

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2015

WORK SESSION – 6:00 P.M.:

• **Call to Order**

Mayor Voelker called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following Council members present:

Paul Voelker	Mayor
Bob Townsend	Councilmember
Scott Dunn	Councilmember
Mabel Simpson	Councilmember
Marta Gomez Frey	Councilmember

Absent:

Mark Solomon	Mayor Pro Tem
Steve Mitchell	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present:

Dan Johnson	City Manager
Don Magner	First Assistant City Manager
Kent Pfeil	Chief Financial Officer
Cliff Miller	Assistant City Manager Development Services
Shanna Sims-Bradish	Assistant City Manager Admin/Leisure Services
Aimee Nemer	City Secretary
Taylor Lough	Management Analyst
Lori Smeby	Director of Parks and Recreation
Roger Scott	Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
Suzanne Etman	Community Events Manager
Ronny Glanton	Head Professional, Sherrill Park Golf Course

Consultants:

Andrew Duggan, Studio Outside

A. VISITORS

There were no visitors comments submitted.

B. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE 2015 HUFFHINES ART TRAILS

Suzanne Etman, Community Events Manager, reviewed plans for the 2015 Huffhines Art Trails.

C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE SPRING CREEK NATURE AREA EXPANSION

Lori Smeby, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced the item and consultant Andrew Duggan from Studio Outside. Mr. Duggan reviewed the proposed Master Plan for the Spring Creek Nature Area Expansion including a history of the project, existing conditions, habitat restoration, proposed trail network, project elements, and public input received to date. Notable public comments were:

- Parking should be visible for access & safety.
- Design makes riparian areas accessible.
- Re-affirm focus on safety.
- Expand nature educational opportunities and programs like the Richardson Urban Naturalist program.
- Provide opportunities for volunteers to be active in supporting the health and well-being of Spring Creek Nature Area.

Ms. Smeby reviewed next steps and also discussed the private cemeteries within the project:

- Project Phasing: Identification and grouping of critical project elements, sequencing based on funding and development impact
- Additional Funding Strategies:
 - Philanthropic Donations
 - Sponsorships
 - Grants
- Management Strategy / Operational Budget: Develop management and budget strategies, and volunteer stewardship efforts
- Programs: Identify nature based program opportunities and expand existing programs like the Richardson Urban Naturalist series

Private Property Owner Shall:

- Provide a dedicated public access easement to the cemeteries
- Provide perpetual repair, replacement, and maintenance of the public access easement
- Provide perpetual care and maintenance of the cemeteries

D. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE SHERRILL PARK GOLF COURSE #1 RENOVATION UPDATE

Mr. Glanton, Head Professional, Sherrill Park Golf Course, reviewed the Course #1 renovations:

- New turf on the greens converting from Tif Dwarf to Mini Verde
- Added additional tee boxes and reshaped existing tees
- Bunker reshaping and design
- Cart path renovation
- Pruned all existing trees and removed all dead trees
- Planted 113 new trees
- Improvements to the irrigation lake and drainage improvements
- Installed a new bridge for holes 2 and 3

E. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE STATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSITIONS

Taylor Lough, Management Analyst, reviewed the 7 State Constitutional Amendments that are on the upcoming November 3, 2015 ballot.

F. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Councilmember Dunn reported on the Ricochet 15 event and commended the Symphony and AIR (Arts Incubator of Richardson).

Councilmember Simpson reported on the fundraiser for the Richardson firefighter that recently experienced a bone marrow transplant and stated it was a very good turnout.

Councilmember Frey also commented on the Ricochet 15 event and thanked Laurie Garvie and Kitty Goddard.

Mayor Voelker commented on the thank you card he received from Miley Thompson, an elementary student who also offered to volunteer for the City. Mayor Voelker also recognized 2016 Miss Richardson, Spencer Davis, and 2016 Miss Richardson Outstanding Teen, Nicole Wingard. He also acknowledged the last day of service for 2015 Miss Richardson, Jessica Barrera, and 2015 Miss Richardson Outstanding Teen, Michaela Larry, who kicked off the 5k Run benefitting New Beginnings and Hope's Door.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

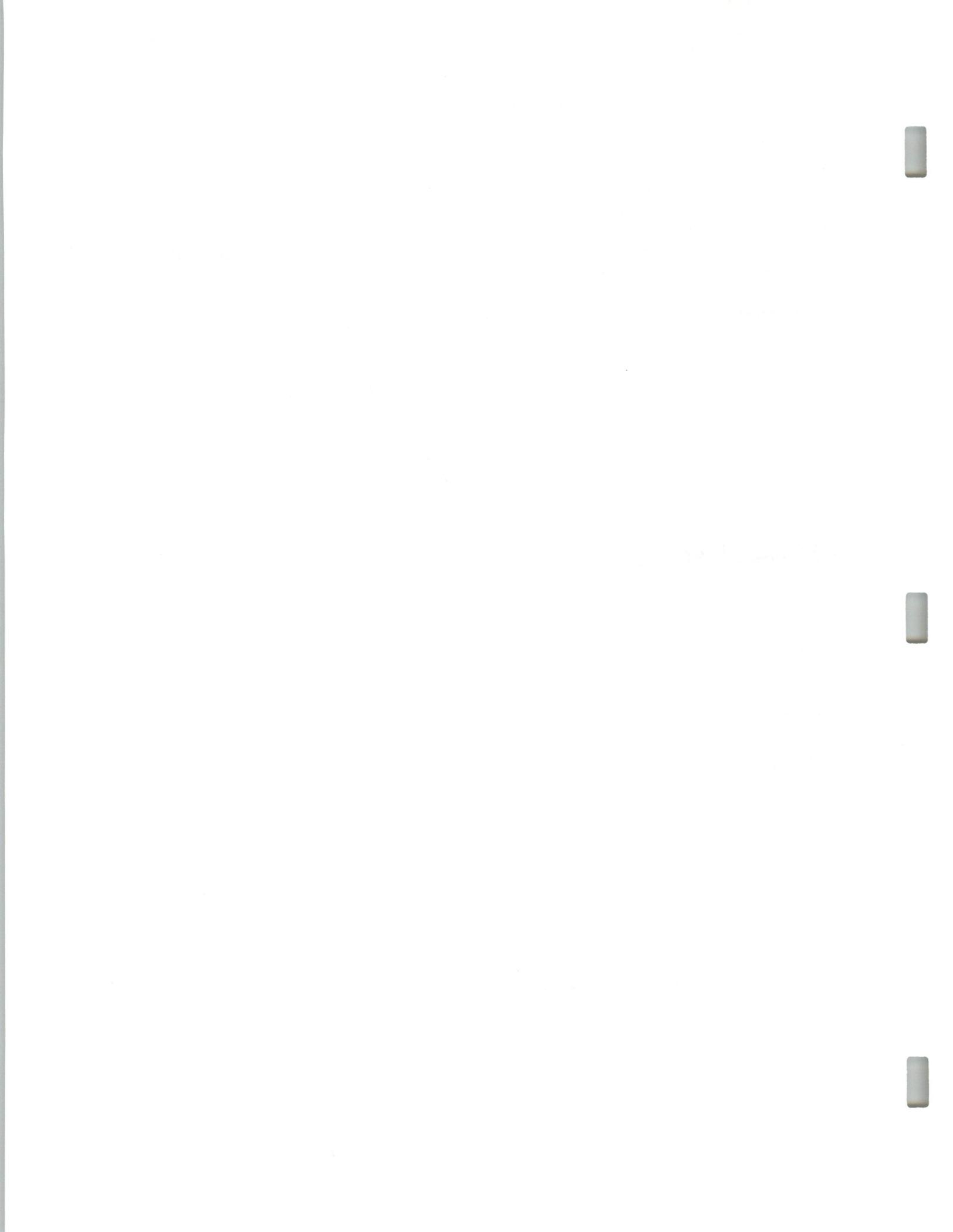


MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY



MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2015

WORK SESSION – 6:00 P.M.:

• **Call to Order**

Mayor Voelker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council members present:

Paul Voelker	Mayor
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Bob Townsend	Councilmember
Scott Dunn	Councilmember
Mabel Simpson	Councilmember

Absent:

Marta Gomez Frey	Councilmember
Steve Mitchell	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present:

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Aimee Nemer	City Secretary
Taylor Lough	Management Analyst
Gary Beane	Budget Officer

Gary Thomas, President/Executive Director, DART
Gary Slagel, DART Board Representative

A. VISITORS

There were no visitors comments submitted.

B. INTRODUCTION OF SPENCER DAVIS, MISS RICHARDSON 2016 AND NICOLE WINGARD, MISS RICHARDSON'S OUTSTANDING TEEN 2016

Mayor Voelker introduced Ms. Davis and Ms. Wingard.

C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS DART PROGRAMS AND TOPICS OF INTEREST

Mr. Gary Thomas, Executive Director, DART; and Mr. Gary Slagel, DART Board Representative; provided an update on the DART system to Council including discussions regarding the D2 alternative and Cotton Belt.

D. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE CITY COUNCIL GOALS FOR THE 2015 – 2017 COUNCIL TERM

Don Magner, First Assistant City Manager reviewed the 2015-2017 Council Statement of Goals:

Role of Council

- The role of the council is to develop a long-term vision for the city, to develop policies necessary to achieve the vision, and to communicate with, seek input from, and be the voice for residents, businesses, and other stakeholders.
- The council will provide the direction, trust, and support necessary for the city manager to implement the operational aspects of our vision and be positive and resourceful advocates of the city.

Rules of Engagement

- At all times, and in all interactions, the council will work to find common ground in the best interest of the stakeholders.
- While executing our duties, we will be:
 - Respectful - Of differing ideas and opinions, and other people's time.
 - Thoughtful - We will listen thoroughly and evaluate on merit.
 - Professional - Punctual, focused, present, and prepared.
 - Supportive - Of each other, our city, our decisions, and our staff.
 - Efficient - With city resources, our time, and the time of others.

Vision

- The City of Richardson is a clean, safe, vibrant, and inclusive community in which residents and businesses enjoy a high quality of life and are proud to call "home."
- All of our stakeholders enjoy superior, responsive city services. Our accessibility, and the quality and variety of our amenities, recreation opportunities, green spaces, housing options, education opportunities, retail choices, and transportation options are locally, nationally and globally recognized.
- We have a thriving, diverse business community whose success is supported by a superior infrastructure, access to a talented, well-educated, and engaged workforce, a business-friendly environment, and easy access to the North Texas region and the world

Goals

- For Richardson to be a place where people are proud to live, work, and engage in the community.
- To have stakeholders choose Richardson as the best place to invest.
- To effectively and efficiently manage city resources while maintaining and enhancing city services.
- To have clear, easy to understand processes and policies that make it easy to do business with the city.

Strategies

- Enhance the quality of life of our stakeholders
- Attract and retain targeted businesses and increase the number, quality, and variety of job opportunities throughout the city
- Strengthen property values
- Effective and efficient management of city finances
- Increase the sense of community
- Increase private participation and contributions
- Improve communications
- Attract, develop, and retain quality city employees
- Improve customer experience in interactions with the city
- Appropriate use of technology and innovation

- Improve accessibility to the city
- Improve documentation, processes, structure, and services

Next Steps

- A resolution formally adopting 2015-17 Statement of Goals will be on the City Council's November 9th Agenda for consideration.
 - Communication plan to share the Statement of Goals to immediately follow.
- A list of proposed tactics for each strategy will be presented to City Council in mid-December.

E. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FY 2014 – 2015 OPERATING BUDGET

Gary Beane, Budget Officer, reviewed the year-end financial report including fund summaries from the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Services Fund, Golf Fund, and Hotel/Motel Tax Fund.

F. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE LEGAL REVIEW OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Aimee Nemer, City Secretary, provided an update on the Legal Review of the Code of Ordinances.

Legal Review Process

Scope of Review

- Review is conducted by MCC attorneys
- The Code is reviewed chapter by chapter for inconsistencies, internal conflicts, obsolete sections, proper grammar and spelling, antiquated wording, and general state and federal law conflicts
- Final Report identifies any issues and provides recommendations for rectifying findings
- Conference is conducted with City Staff, City Attorney, and MCC to review recommendations
- Recommendations chosen for action can be incorporated into the Code by adoption of an amendatory ordinance(s)

Findings

- Only 18 Sections were identified for amendments
 - Update State Law References (8)
 - Conform to State Law (4)
 - Clarify Language (2)
 - Update Reference to International Codes (2)
 - Consistent with Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (1)
 - Delete Obsolete Language (1)

Update State Law References (8)

- **Section 2-186** – Complaint; pleading
- **Section 9-3** – Statutory authorization
- **Section 12-2** – 9-1-1 Emergency service fee
- **Sections 14-77, 14-80, and 14-81** – Abandoned motor vehicles
- **Section 22-11** – Neighborhood electric vehicles and motor-assisted scooters
- **Section 22-147** – Parking for disabled persons

Conform to State Law (4)

- **Section 5-10** – Duty of owners and persons in control and protection of animals
- **Section 7-2** - Definitions
- **Section 14-61** – Definitions
- **Section 14-125** – Owner responsibility

Clarify Language (2)

- **Section 1-1** – How Code designated and cited
- **Section 12-32** – Penalty and interest

Update Reference to International Codes (2)

- **Section 6-440** – Construction and maintenance requirements
- **Section 6-460** – Construction and maintenance requirements

Consistent with Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (1)

- **Section 6-442** – Restrictions and limitations

Delete Obsolete Language (1)

- **Section 12-29** – Monthly payment and report (**Chapter 12, Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Article II. – Hotel Occupancy Tax**)

Next Steps

- Council Feedback
- **November 9** – Council Approval of Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances
- Changes will be updated on the web version
- Changes to the printed Code of Ordinances will be updated with the next supplement

G. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Councilmember Dunn commented on the importance of the City’s partnerships and regionalism. He also noted the city-wide pet day on Saturday.

Councilmember Solomon noted the Altrusa Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon and nominees; Councilmember Marta Frey and Emergency Management Coordinator, Mistie Gardner. He also noted the RISD Spirit Run on Saturday morning.

Mayor Voelker commented on a safe Halloween and the North Texas Sikh Community parade.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY