



Minutes - Final  
City Council

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Tuesday, December 10, 2013

4:30 PM

City Hall - Briefing Room  
317 College Street

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**Call to Order**

**Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.**

**Present** 8 - Mayor Ron Jensen  
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe  
Council Member Jorja Clemson  
Council Member Jeff Copeland  
Council Member Tony Shotwell  
Council Member Jim Swafford  
Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

**Staff Presentations**

1 Unveiling of bronze statue of former Mayor Charles England

*City officials and several citizens attended the unveiling of a bronze statue in the likeness of former Mayor Charles England. The statue will be placed at the entrance to City Hall.*

**Presented**

2 Proposed Smoking Ordinance amendments - Presented by Jim Cummings, Environmental Services Director (continued from the November 19, 2013 meeting)

*Jim Cummings, Environmental Services Director, continued the presentation from the November 19, 2013 meeting. He reviewed various facilities as follows where smoking would be prohibited or allowed according to staff and Public Health and Safety Committee recommendations:*

- Outdoor Dining Areas: Allow beyond 25 feet*
- Outside Entrances: Allow beyond 25 feet*
- Performance Facilities: Prohibit*
- Private Club (eg. VFW) Allow (must be a non-profit organization)*
- Private/Public Schools: Prohibit*
- Public Elevators: Prohibit*
- Public Restrooms: Prohibit*
- Public Transportation Vehicles/Depots: Prohibit*
- Retail/Service Establishments: Prohibit*
- Service Lines (i.e. movie theatre in line outside): Prohibit*
- Sports Arena, stadiums & amphitheaters: Prohibit*
- Tobacco Retail Shops (no one under 18 to work there or enter premises): Allow*

Mr. Cummings went over some miscellaneous provisions of the proposed ordinance including signage requirements and the recommendation was to maintain existing signage requirements. In non-public places of employment the owner can prohibit smoking with a smoking policy. There would be no access to minors for tobacco product vending machines. He said e-cigarettes are not addressed in the ordinance, but staff's recommendation is to set an age limit the same as buying tobacco products. Mr. Cummings said the next step would be to put an ordinance together for Council consideration. Mayor Jensen asked Council how they would like to proceed with the ordinance. He said he did not feel there was a need to rush and suggested that staff write the ordinance and provide it to Council in January and have the ordinance on the agenda for the second meeting in January. Council Member Copeland expressed concern about prohibiting smoking in city facilities such as the golf course and campgrounds. Mr. Cummings said for city facilities the ordinance would allow discretion by the Parks Director and City Manager to cover entertainment and sports venues. Mr. Hart said he was in agreement with Mr. Copeland that the ordinance has to be reasonable and campsites should be allowed to have smoking. Mr. Cummings said this option would be easier than trying to list all city facilities where you cannot smoke, but to have a policy where it is allowed. For example, the ordinance would contain a stipulation that the Parks Director could allow smoking areas at entertainment venues. Council Member Copeland said he would like stronger language. Mr. Hart said he recommended leaving it the way Mr. Cummings has directed and he could override Parks Director decisions. Council Member Shotwell asked Mr. Cummings if he had contacted the owner of the bowling alley. Mr. Cummings said he had not. Mr. Shotwell suggested doing the same thing with that facility since it is privately owned to leave it up to management to make that decision. Mr. Cummings replied if there is a variance for the bowling alley, he recommended adding a no smoking provision when there are junior leagues and in the immediate area of the alleys.

Mayor Jensen asked Mr. Cummings to have a draft ordinance at the first meeting in January, then place on the agenda for a vote at the second meeting in January.

#### **Presented**

### **3** Report on City Art Projects - Presented by Tammy Chan, Special Projects Coordinator

Tom Hart, City Manager, reported to Council that the Army Corps of Engineers turned down the Loyd Park Lodge project. He said staff will pursue that decision with the Corps.

Mr. Hart said the Sports Corporation would be partially funding a city art project and it is on their agenda for the meeting on Wednesday, December 11.

Tammy Chan, Special Projects Coordinator, stated that the city had received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Plans are underway for a tile project on the wall at 15th Street at the Park N Ride site on I-30. She said that a sculpture titled, "Fish Story," will be placed at the Lynn Creek entryway and other small sculptures will be placed around the city.

Ms. Chan informed Council of a TXDOT project to renovate portions of Hwy. 360 at Brown Blvd. to I-20. One percent of that project has been set aside for art projects. This is an entryway to the city of Arlington and they will do entryway features there. She said city staff has argued that Grand Prairie should be included and TXDOT has made an agreement for a project called the "Gap" on Hwy. 360 to Grand Prairie.

Council Member Clemson asked Ms. Chan how the city received the National

*Endowment for the Arts grant. Ms. Chan thanked Mr. Hart because when she went to him and talked about art and transportation, he was very receptive as was Mr. Sparks and Mr. Khavari. She said she learned about the "Our Town" grant at a conference she attended in Louisiana. A portion of the grant application contained a proposal to teach ex-offenders to learn to tile and as a result of the grant, ten ex-offenders will be certified tile setters.*

**Presented**

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Economic Development Update - Presented by Bob O'Neal, Economic Development Director (postponed from the December 10, 2013 meeting)

**Postpone**

**Agenda Review**

*Police Chief Steve Dye addressed the Council regarding Item 35 (Design and Installation of a new radio system). He said the new radio system would get the city into 2025 interoperability capability. He said the radio system is being purchased in cooperation with the cities of Arlington and Mansfield. Council Member Swafford said this is being approved now so that the order can be placed to get the \$2 million credit for ordering early. Funding in the amount of \$6.5 million will come from the Capital Reserve Fund and \$6.5 million from the Capital Lending Reserve Fund and these two funds will be reimbursed from a future bond sale. Council Member Shotwell asked how much that would leave in the Capital Lending Reserve Fund. Tannie Camarata, Cash and Debt Manager, said it would leave \$3.3 million. Council Member Copeland asked if the \$2 million savings was just for Grand Prairie or is it spread over the three cities. Mr. Swafford replied it was just Grand Prairie. Mr. Copeland asked Chief Dye is there was a small city that might want to buy the old radio system. Chief Dye replied there is a lot of the system that is not visible hardware and it has very little trade-in value. He said that perhaps some parts could be recycled. Chief Dye said that part of the price is a full assessment of all city departments' needs. Council Member Shotwell asked if the city could get a reasonable number on the maintenance contract. Chief Dye said after the system is purchased and before we reach end of its life, we can pay for a "refreshment" type system so it would not have to be a complete replacement. He said currently the maintenance contract is over \$200,000 and he did not have a good idea right now what it would be because it is included in the purchase price for two years. Mayor Pro Tem Giessner asked Chief Dye to explain to Council about the federal mandate that this is required for digital v. analog. Chief Dye said the city is ahead of most agencies and will be in compliance with the federal mandate.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Giessner noted that the Finance and Government Committee had discussed Consent Agenda Items 7, 15, 16, 27 and 28. Council Member Wooldridge asked that Consent Agenda Item 31 (Unidirectional Flushing Program in the Joe Pool Lake Peninsula Area) which deals with the water smell, be pulled off for individual consideration so it can be publicized to let residents know the city is trying to help them.*

**Executive Session**

*Mayor Jensen convened a closed session at 5:35 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., to discuss Section 551.072 "Deliberation Regarding Real Property" and Section 551.076 "Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits." The closed session was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.*

### **Recess Meeting**

**Mayor Jensen recessed the meeting at 5:50 p.m.**

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### **6:30 PM Council Chambers**

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**Mayor Jensen reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

**Pastor Jose Luis Luna, Restauracion y Luz, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to US Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe.**

### **Presentations**

- 5** Employee of the Month - Whitney Fowler, Marketing Department - Presented by Amy Sprinkles, Marketing/Library Director
- Amy Sprinkles, Marketing/Library Director, introduced Whitney Fowler, Employee of the Month for December. Mr. Hart presented Ms. Fowler with a city shirt and engraved clock and thanked her for her dedication to the city.*

**Presented**

### **Consent Agenda**

**Mayor Pro Tem Giessner moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe, to approve Items 6 through 30 on the Consent Agenda and remove Item 31 for individual consideration. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 6** Minutes of the November 14, 2013 Special Meeting and the November 19, 2013 Meeting

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 7** Price Agreement for Janitorial Services for Police Support Services from Oriental Building Services (\$141,427.65 annually), for one year with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$707,138.25 if all extensions are exercised, and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the

renewal terms.

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 8 Price agreement with Gear Cleaning Solutions, LLC (GCS) of Dallas, TX for inspection, cleaning and repair of Firefighter Bunker Gear (personal protective equipment) at an estimated amount of \$35,000 annually, for one year with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$175,000 if all extensions are exercised; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 9 Price agreement with Dallas Lite & Barricade, Inc. for variable message and arrow board maintenance services, for an annual amount of \$33,740 for one year with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$168,700 if all extensions are exercised; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 10 Price agreement for hot mix asphalt from Reynolds Asphalt and Construction Co. for an annual cost of \$300,000, through a Master Interlocal Agreement with the City of Arlington for one year with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$1,500,000 if all extensions are exercised; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 11 Price agreement for large water meter testing from UWS, Inc. (\$40,000 annually) through a Master Interlocal Agreement with the City of Irving for one year with the option to renew for ----four additional one-year periods totaling \$200,000 if all extensions are exercised; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 12 Price agreements (shared award) for electrical install, maintenance and repairs from R&R Electric (\$400,000 annually) and to Boyd Electric (\$100,000 annually), for one (1) year with the option to renew for ----four (4) additional one year periods totaling \$2,500,000 (R&R \$2,000,000 - Boyd \$500,000) if all extensions are exercised; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 13 Final Reconciliation Change Order No. 8 in the net negative amount of -\$60,807.36 with McMahon Contracting LP for Lake Ridge Widening Project
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 14 Final Reconciliation Change Order 8 in the negative amount of -\$19,642 with Ed Bell Construction for Sara Jane Parkway Extension from east dead-end to Forum Drive
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 15 One-year agreement for Specific Stoploss Insurance from Stoploss Insurance Services, Inc., with administrative services via Gerber, at a rate of \$21.34 per covered employee/retiree per month, for an estimated annual cost of \$293,212 effective January 1, 2014, with five (5) one-year renewal options to be approved by the city manager if such renewal, in total, do not exceed more than twenty-five percent of the original contracted fees and are appropriated in the annual budget. Such renewal must be justified by claims experience and mutually agreed upon between the City and vendor via the annual renewal document.
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 16 Purchase of 10 Motorola APX 6500 Radios and related equipment/parts from Motorola Solutions and their local dealer D/FW Communications, through an inter-local agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) in the amount of \$51,337.50
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 17 Contract with LandWorks for landscape maintenance for \$86,361 in High Hawk PID (City Council District 6)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 18 Purchase a Finn LF 120 Hydroseeder with air flush system and foam filled tires from ROMCO (\$54,465) through a national inter-local agreement with BuyBoard for the Solid Waste Division

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 19 Change Order/Amendment No. 1 with SunGard in the negative amount of -\$84,970.14 from the Public Safety Software Replacement Agreement

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 20 Purchase Datacenter Equipment and Software from Dell Marketing, LP through DIR-SDD-890-TX in the amount of \$322,251

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 21 Turnkey installation of City Hall Generator using Holt Caterpillar Power Systems in the amount of \$105,794.22, through a national inter-local agreement with National Joint Power Association, contract #080613-CAT, quote number JF20131112 V2.

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 22 Purchase of two (2) backhoe loaders from RDO Equipment for a total cost of \$203,200 through a national inter-local agreement with Buyboard

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 23 Award bid to Randall Reed's Prestige Ford (\$327,100) for the purchase of Ford trucks and mid-size sedans; and Caldwell Country (\$601,540) for the purchase of Chevrolet Tahoes

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 24 Professional design services contract with Komatsu Architecture in the amount of \$349,172, plus a 5% contingency in the amount of \$17,459, for a total design funding request of \$366,631 for Fire Station 10.

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 25 Construction contract with MACVAL Associates, LLC for Main Street Sidewalk, Hardscape and Landscape Improvements from Center Street to NW 2nd Street in the amount of \$613,285; material testing in the amount of \$11,646; in-house engineering in the amount of \$30,664; and 5% construction contract contingency in the amount of \$30,664; for a total project cost of \$686,259

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 26 Interlocal agreement with Irving for condition assessment of the North Dallas (aka Jamieson) Supply Pipeline at an estimated cost of \$300,000

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 27 A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant from the Texas

Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the enforcement of safety belt, child safety seat, speed, intersection traffic control, distracted driving and DWI laws in the amount of \$202,000.

**Adopted**

Enactment No: RES 4665-2013

**28**

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation to fund additional DWI enforcement during the holiday season including Christmas, New Years, Spring Break, Independence Day and Labor Day in the amount of \$10,000

**Adopted**

Enactment No: RES 4664-2013

**29**

Ordinance amending the FY 2013/2014 Capital Improvement Projects Budget for the repair of guard rails in the amount of \$50,000

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 9650-2013

**30**

Ordinance amending the FY 2013/2014 Risk Management Fund for roof repairs to several City facilities damaged by hail storm. City's facilities for repairs are grouped into five (5) areas and awarded to contractors through existing inter-local agreements in place. Groups 1 and 2 will be awarded to DK Haney Roofing, Inc., in the amounts of \$139,968.09 for Group 1 and \$110,840.41 for Group 2, for a total of \$250,808.50. Groups 3, 4 and 5 will be awarded to Benco Commercial Roofing, in the amounts of \$41,667 for Group 3, \$96,364 for Group 4, and \$91,276, for a total of \$229,307

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 9651-2013

**31**

Ordinance amending the FY 2013/2014 Capital Improvements Project Budget; Engineering Contract to Freese & Nichols, Inc. in the amount of \$160,000, plus a 5% contingency of \$8,000 for a total of \$168,000, to design and implement a unidirectional flushing program in the Joe Pool Lake Peninsula Area

*Ron McCuller, Public Works Director, explained that a recent water odor study for the peninsula area contained recommendations for homeowners to place filters on the water fixtures in the home or disinfection of the system. Another recommendation from the study was for the city to install a flushing system on the peninsula. This item is for the installation of a unidirectional flushing system to increase water velocities in the pipelines to destroy any biofilm and sedimentation that may be present.*

**Council Member Wooldridge moved, seconded by Council Member Clemson to approve Item 31. The motion carried unanimously.**

Enactment No: ORD 9652-2013

## Public Hearing on Zoning Applications

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S130503A - Site Plan Amendment - Greenhouse (City Council District 1). Approval of a Site Plan Amendment to allow for reduced parking. The subject property is located east of N. Highway 360 and south of Avenue J East and is zoned Planned Development 329A (PD-329A) District. The agent is John Wheeler and the applicant is Reed Shandoff, American Addiction Centers. (On December 2, 2013, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request by a vote of 7-0.)

*Bill Crolley, Planning Director, reviewed Case S130503A, for reduced parking at the Greenhouse. He said the applicant requested to reduce parking by 25% to allow enhanced landscaping at the rear of the property. He said staff recommended approval of this request.*

*Lincoln Davis, 1600 Village Drive, Euless, TX and Reydal Garcia, 107th 100 Street, submitted speaker cards in support of this item.*

**Council Member Clemson moved, seconded by Council Member Shotwell, to close the public hearing and approve Case S130503A. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Mayor Ron Jensen  
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe  
Council Member Jorja Clemson  
Council Member Jeff Copeland  
Council Member Tony Shotwell  
Council Member Jim Swafford  
Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

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TA131201 - Text Amendment - Article 4 Permissible Uses; Appendices F, I, L, O, P, R, S, T and U. Approval of a Text Amendment to Article 4 "Permissible Uses"; Appendix F "Corridor Overlay District Standards"; Appendix I "I-30 Overlay District"; Appendix L "SH 360 Overlay District"; Appendix O "Hospital District"; Appendix P "Beltline Corridor Overlay District"; Appendix R "Central Business District"; Appendix S "I-20 Overlay District"; Appendix T "SH 161 Overlay District"; and Appendix U "Lakeridge Parkway Overlay District of the Unified Development Code to remove "Pawn Shop" as a permissible use by right from the General Retail (GR), Commercial (C), Commercial One (C-1), Central Area (CA), Heavy Commercial (HC), and Heavy Industrial (HI) Zone Districts and all overlay districts, the HO District, and all CBD Districts, thus limited "Pawn Shop" as a permissible use by right in only the Light Industrial (LI) Zone District. The owner/applicant is the Planning Division, City of Grand Prairie. (On December 2, 2013, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request by a vote of 7-0.)

*Mr. Crolley reviewed Case TA131201. He said staff had looked at where pawn shops were allowed in the city and existing pawn shops would not be affected by these text amendments. Mr. Crolley said staff recommended Light Industrial Zoning*

for future pawn shops.

*Council Member Shotwell said the Development Committee had discussed pawn shops for quite some time. He said the committee did not have a problem with pawn shops, just the location of them. He reiterated that current pawn shops would not be affected by this change; it would apply only to new ones.*

**Council Member Shotwell moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Giessner, to close the public hearing and approve Case TA131201. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Mayor Ron Jensen  
 Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner  
 Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe  
 Council Member Jorja Clemson  
 Council Member Jeff Copeland  
 Council Member Tony Shotwell  
 Council Member Jim Swafford  
 Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Enactment No:

34

TA131202 - Text Amendment - Article 6 "Density and Dimensional Requirement" and Article 16 "Site Plan Approval." Approval of a Text Amendment to Article 6, "Density and Dimensional Requirements" and Article 16 "Site Plan Approval" of the Unified Development Code to establish a unified development process allowing a lot to be used together with 1 or more contiguous lots for a single use or unified development regardless of lot ownership. The owner/applicant is the Planning Division, City of Grand Prairie. (On December 2, 2013, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request by a vote of 7-0.)

*Mr. Crolley reviewed Case TA131202 a text amendment to the Unified Development Code. Mr. Colley said this had been discussed by the Development Committee to bring forward what is a new land use and development tool. He said this amendment is not a zoning issue, it is more about financing and phasing of a project. This text amendment will only apply to multi-family projects.*

*As an example of what the text amendment proposed, Mr. Crolley used the Mira Lagos multi-family project that was to be built in two phases. He showed the various amenities and the footprint of phase one and phase two. Mr. Crolley said that when it comes to financing the project, there may be different partners involved in the phases. Because of the two phases there may be different zoning and different setbacks to deal with. One possibility would be to bring it back to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council for a variance because of the 25' setback adjacent to the phase lines which would possibly create a problem for placement of the buildings in the second phase.*

*Mr. Crolley continued to use the Mira Lagos development as an example and said that this would still be a phased development that would be approved by the Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission, but there would be an addition of a declaration of lot combination which would be filed at the county. Everyone involved in the development would have to sign the declaration which would allow the two phases to be put together from a development standpoint then it could be separated and financed however the developer chooses. This declaration does not change any of the requirements. Mr. Crolley went over a list of things from a development*

standard standpoint including density transfer, lot coverage transfer, building permitted to cross property line, open space landscaping transfer, parking transfer (up to 25%), setbacks and signage transfer. After discussions with the Development Committee, it was decided that any kind of density transfer would not be allowed. There would be no lot coverage swaps between phases and could not cross any property lines.

Council Member Swafford asked Mr. Crolley what the redline was on the footprint. Mr. Crolley said that is what the setbacks would be when the 25' setback was applied and the developer would have to come back to get additional consideration under the current guidelines. With this text amendment this would all be approved when it was brought before the Council initially. With regard to financing, Mr. Crolley explained there might be three people who were involved in the development initially for phase one, then in phase two they might want to bring in a different partner, but as long as they complied with the original approval, they could go forward without further Council approval.

Council Member Shotwell said when the Development Committee first started looking at this, Council Member Copeland was able to bring in his title expertise with regard to financing and insurance issues. One concern was if the second lot was sold to someone completely different for a different type use. There could be issues with signage because it was used in the first phase, but it was determined this would be noted in the title work.

Council Member Swafford asked about a situation when there is a totally different owner in phase 2 and wouldn't there be some issues with cross parking and cross access agreements. Council Member Copeland replied there would definitely be some title policy issues but they can be cleared and resolved. He said the 25' setback may not allow them to insure a building, but with the city allowing that to happen, it relieves any issues from an insurance standpoint, but the questions remains if the lender is going to be okay with that. He said rather than Phase 1 and Phase 2 it is really Lot 1 and Lot 2, and Lot 2 is really dependent upon Lot 1. He said that ultimately this text amendment shows developers that Grand Prairie is open for business. Mr. Crolley said normally the city would write a letter to the lender or title company saying the city approved a variance and this would be the same thing with the declaration that is filed. Council Member Copeland said that what would happen is that the original title commitment would say on Lot 2 that they could not build within the 25' setback and the city would present this letter to the title company that they could build. Council Member Swafford asked what would happen if Phase I went bankrupt. Council Member Copeland said this is not a perfect plan but he was convinced that if such a situation arises, the city can undo this.

Council Member Shotwell said this will still be subject to site plan approvals for both lots.

**Council Member Shotwell moved, seconded by Council Member Swafford, to close the public hearing and approve Case TA131201. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Mayor Ron Jensen  
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe  
Council Member Jorja Clemson  
Council Member Jeff Copeland  
Council Member Tony Shotwell  
Council Member Jim Swafford  
Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

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Enactment No: ORD 9653-2013

### Items for Individual Consideration

35

Ordinance amending the FY 2013/2014 Capital Improvement Projects Budget and authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement for design and installation of a new ASTRO 25 trunked radio system from Motorola Solutions, Inc. through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$12,400,415, which includes a 5 percent contingency

*Police Chief Steve Dye stated the city's current radio system is 13 years old and the city needs to be compliant with a federal mandate for interoperability (P25). He said that Motorola was the most reliable system. He said that the cities of Mansfield and Arlington are participating with Grand Prairie for a regional system. Chief Dye said that in negotiating the contract for the system, Motorola agreed to a \$2 million discount if the city would order early and would include a 2-year full-time technical manager. He said this system provides the highest level of encryption available. The equipment would be ordered and completion of the system would be the spring or summer of 2015.*

*Council Member Swafford said this system is extremely important for the city. He commended Chief Dye and the staff for their hard work on this project. He said the system would cost less than \$12,000,000 plus a contingency, with a total cost of about \$12,400,000. Funding will come from the Capital Reserve Fund (\$6.5 million) and the Capital Lending Reserve Fund (\$6.5 million) and those funds would later be reimbursed from the sale of bonds in late summer.*

*Council Member Copeland said that the radio system would cost about \$1 million per year when taking into consideration the expected life of the system.*

*Council Member Shotwell asked if the two-year maintenance and warranty begins at purchase or installation. Chief Dye said the maintenance and warranty begins at installation.*

**Council Member Swafford moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe, to approve Item 35. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Mayor Ron Jensen  
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe  
Council Member Jorja Clemson  
Council Member Jeff Copeland  
Council Member Tony Shotwell  
Council Member Jim Swafford  
Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Enactment No: ORD 9654-2013

36

Reimbursement Resolution for a future bond sale in FY 2013/2014 for the City Wide Radio System

**Council Member Swafford moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe to approve Item 36. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Mayor Ron Jensen  
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe  
Council Member Jorja Clemson  
Council Member Jeff Copeland  
Council Member Tony Shotwell  
Council Member Jim Swafford  
Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Enactment No: RES 4666-2013

### **Citizen Comments**

*Marsha Allred, 706 Hawthorne, addressed the Council asking for their support of feral cats. She said the feral cat population in Grand Prairie is a growing problem. She said the problem is exacerbated by allowing unneutered cats. She said there is a possibility for animal cruelty, for instance, some cats have been shot with BB guns. She said Feral Friends has captured 21 cats and had them vaccinated, neutered and released.*

*Mayor Jensen stated Council could not respond or discuss because this was not on the agenda, but staff would look into this problem.*

### **Adjournment**

*Mayor Jensen stated that Virginia Hanks had recently passed away. He said Mrs. Hanks was a leader in the community and served on boards and commissions and she will be greatly missed by her friends and family. He said visitation would be held at Bean Massey Burge South on Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m.; the funeral service on Thursday will be private.*

**Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.**

*The foregoing minutes were approved at the January 7, 2014 Council Meeting.*

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*Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary*