RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012



Richardson Room 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, March 19, 2012, in the Richardson Room of 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 the Cotton Belt Rail and other DART Service Plan Updates
- C. Review and Discuss the Scenic City Certification
- D. Review and Discuss the Wildflower! Richardson's Arts & Music Festival 2012
- E. Review and Discuss the 2010 G.O. Bond Program Status Report
- F. Report on Items of Community Interest

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- In compliance with Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, Council will convene into a closed session to discuss the following:
 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations
 - Commercial Development E. Arapaho Rd./Grove Rd. Area
- Council will reconvene into open session, and take action, if any, on matters discussed in executive session.

I certify the above agenda was posted on the Bulletin Board at the Civic Center/City Hall on Friday, March 16, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Signed:	
·	Pamela Schmidt
	City Secretary



City of Richardson City Council Meeting Agenda Item Summary



Meeting Date: Monday, March 19, 2012

Agenda Item: Visitors (The City Council invites citizens to address the

Council on any topic not already scheduled for public hearing.)

Staff Resource: Pamela Schmidt, City Secretary

Summary: Members of the public are welcome to address the City

Council on any topic not already scheduled for public hearing. Speaker Appearance Cards should be submitted to the City Secretary prior to the meeting. 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: Receive comments by visitors.





Worksession Meeting Date: Monday, March 19, 2012

Agenda Item: Cotton Belt Rail and other DART Service Plan Updates

Staff Resource: Dave Carter, Asst. Director-Dev. Svcs, Traffic

& Transportation

Summary: Staff will brief the Council regarding the status of the

Regional Cotton Belt Rail Corridor initiative to advance the opening date of rail passenger service along the Cotton Belt. The regional rail will have a connection with

DART'S LRT Red Line and continue service to southwest Fort Worth with potentially 27 stations, including a station at UTD and DFW Airport. The briefing will include the status of the Innovative

Financing Initiative being done by NCTCOG, as well as the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study

process being done by DART. DART Board

representative, Gary Slagel, will also be in attendance to

offer updates of related service plan considerations

under discussion by DART.

Board/Commission Action: N/A

Action Proposed: Discussion





Worksession Meeting Date: Monday, March 19, 2012

Agenda Item: Review and Discuss the Scenic City Program

Staff Resource: David Morgan, Assistant City Manager

Summary: The Scenic City Program was created in 2010 in the

Houston area through a multi-organization partnership that includes the Texas Municipal League. The program supports and recognizes municipalities that implement high-quality scenic standards for public roadways and public spaces, with the long-term goal of improving the

image of all cities.

Board/Commission Action: NA

Action Proposed: City Council's confirmation for application to the Scenic

City Program





Worksession Meeting Date: Monday, March 19, 2012

Agenda Item: Review and Discuss the Wildflower! Richardson's Arts

and Music Festival 2012

Staff Resource: Michael Massey, Director of Parks and Recreation

Robbie Hazelbaker, Assistant Director of Parks and

Recreation

Geoff Fairchild, Community Events Manager

Summary: Staff will present a summary of the headliner performers,

fresh new festival components, and provide an overview of festival highlights. The presentation will address all things Wildflower! kicking off Richardson's largest outdoor Spring event while building energy and anticipation as the festival season approaches. Year

2012 also marks the 20th Wildflower! Festival.

Board/Commission Action: NA

Action Proposed: No action will be taken.





Worksession Meeting Date: Monday, March 19, 2012

Agenda Item: 2010 G.O. Bond Program Status Update

Staff Resource: Cliff Miller, Assistant City Manager

Steve Spanos, Director of Engineering

Jim Lockart, Assistant Director of Engineering

Summary: Implementation of the \$66 million 2010 Bond Program

began immediately after voters approved the program in May of that year. Since that time considerable progress has been made. Several of the projects in the program

have been completed or are currently under

construction. Many others are currently in the design and engineering phase and are scheduled to begin construction in the coming months. Updates on some

program elements or specific projects have been presented at council work sessions as the program has

advanced. This work session briefing will provide an update on the progress in each of the four propositions

of the 2010 Bond Program.

Board/Commission Action: N/A

Action Proposed: N/A





Work Session Meeting Date: Monday, March 19, 2012

Agenda Item: Items of Community Interest

Staff Resource: Bill Keffler, City Manager

Summary: The City Council will have an opportunity to address

items of community interest, including:

Expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the City of Richardson; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or

community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the City of Richardson that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the City of Richardson or an official or employee of the City of Richardson; and announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the City of Richardson that has arisen after the posting of

the agenda.

Board/Commission Action: NA

Action Proposed: No action will be taken.



City of Richardson City Council Meeting Agenda Item Summary



Meeting Date: Monday, March 19, 2012

Agenda Item: Executive Session

Staff Resource: Bill Keffler, City Manager

Summary: The Council will convene into a closed session in

compliance with Texas Government Code Section

551.087 – Deliberation regarding Economic

Development Negotiations pertaining to commercial development in the E. Arapaho Road and Grove

Road Area.

Board/Commission Action: N/A

Action Proposed: Council will reconvene into open session to take any

action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive

Session.