MINUTES RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - 6:00 P.M.:

• Call to Order

Mayor Maczka called the meeting to order at 6:02 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

Ken PfeilDirector of FinanceGary BeaneBudget OfficerTaylor PatonManagement InternVickie SchmidDeputy City Secretary

A. Visitors

Sandy Lauder thanked Assistant City Manager Don Magner for providing relevant Federal and State regulations regarding group homes, noted that the information had been provided to the Fairways of Sherrill Park Association members, and asked that the City perform the necessary due diligence relative to this group home.

B. Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014.

C. Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.63516 per \$100 Valuation for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014.

Council Action:

Mayor Maczka asked City Manager Dan Johnson to brief the Council on items B and C.

Staff Comments:

City Manager Dan Johnson briefed the Council on the proposed budget and proposed tax rate.

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Budget Development Objectives:

- Develop a 2013-2014 Budget with no property tax rate change.
- Continue the strong alignment of municipal resources around the Council's goals.
- Sustain initiatives begun with the 2012-2013 work plan, including key studies and capital project initiations.
- Continue the active implementation of the 2010 G.O. Bond Program.
- Support the implementation of our reinvestment studies.
- Support transit-oriented development initiatives around existing and proposed DART Light Rail stations – and seek continued support of DART transit enhancements for Richardson.
- Enhance maintenance to existing city infrastructure and assets.
- Continue strengthening enhanced communications outreach.
- Continue the strong work plan of neighborhood outreach including our partnerships with HOA's and other groups.
- Sustain leadership posture with DART, NTTA and TxDOT.
- Continue our strong alliance commitments with our community partnerships: RISD, PISD, MRMC & UTDallas
- Sustain our focus on the quality-of-life components.
- Continue to support a competitive employment environment.

Key Property Tax Elements:

- Our tracking efforts with the DCAD and CCAD appraisal districts have now reported that 2013-2014 is a year of increasing property values. The Certified Tax Rolls increase 6.2%* over the prior year.
 - * Includes increased property tax values for the TIF areas. The effective increase for the General Fund is 4.6%, after excluding TIF areas.
- No tax rate change is proposed. The current \$0.63516 rate will be used in budget development.
- The Senior Exemption's current \$55,000 value amount will maintain the 30% protection objective for 2013-2014.
- Property taxes provide about 37% of the entire General Fund resources.
- 1% of the Tax Roll equals \$667,000. 1 penny of the tax rate equals \$1,000,000 of revenue.

Council Action:

Mayor Maczka opened the public hearing on the proposed 2013-2014 Budget at 6:35 p.m.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments submitted.

Council Action:

With no further comments, Councilmember Dunn moved to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Townsend seconded the motion; the motion passed with a 7-0 vote. The public hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m.

Council Action:

Mayor Maczka opened the public hearing on the proposed Tax Rate of \$0.63516 per \$100 valuation for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 at 6:36 p.m.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments submitted.

Council Action:

With no further comments, Councilmember Solomon moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Hartley seconded the motion; the motion passed with a 7-0 vote. The public hearing was closed at 6:37 p.m.

D. Report on Items of Community Interest

Councilman Hartley reported that last Friday was the Corporate Challenge Kickoff to benefit Texas Special Olympics and recognized the Parks Department for their outstanding work.

Councilman Dunn reported that Animal Luv's canine Splash Day was very well attended and a successful fund raiser event.

Councilman Mitchell reported that the Arts Commission had met with many groups seeking funding from the City and the Commission would meet Thursday to finalize grant allocations; he said a report would be presented to Council at a future meeting.

Mayor Maczka reported that school would be starting soon and urged everyone to slow down and be aware of school zones.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY

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