

Julie Masters, Mayor
Charles Suderman
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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

OCTOBER 14, 2008

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced **SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING** on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008**. 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 6:05 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 Charles Suderman, Mary Dunbaugh, Walter Wilson, Kerry Neves, and Louis Decker. Also present were City Attorney Loren Smith, City Administrator Julie Johnston, Chief Ron Morales, Finance Director Usha Mathew, Administrative Services Coordinator Kathryn Taylor, Fire Marshal Norman Hicks, Community Development Coordinator Angela Forbes, Building Inspector Mike Ingalsbe, Director of Public Works Kellis George, Captain Arnold Moreno, Captain Melvin Mason, and Captain Steve Krone.

ITEM 2.) BRIEFING, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION CONCERNING: City Administrator's Briefing.

- A. DISD Projects
- B. Development Update
- C. Code Compliance Update
- D. Grants
- E. Public Works Projects
- F. Utility Issues
- G. Other Matters

City Administrator Julie Johnston gave a power point presentation on current city projects.

ITEM 3.) BRIEFING, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION CONCERNING: Process for Selection of Audit Firm.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have staff review the proposals and make a recommendation to City Council.

ITEM 4.) BRIEFING, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION CONCERNING: Temporary Allowance of Temporary Housing on Property During Storm-Related Rebuilding.

City Council reviewed information provided by staff that would allow residents whose homes had been damaged by Hurricane Ike to place a trailer on their lot while they were rebuilding their homes. FEMA Representative, Sonny Motley, discussed FEMA's program for providing trailers to displaced homeowners. After some discussion, Council indicated that they would be in favor of allowing some temporary housing for a period of time to allow homeowners to re-build their homes. They instructed the City Administrator to work out the details and bring it back to City Council.

ITEM 5.) BRIEFING, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION CONCERNING: Temporary "Work Camp" to Assist in Housing Volunteers Rebuilding Storm Ravaged Areas.

Alan Brehm, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, appeared before Council to discuss possibly hosting a "Volunteer Village" at his church. He gave information on the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) that provides volunteer workers to help people re-build after a hurricane or natural disaster. He noted that the PDA was looking for a location in Galveston County to house the volunteers and he hoped to offer the property behind First Presbyterian Church as a site. He noted that temporary housing would be put in and workers would be fed in the church fellowship hall. He said that the program would last four to six years and that there would be from sixty to ninety volunteers in the village at one time. After some discussion, Council took no action in this matter, but asked that Rev. Brehm provide the City with more information.

ITEM 6.) 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 28th day of October, 2008.

Julie Masters, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol L. McLemore, City Secretary