# **MINUTES** RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION **MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012**

#### WORK SESSION — 6:00 P.M.

#### Call to Order

Mayor Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the following Council members present:

Bob Townsend

Mayor Mayor Pro Tem Laura Maczka Mark Solomon Council member Council member Scott Dunn Council member Kendal Hartley Steve Mitchell Council member **Amir Omar** Council member

The following staff members were also present:

Dan Johnson City Manager

David Morgan Deputy City Manager

Cliff Miller Assistant City Manager Development Services

Management Analyst Samantha Woodmancy

Aimee Nemer City Secretary

**Steve Spanos** Director of Engineering

Jim Lockart Assistant Director of Engineering Community Projects Manager Monica Heid Chief Information Officer **Steve Graves** 

#### A. Visitors

There were no visitor comments submitted.

## B. Review and Discuss the Computerworld "Best of Business Intelligence" Award **Presentation**

#### **Staff Comments**

Steve Graves, Chief Information Officer, addressed Council on this item and stated that the City of Richardson IT Department was chosen by a panel of Computerworld editors as one of ten organizations to receive the 2012 Computerworld Magazine Best of Business Intelligence award. He explained that the City was selected for improving efficiency and effectiveness of City services by use of the enterprise reporting tool WebFocus. Mr. Graves introduced the Information Technology team and commended them for their work.

Eric Matthews, Deputy CIO – Application and Development Terry Brown, Manager of Business Applications

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Brian Barr, Programmer Analyst Brian Peppard, Senior Programmer

## **Council Comments**

Councilmember Dunn thanked the staff. Mayor Townsend expressed appreciation and stated that a congratulatory note was sent by Representative Stefani Carter.

## C. Review and Discuss the 2010 G.O. Bond Program Status Update

## **Staff Comments**

Jim Lockhart, Assistant Director of Engineering presented a background on the 2010 G.O. Bond program and an update of projects as summarized below.

- Approximately \$42M of projects are bidding, under construction or complete (over 63 %)
- The next several months will be a very active period for construction across all four propositions.
- Approximately \$16M of projects are currently under design (over 24 %)
- The remaining \$8M projects (approx. 13%) are scheduled to start design within the next 10 months

## **Council Comments**

Council was appreciative of the report and commended staff for the amount of work that has been done and the timeliness of the projects.

# D. Review and Discuss the Second Community Workshop and Related Study Status for the Main Street/Central Expressway Enhancement/Redevelopment Study

#### **Staff Comments**

Monica Heid, Community Projects Manager, reviewed the following study elements with Council. She explained that the purpose of the study is to develop a plan for the future of the Main Street/Central Expressway Corridor Determine market viability for redevelopment.

- Engage stakeholders
- Develop a vision based on community goals and market realities
- Create an implementation strategy
- Amend zoning and other standards to support redevelopment, if appropriate, as a later phase
- Determine if opportunities exist for public/private partnerships
- Plan now—not after property begins to redevelop—for best results

Ms. Heid explained the process to date and the next steps.

- Online resources are being used to increase awareness and participation (webpage, online survey and questionnaire, Facebook page)
- An Open House was held on July 10
- The Focus Group Workshop was held to prepare for the Community Workshop
- The Final Public Input Session is scheduled for November 8
- The recommendation and implementation plan will be presented to the City Council and City Plan Commission in December
- If the recommendation includes rezoning, that will take place as a separate phase in the overall study process

## **Council Comments**

Councilmember Omar expressed concerns that with so many varying opinions from the public, the consultant may come back with a plan to please everyone that will not end up pleasing anyone in the end. He stated that Council needs to give some firm direction.

Councilmember Mitchell stated that Council will shape the direction based on the comments from the public, but will also give direction based on Council and staff input.

Councilmember: Dunn expressed concerns that participants who are participating in all the study methods may be skewing the numbers. Ms. Heid confirmed that those who are interested are likely participating in all community venues and surveys.

## E. Report on Items of Community Interest

There were no reports of community interest items.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY