

AGENDA SESSION
August 24, 2010
3:00 p.m.

Chairman Rico called the meeting of the agenda session to order with Councilmen Benson, Berz, Gilbert, Ladd, Scott and Murphy present; Councilman McGary joined the meeting later; Councilwoman Robinson was absent due to illness. City Attorney Michael McMahan and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal were also present.

Others present included Dan Johnson, Daisy Madison, Steve Leach, Lee Norris, Jerry Stewart, John Lyons, Chief Parker, Anthony Sammons, Crystal Freiberg and Richard Beeland.

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Dan Johnson stated **Ordinance 5(a)** on second reading rezones Hunter Road from R-1 and C-2 to permanent R-1 and C-2. He stated **Ordinances (a) and (b)** were discussed in Public Works Committee last week; that **(a)** requires a public hearing to amend Chapter 31 of the *City Code* and **(b)** is for a closure and abandonment of a portion of a 30 foot sewer line easement in the 5500 block of Cassandra Smith Road.

Mr. Johnson stated **Resolutions (a), (b) and (c)** were discussed in Public Works Committee last week and noted a presentation will be made during Legal and Legislative Committee today, as well. He stated the agreement with the Zoo in **Resolution (d)** has been requested to be deferred one week so that the Zoo Board can have an opportunity to look at it. He stated **Resolution (e)** authorizes the Police Chief to pay UT-MTAS for training.

Mr. Johnson continued by stating **Resolution (f)** is for issuance of \$20 million in bonds for the expansion of several projects. Councilman Benson clarified that this bond issuance does not mean some of this will be done this year; that some will be set aside for the next four-to-five years. City Attorney McMahan stated this gives plenary authorization for engineering in the bond issue that will be issued next year. Councilman Benson stated that he did not want anyone to think roads will be paved immediately.

Resolution (g) amends the five year capital improvement plan as two items were changed on final passage. **Resolution (h)** involves the donation of property adjacent to the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks near the Hamill Road crossing and **(i)** gives authorization for the Parks and Recreation Department to acquire Tatum Park.

AGENDA: AUGUST 31, 2010

Mr. Johnson referred Council members to the agenda for the next week, August 31, and stated **Ordinance (a)** involves the abandonment for Yerbey Concrete Construction, Inc. and would be discussed

next week in Public Works Committee, as well as **Resolutions (a) – (c)** involving an increase of Purchase Order 502190 for Haman’s New Drivers, a Change Order relative to the Enterprise South Roadway Extension and a temporary use for Signal Centers, respectively.

Resolution (d) involves a SAFER grant for the Fire Department which would cover hiring 27 firefighters for three years. Councilwoman Scott stated this sounds great and inquired as to what it involves. Chief Parker explained there would be a ten percent match for the first year, a 30 percent match for the second year and a 50 percent match the third year and after that time the grant goes away. He noted that he could better answer the question after he has read the entire grant as it is 90 pages long and would prepare a one-to-two page synopsis. He reiterated that it is for staffing and the amount decreases each year until the third year at which time the funding goes away.

PURCHASES

Mr. Johnson presented the purchases for the various departments which involve the purchase of eight Infrared Gas Monitors from Daly Instrumentation for the Public Works Department at a cost of \$18,520.0; the purchase of ten Impact Uni-Vent Portable Ventilators from PMI for the Fire Department at a cost of \$19,582.50; and a single source purchase of software maintenance from Municipal Software for Neighborhood Services in the amount of \$11,787.00. He also reported the donation of surplus construction items from Neighborhood Services to Widow’s Harvest at no cost.

Councilwoman Scott inquired about the purchase of the ventilators, wanting to know if hospitals had been asked about this. Chief Parker responded that they have regular meetings with the hospitals and they sometime make requests for equipment for disasters as they are short on ventilators. He stated the ventilators are battery operated.

Councilwoman Scott asked if the ventilators are being purchased through a grant. Chief Parker responded that the equipment is purchased through a grant and stored on a trailer which is used for disaster management in the event of a flood or something of that nature.

Councilwoman Scott asked if the Department maintains the equipment. Chief Parker responded “yes”; unless they have a disaster and we take it to them.

The meeting was adjourned.