

Julie Masters, Mayor  
Charles Suderman  
Mary Dunbaugh  
Walter Wilson

**MINUTES**  
City of Dickinson  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL WORKSHOP**  
**MEETING**

Kerry Neves  
Louis Decker  
William H. King III, Mayor Pro Tem  
Julie M. Johnston, City  
Administrator

**JANUARY 27, 2009**

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced **SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING** on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009**. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers located at 1621 FM 517 East, Dickinson, Galveston County, Texas, and was held for the purpose of considering the following items:

**ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Mayor Masters called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City Secretary Carol McLemore called roll and certified a quorum. Council Members present were as follows: Mayor Julie Masters, Mayor Pro Tem William King and Council Members Charles Suderman, Mary Dunbaugh, Walter Wilson, Kerry Neves, and Louis Decker. Also present were City Administrator Julie Johnston, Police Chief Ron Morales, Public Works Director Kellis George, Administrative Services Coordinator Kathryn Taylor, Community Development Coordinator Samson Babalola, and Assistant to Public Works Director Ana Garcia.

**ITEM 2.) BRIEFING, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING:** Revisions to Funding Request for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Submitted by City to Dickinson Management District #1.

The City Administrator explained the need to update the funding request to the Dickinson Management District #1. Councilman Suderman asked to be updated on this agenda item since he was not present at the December meeting when it was discussed. The City Administrator gave a brief update on the items requested and considered at the December 9, 2008 City Council Meeting and the opposition expressed concerning the requested items. After some discussion, Council instructed the City Administrator to submit a new request removing the position of Community Development Director and adding the temporary position of permit technician in Community Development and to present the updated figures and contract at the next meeting.

**ITEM 3.) BRIEFING, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING:** Revisions to Fence Regulations Related to Location and Construction Material.

The City Administrator gave a power point presentation explaining the difficulties in enforcing the current ordinances related to fencing regulations. The Council discussed the various regulations regarding permitting of

fences, maintenance, fencing of front yards, types of fences and whether or not to require surveys as part of a permitting process to determine if fences are properly located. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have staff update the current ordinance to include a permit that does not require a survey and a maintenance provision for fences that are visible from the street or creates a hazard. Staff may also present additional revisions for further consideration by the Council.

**ITEM 4.) BRIEFING, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING:** Proposed 2009 Legislative Agenda

The City Administrator outlined the TML Agenda for the 2009 Legislative Session and the need for Council to adopt an agenda. After some discussion, Council took no action in this matter.

**ITEM 5.) ADJOURN**

Councilman Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Councilwoman Dunbaugh seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

6 AYES (Suderman, Dunbaugh, Wilson, Neves, Decker and King)

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**MOTION PASSED.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 2009.

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Julie Masters, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Carol L. McLemore, City Secretary