

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2013

WORK SESSION – 6:00 P.M.:

• **Call to Order**

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

Laura Maczka	Mayor
Bob Townsend	Mayor Pro Tem
Mark Solomon	Councilmember
Scott Dunn	Councilmember
Paul Voelker	Councilmember

Absent:

Kendal Hartley	Councilmember
Steve Mitchell	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present:

Dan Johnson	City Manager
David Morgan	Deputy City Manager
Cliff Miller	Assistant City Manager Development Services
Don Magner	Assistant City Manager Community Services
Shanna Sims-Bradish	Assistant City Manager Admin/Leisure Services
Samantha Woodmancy	Management Analyst
Aimee Nemer	City Secretary
Kent Pfeil	Director of Finance
Gary Beane	Budget Officer
Taylor Paton	Management Intern

A. Visitors

There were no visitor comments submitted.

B. PRESENT AND DISCUSS THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET AND THE PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.63516 PER \$100 VALUATION (SAME AS THE CURRENT 2012-2013 RATE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Dan Johnson, City Manager, presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget to Council. Mr. Johnson stated that the budget theme is "Maintaining a Solid Foundation" and explained that this theme reflects the Council direction of maintaining and reinvesting in the City's key infrastructure and also references the impactful commercial developments underway that are key building blocks for the City's ongoing economic success. Mr. Johnson reviewed the budget development objectives, key elements as listed below, fund summaries including an overview of expenditures and revenues, 2013 analysis of property and sales tax, and next steps in the budget process.

Key Elements:

- Property Tax – remains the current \$0.63515 tax rate

- Sales Tax – estimated to continue modest upward trend
- Rates & Fees – 10.9% rate adjustment for water and sewer is proposed due to increased costs from the North Texas Municipal Water District that must be passed through. Solid Waste rates will remain stable as Staff and Council continue to review these operations. Drainage Utility fee will continue.
- Debt & Capital Program – Continue completion of the 2010 G.O. Bond program
- Focus on Maintenance
- Staffing & Compensation – Restructuring medical benefits, proposed compensation adjustment plan based on market studies to remain competitive, proposed adjustment to Step Plan

Mr. Johnson stated that the next steps are to conduct two public hearings on the tax rate and one public hearing on the budget as listed below, followed by adoption of the budget on September 9, 2013.

August 19 – 6 p.m. – Tax and Budget Public Hearing
August 26 – 7:30 p.m. – 2nd Tax Public Hearing

Council Comments

Council gave very supportive comments regarding the proposed budget with emphasis on focusing on maintenance, the compensation package, increase in fund balances, stable tax rate, and the details and transparency of the budget. Council also commended staff for their work on the budget and recognized the Budget Office staff, Finance staff, and City Manager's Office.

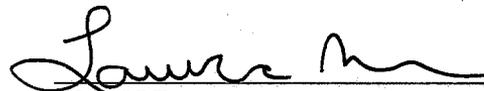
Mr. Johnson also recognized the budget and finance team as well as the management team.

C. Report on Items of Community Interest

There were no items of community interest reported.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY