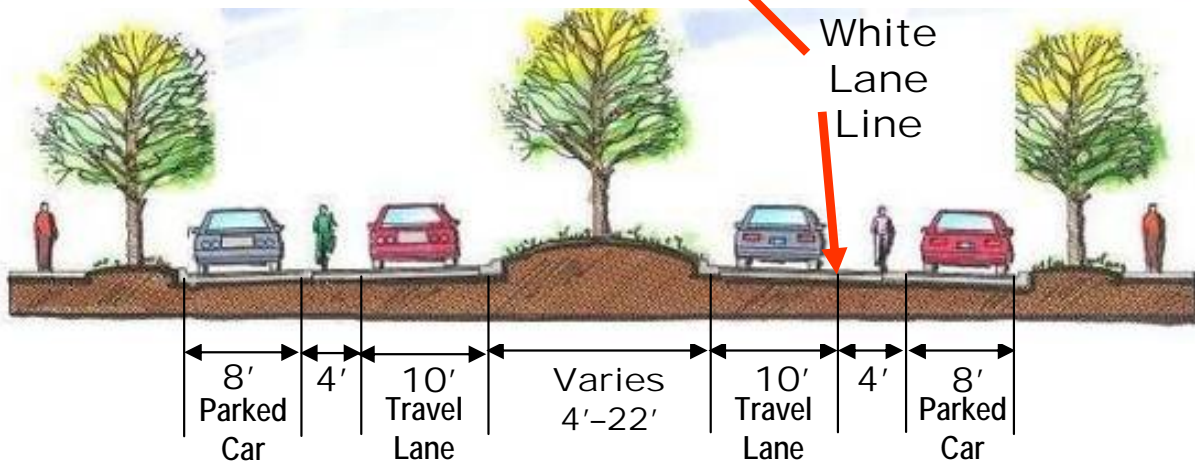
Board/Commission Action: N/A

Action Proposed: N/A

Custer Parkway and Grove Road Bike Lane Typical Cross-Section

A 10' travel lane adjacent to the median will help control speeds and move traffic away from mailboxes and properties.

The 12' outside lane is for Bikes, Parking, and Right Turns at intersections Only. Bikes will be allowed to go straight from Right Turn lanes.



Worksession Agenda Item D



City of Richardson
City Council Worksession
Agenda Item Summary



Worksession Meeting Date: Monday, August 31, 2009

Agenda Item: Huffhines Recreation Center Construction Update

Staff Resource: Michael Massey, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Roger Scott, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

Summary: Michael and Roger will provide an update on the current status of the Huffhines Recreation Center. The presentation will include an overview of the project and a pictorial review of the current construction status. The project is progressing as planned with a grand opening anticipated in mid-October.

Board/Commission Action: N/A

Action Proposed: N/A



Worksession Agenda Item E



City of Richardson
City Council Worksession
Agenda Item Summary



City Council Meeting Date: Monday, August 31, 2009

Agenda Item: Development Services Web site enhancements and
Development Activity Report

Staff Resource: John Webb, Director of Development Services *JW*

Summary The Development Services Department is striving to make its web site more user-friendly and informative regarding the pre-development application process and current development activity in the City. Staff will provide an overview of the new format for zoning, platting and site plan applications including information to assist the City Council and City Plan Commission during the deliberation of various applications. Staff will also review the new Development Activity Report.

Board/Commission Action: N/A

Action Proposed N/A

Special Called Meeting Item 1



City of Richardson
City Council Special Called Meeting
Agenda Item Summary



Meeting Date: Monday, August 31, 2009

Agenda Item: Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.57516 per \$100 Valuation for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Staff Resource: Bill Keffler, City Manager

Summary: On July 20, 21, and 22, 2009, the Richardson City Council held a Budget Retreat at which City Staff provided the City Council with a status report on the current 2008-2009 Revenues and Expenditures and reviewed with the City Council Preliminary Revenue and Expenditure Projections for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year.

The City Manager filed a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 on Friday, August 7, 2009 in accordance with the City Charter and State Law. The Proposed Budget was presented in detail by the City Manager during an August 10, 2009 Worksession. A copy of the Proposed Budget and the Worksession presentation is available online.

The Proposed Budget includes a recommended tax rate \$0.57516 per \$100 valuation reflecting no change in the tax rate for 2009-2010.

The City Council received Public Input on the proposed tax rate at a Public Hearing on Monday, August 24, 2009 and will again receive Public Input on the proposed tax rate at this Monday, August 31, 2009 Public Hearing.

Consideration of the adoption of the 2009 Tax Rate is scheduled for September 14, 2009.

Board/Commission Action: N/A

Action Proposed: Receive Public Input on the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Special Called Meeting Item 2



City of Richardson
City Council Special Called Meeting
Agenda Item Summary



Meeting Date: Monday, August 31, 2009

Agenda Item: Consider cancellation of the Monday, September 7, 2009, City Council Meeting for the Labor Day Holiday

Staff Resource: Bill Keffler, City Manager

Summary: In observance of the annual Labor Day Holiday, prior City Council's have cancelled their Monday meeting for that day.

Board/Commission Action: N/A

Action Proposed: Consider cancellation of the Monday, September 7, 2009, City Council Meeting for the Labor Day Holiday.
