

SPECIAL MEETING WORKSHOP AND RETREAT

JULY 17, 2008

9:00 A.M.

A Special Meeting Workshop and Retreat of the Terrell City Council was held on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 300 Tanger Drive, Terrell, Texas 75160 with the following members present:

COUNCILMEMBER #1 HAL RICHARDS
COUNCILMEMBER #2 TOMMY SPENCER
COUNCILMEMBER #3 RICKY JORDAN
COUNCILMEMBER #4 JACK JONES
COUNCILMEMBER #5 DON THURMAN

1. Call to order.

Mayor Hal Richards called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation.

Mayor Pro tem Jack Jones gave the opening prayer.

3. Discuss Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget.

City Manager Torry Edwards, Mike Sims, Assistant City Manager, John Rounsavall, City Secretary/Finance Director, Carol Holland, Director of Human Resources and Todd Miller, Chief of Police presented for Council for discussion Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget. There was no action taken on this item.

Todd Miller, Chief of Police discussed with council the pay scale for the police officers, policy and procedure manual, risk management assessment, department personnel distribution, recruitment, current vacancies and the difficulties of hiring personnel. The council debated local recruitment efforts by police department personnel.

Council debated police recruitment. Mayor Hal Richards call for a consensus from council to have some type of new recruiting program before adding personnel.

Council member thanks the Police Chief and his staff for the work they did in the investigation of the death of his mother in-laws death.

Carol Holland, Director of Human Resources discussed with council the 12% increase in health insurance rates, 13.81% Texas Municipal Retirement System Rate. The city's action plan to control cost including Safety Officer, Wellness Programs, and the retirement systems phased in 8 year financial plan.

City Manager Torry Edwards discussed with council a request from Billy Gardner representing Manageable Lifestyle Center. Suggested funding from the parks department between 5,000.00 and 10,000.00 on a grant basis. Request from KART for funding in the amount of \$20,000.00

Brush management at the landfill and new requirements for disposing of the brush. Residential development incentives.

Council debated plans for aggressive collection of warrants and fines by police personnel.

Staff presented the rate increased from North Texas Municipal Water District of \$0.10 for fiscal year 2009

Mayor Hal Richards requested staff provide council information regarding funding participation from other cities for the Kaufman County Solid Waste Management program.

Council discussed the damaged structure at the baseball field located at the Ben Gill Park.

Staff discussed with Council additional capital request for property for a future roadway expansion, and an additional elevated water storage tower site.

Staff discussed with Council the use of Hotel Occupancy Tax to evaluate the condition of the Carnegie building, funding of building maintenance and future capital improvements.

4. Adjourn into Executive Session in Accordance with Section 551 of the Texas Government Code to Discuss the Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney.

This item was passed.

5. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consider Action, if any, on Items Discussed in Executive Session.

This item was passed.

6. Adjourn.

There were no other matters discussed or acted on at this meeting. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

HAL RICHARDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOHN ROUNSAVALL, CITY SECRETARY

SPECIAL MEETING WORKSHOP AND RETREAT

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9:00 A.M.

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COUNCILMEMBER #1 HAL RICHARDS
COUNCILMEMBER #2 TOMMY SPENCER
COUNCILMEMBER #3 RICKY JORDAN
COUNCILMEMBER #4 JACK JONES
COUNCILMEMBER #5 DON THURMAN

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Hal Richards called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation.

Deputy Mayor Pro tem Don Thurman gave the opening prayer.

3. Discuss Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget.

City Manager Torry Edwards, Mike Sims, Assistant City Manager, John Rounsavall, City Secretary/Finance Director and Todd Miller, Chief of Police presented to Council for discussion Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget. There was no action taken on this item.

Todd Miller, Chief of Police discussed with council the separation of pay range between officer classifications. Patrolman to Corporal, Corporal to Sergeant, Sergeant to Captain and certification pay.

Council and staff debated police certification pay. Council by consensus agreed to review the certification pay again at mid-year.

Assistant City Manager Mike Sims discussed the maintenance needs at the City's waste water treatment plant. The proposed use of funds from the issuance of a Certificate of Obligation in fiscal year 2008. Future debt capacity and capital needs.

Council debated the need for a 5 year plan for roadway maintenance and roadway capital issues. Staff will develop a three to five year plan for future discussion with council.

Assistant City Manager discussed with Council the need for flashing lights at Burnett and Kennedy school zones.

4. **Adjourn into Executive Session in Accordance with Section 551 of the Texas Government Code to Discuss the Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney.**

This item was passed.

5. **Reconvene into Regular Session and Consider Action, if any, on Items Discussed in Executive Session.**

This item was passed.

6. **Adjourn.**

There were no other matters discussed or acted on at this meeting. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

HAL RICHARDS, MAYOR

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JOHN ROUNSAVALL, CITY SECRETARY