

**OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF SPECIAL MEETING AND WORKSESSION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

October 13, 2008, 6:00 P.M.  
Service Center, 16801 Westgrove  
Addison, TX 75001

Present: Mayor Chow, Councilmembers Braun, Hirsch, Kraft, Meier and Mellow  
Absent: Niemann

Item #WS1 - Discussion regarding the following (submitted by Mayor Pro Tempore Roger Mellow):

- Update on 75001 Zip Code

Mayor Pro Tempore Roger Mellow led this discussion.

Ron Whitehead provided an update on this Item.

No action was taken.

Item #WS2 - Discussion regarding the following (submitted by Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Dennis Kraft):

- Annual budget process

Councilmember Dennis Kraft led this discussion.

Ron Whitehead provided a response to Mr. Kraft's question related to Addison's budget process. Mr. Whitehead indicated that he has asked Ryan Adams, Finance Director, to review the budget process and provide recommended changes.

No action was taken.

Item #WS3 - Discussion regarding the following (submitted by Councilmember Tom Braun):

- Minimum standards on residential properties

Councilmember Tom Braun led this discussion.

Carmen Moran addressed the Council related to the property maintenance code and developing an educational piece to provide information to residents.

There was some conversation regarding the establishment of a Council subcommittee to review the existing ordinances and recommend changes.

No action was taken.

Item #WS4 - Discussion regarding the following (submitted by Councilmember Greg Hirsch):

- Cotton Belt Rail update
- Supporting and fostering infrastructure for community gatherings
- Athletic Club Survey
- Explanation on the Addison Way
- Training/Orientation for New Councilmembers and appointees
- Welcome kits for new Addison businesses and residents
- Next steps for business development and retention programs
- Addison strategic goals and Citizen Advisory Committee updates
- Maintenance and updating of mature parks, landscapes, and medians
- Status and update on Addison Advocates

Councilmember Greg Hirsch led this discussion.

Ron Whitehead updated Council on the *Cotton Belt Rail* progress which included DART developing a potential public private partnership for the implementation of the Cotton Belt by 2012/2013. COG is also looking at funding a study for the feasibility of regional rail.

Ron Davis provided comments regarding the *National Night Out* in 2008.

Ron Whitehead discussed the possibilities of researching practices of other cities in orientation of new councilmembers.

No action was taken.

Item #WS5 - Discussion regarding the following (submitted by Councilmember Todd Meier):

- Review of annual budget process
- Addison beautification
- Encouragement of residential upkeep and maintenance
- Process to review policy provision on alcoholic sales
- Worksession to discuss Addison's Economic Development efforts

Councilmember Todd Meier led this discussion and discussed a scheduled work session for November 1, 2008.

No action was taken.

Item #WS6 - Discussion regarding the following (submitted by Councilmember Jimmy Niemann):

- Update on Addison's dog parks
- State Legislative priorities for Addison

Councilmember Jimmy Niemann was absent. Slade Strickland provided an update on Addison's dog parks. The State Legislative priorities for Addison Item was postponed until a later date.

No action was taken.

Item #WS7 - Discussion regarding the following (submitted by the City Manager's Office):

- Update regarding the Addison Arbor Foundation

Mario Canizares led this discussion.

No action was taken.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor-Joe Chow

Attest:

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City Secretary-Mario Canizares