

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

AUGUST 18, 2009

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced **SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING** on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009**. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers located at 4403 Highway 3, 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 7:05 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 Mary Dunbaugh, Walter Wilson, Kerry Neves, and Louis Decker. Councilman Charles Suderman was absent. Also present were City Administrator Julie Johnston, Director of Public Works Kellis George, Finance Director Mary Young and Fire Marshal Norman Hicks.

ITEM 2.) DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION CONCERNING: Joint Meeting with Dickinson Management District #1 Board to Discuss City Funding Request for FY 2009-2010 and Other Possible Collaborative Efforts.

Fire Marshal Norman Hicks explained the funding request for an ambulance for EMS Services. He noted that the request of \$126,325 was based on the price from H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing which usually proves to be the best price. Mr. Hicks also reviewed the condition and age of the Department's current ambulances.

Director of Public Works Kellis George explained the funding request for the purchase of a street sweeper. He noted that operating a street sweeper would not only enable the City to meet the requirements of the Storm Water Management Plan by keeping debris out of the bayous, but would improve drainage and enhance the appearance of the City as well. He said that the life expectancy of the sweeper is about ten (10) years and the cost would be approximately \$120,000.

City Administrator Julie Johnston reviewed the funding request for \$71,774 for salaries. She noted that the figure represented 30% of the Community Development Department's salaries and benefits. She said that the Community Development Department works closely with new businesses and redevelopment of commercial property and supporting and maintaining

a fully-trained staff was very important to respond to the current and upcoming growth of the City.

City Council also discussed several possible projects for funding including:

- Sidewalks on Hughes Road
- Major Street Issues
- Parks and Summer Recreation Programs for Youth
- Replacement of Traffic Signals and Lighted Street Signs at FM 517 and Highway 3
- Holiday Lighting
- Computers for Library

After some discussion, no action was taken by the City Council or Dickinson Management District Number 1. President Browne of DMD #1 noted that they would be scheduling a meeting for September and would discuss the possible projects identified by the City Council.

ITEM 3.) DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION CONCERNING: Revisions to Recommended FY 2009-2010 Budget Per Council Direction from August 11, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Budget Discussions.

City Council reviewed the revisions made to the budget based on Council direction from the August 11, 2009 meeting. The City Administrator noted that she and the Finance Director were still reviewing the individual line items to make sure that the figures were in line with actuals for the current year and that there may still be some adjustments in those areas. Mayor Pro Tem King asked that \$1,500.00 be added for Council members' training in order for members of Council to attend the TML meeting. After some discussion, Council took no formal action in this matter.

ITEM 4.) ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem King made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion.

VOTE:

5 AYES (Dunbaugh, Wilson, Neves, Decker and King)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 25th day of August, 2009.

Julie Masters, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol L. McLemore, City Secretary