

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 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
Kendal Hartley	Councilmember
Paul Voelker	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
Aimee Nemer	City Secretary
Mick Massey	Director of Parks and Recreation
Jerry Ortega	Director of Public Services
John Murphy	Board Member, North Texas Municipal Water District

A. VISITORS

There were no visitors comments submitted.

**B. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
STAGE 3 MODIFIED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN**

Assistant City Manager Don Magner reviewed this item for Council reporting:

On October 17th, the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors unanimously voted to remain in Stage 3, but transition to Winter Regulations.

Adoption of Stage 3 Winter Water Restrictions was deemed necessary due to:

- Below average rainfall
- Declining water levels of NTMWD reservoirs
- Ongoing prohibition of pumping water from Lake Texoma due to the zebra mussel infestation
- Uncertain outlook

On November 1, 2013, the City Manager will execute Administrative Order 13-02, thereby adopting Stage 3 Winter Water Restrictions locally.

Given the season, these restrictions are anticipated to have a minimal impact on the community

- Most grass and many types of vegetation are dormant throughout this time and do not require regular watering
- Evaporation is significantly less during this time which results in higher ground moisture levels

Last Digit of Address	Permitted to Water Landscape
Even (0, 2, 4, 6, 8)	1st and 3rd Saturday of each month
Odd (1, 3, 5, 7, 9)	1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

Watering will be permitted between 10 am – 6pm and reduce the possibility of watering during freezing temperatures – early morning / late night.

Council Discussion

There was a consensus of Council to move forward with allowing the City Manager to sign an Administrative Order implementing the Stage Three Winter Water Restrictions. Council requested a strong focus on communicating the winter restrictions to the residents. The Council also requested to meet with the Environmental Advisory Commission to discuss conservation strategies and incentive programs.

C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PARKS RULES REGARDING OVERNIGHT PARKING

Mick Massey, Director of Parks and Recreation, reviewed this item for Council reporting on the following proposed amendment to the Richardson Code of Ordinances Chapter 15 Parks and Recreation:

Article II. Parks and Recreation Commission, Section 15-31. Powers and Duties

Item (11) Recommend Rules and Regulations. It (the Park and Recreation Commission) shall recommend to the city council rules and regulations governing the use of parks and recreation facilities.

The Park and Recreation Commission met on October 15 and considered the no overnight parking in the park item. The Commission recommended (6 to 1) the City Council adopt an ordinance or change and existing ordinance prohibiting overnight parking within Richardson Parks.

Proposed Richardson Code of Ordinances Chapter 15 Parks and Recreation

On the recommendation of the Park and Recreation the following section of Chapter 15 is up for consideration for amendment: Sec. 15-63. Parking vehicles. (b) “It shall be unlawful for any person to park, stand or store a motor vehicle in any City park between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day, or to park or stand a motor vehicle in any City park, except during the posted hours of operation, if posted as open other than 5:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. of the same day.”

Next Steps

If the City Council wishes to include no overnight parking within Richardson parks, staff will bring the ordinance change to the City Council on October 28, 2013 for adoption. If so adopted,

signs will be posted within municipal parks where overnight parking issues warrant them. The City will notify the Police Department and the Homeowners Association's about the ordinance change. Staff will work on outreach to educate the public on the ordinance change and allow for flexibility during the transition to the new way of operation.

Council Discussion

There was a consensus of Council to move forward with amending the ordinance regarding overnight parking regulations in City parks.

D. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Councilmember Hartley reported that the JJ Pearce High School Band would be marching through neighborhoods beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 26.

Councilmember Dunn reported on the Canyon Creek Country Club celebrating 50 years.

Councilmember Solomon reported that the Richland Park Homeowners Association had a great turnout for their carnival.

Mayor Maczka reported on the State Farm event regarding teen driving and Safe Driving Week. She also mentioned the Pete Burk's Day of Service stating that 20 projects were completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In compliance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, Council will convene into a closed session to discuss the following:

- Personnel
 - Evaluation of the City Manager

Council Action

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

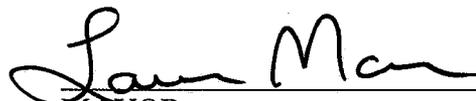
Council will reconvene into open session, and take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Council Action

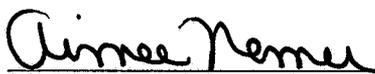
Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:17 p.m. There was no action as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY

