

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS,
HELD IN THE CITY HALL, 7301 NORTHEAST
LOOP 820 – MAY 11, 2009**

WORK SESSION

The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met in work session on the 11th day of May, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Work Room prior to the 7:00 p.m. regular Council meeting.

Present:	Oscar Trevino	Mayor
	Scott Turnage	Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 6
	John Lewis	Council, Place 1
	Ken Sapp	Council, Place 2
	Suzy Compton	Council, Place 3
	Tim Barth	Council, Place 4
	David Whitson	Council, Place 5 <i>present at 5:35 p.m.</i>
	Tim Welch	Council, Place 7
Staff Members:	Larry J. Cunningham	City Manager
	Karen Bostic	Assistant City Manager
	Jimmy Perdue	Assistant City Manager
	Mike Curtis	Managing Director
	Vickie Loftice	Managing Director
	Patricia Hutson	City Secretary
	Monica Solko	Assistant City Secretary
	George Staples	City Attorney
	Mary Peters	Public Information Officer
	Elizabeth Reining	Assistant to City Manager
	John Pitstick	Director of Planning & Development
	Larry Koonce	Finance Director
	JoAnn Stout	Neighborhood Services Director
	Debbie York	Neighborhood Services Mgr. <i>present at 6:28 p.m.</i>
	Dave Pendley	Building Official
	Greg VanNeiuwenhuize	Public Works Assistant Director
	Caroline Waggoner	Engineer Associate
	Craig Hulse	Economic Development Director
	Andy Kancel	Assistant Police Chief
	Bill Thornton	Park and Recreation Assistant Director
	Sean Hughes	Emergency Management Coordinator
	Chris Amarante	Facilities and Construction Director
	Patrick Hillis	Human Resources Director
	Jamie Brockway	Purchasing Manager
	Kristin Weegar	Marketing and Research Coordinator

A.0 Call to Order

Mayor Trevino called the work session to order at 5:01 p.m. and recognized Austin Nolan Pratt, recipient of the "Mayor for a Day" fundraiser at Walker Creek Elementary.

A.1 Discuss Items from Regular City Council Meeting

None.

Mayor Trevino introduced Scott Reilly, CEO and Benjamin J. Allatt of Affion Public search firm who is conducting the search for a City Manager.

A.2 IR 2009-048 Update on North Tarrant Parkway

Caroline Waggoner, Engineer Associate presented a PowerPoint presentation updating Council on the status of the North Tarrant Parkway Project. The North Tarrant Parkway Project is a joint project between the Cities of North Richland Hills and Keller. Until recently the project also included TxDOT involvement, but both cities pursued a defederalization of the project. While the defederalization of the project did result in the loss of federal grant money available for engineering design, the overall impact of this funding shift is positive. At this point, the project design is nearing completion, with acquisition of right-of-way (ROW) and landscape design being the current steps in the process. The ROW needed in North Richland Hills is limited to four corner-clips on undeveloped tracts at the Smithfield intersection and a small portion of a rear yard. Appraisals are underway at this time. The consultant is also developing a landscape plan, having met with the Parks Department for guidance on the City's vision for this corridor. In the mean time, the City's consultant is proceeding with the final design of the roadway, and construction is currently scheduled to begin in early 2010.

A.3 IR 2009-038 Update on State Legislation

Karen Bostic, Assistant City Manager updated Council on various bills being tracked by the City during the 81st legislative session. Ms. Bostic highlighted the status of the following bills:

- HB 9 & SB 855 – Transportation Funding (TLOTA)
- HB 2639 – Red Light Camera Prohibition
- HB 300 – TxDOT Sunset
- HB 5 & SB 544 – Statewide Smoking Ban
- HB 980 & HB 1376 – Sales Tax Allocation Changes (Place of Business)
- HB 3222 & SB 1947 – Joint TIFs

- SB 700 – Rollback Rate Changes (Property Taxes)
- SB 792 & HB 2879 – Sales Tax – Special Districts
- SB 1570 – High Speed Rail

A.4 IR 2009-045 Neighborhood Revitalization Program

Larry J. Cunningham, City Manager spoke briefly on the city's significant growth in the recent years including the addition of many quality neighborhoods, parks and trails, new library, increased street improvements, expanded public safety services and retail/business development. The City seeks to further improve the quality of life in our community by preparing a strategy for developing the remaining vacant land and improving the quality of older areas and infrastructure. A multi-department committee was formed to address issues such as quality development and the revitalization of older neighborhoods. Mr. Cunningham turned it over to the committee members to update the Council on the program.

First, Craig Hulse, Economic Development Director presented a PowerPoint presentation. In reviewing the overall conditions of the City, the committee has divided the City into eight (8) quadrants. Target Area #1 (located south of Loop 820, east of Rufe Snow Drive and west of Boulevard 26) was selected first as it encompasses the original town site. It is naturally a more mature area and has a number of aging homes with varying conditions. Most are in good condition but some are not and those houses not being as well cared for could affect the area negatively if not properly and timely addressed. This part of our city already has tremendous appeal with its convenient location, access to major transportation systems, schools, quick access to DFW Airport, and many other services and venues. Mature areas have a history of changing, and the committee's idea is to keep our mature areas in optimum condition and attractive for homeowners and businesses.

Second, John Pitstick, Planning and Development Director continued the PowerPoint presentation briefing Council on continued programs and completed projects that are improving the City. Highlights include:

Completed Projects:

- Street Maintenance Completed = \$380,683
- CIP Street Projects Completed = \$3,000,000
- CIP Utility Projects Completed = \$150,479
- JoAnn Johnson Trail = \$753,600
- TOTAL COMPLETED = \$4,284,762

Continued Projects:

- Neighborhood LOOKS Program
- CDBG Projects

- Solid Waste Ordinance Amendment
- Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Fence Materials
- Residential Rental Property Standards Program
- Crime Free Multi-Housing
- Neighborhood Crime Watch
- Sign Removal Program
- Blvd. 26 Intersection Improvements at Roger Line Rd.
- Rufe Snow/ Glenview Intersection Concept Study
- Intersection improvements in conjunction with Planning and Public Works
- TIF 1 Expansion and burial of utilities
- Dual City TIF Legislation
- Boulevard 26 Multi-Use Trail & Pedestrian Bridge
- CIP Street Projects Continuing
- CIP Utility Projects Continuing
- Commercial Redevelopment Program
- The Business Improvement & Growth Program
 - B.I.G. Participants
 - Businesses that have shown interest in B.I.G.
 - Targeted for B.I.G. businesses

Last, JoAnn Stout, Neighborhood Services Director continued the PowerPoint presentation and briefed Council on future revitalization projects. Highlights include:

Future Improvement Projects:

- Major gateway connections - signs
- Development Standards
- Code Rangers Program
- Volunteer Work Days
- Benchmark Program
- Future CIP Street Projects
- Future CIP Utility Projects
- Sidewalk Project
- Enterprise Land Management- Possible Land Acquisition
- Protected Neighborhoods
- Transitional Neighborhoods
- Proposing encouragement of areas for mixed uses and commercial uses

Address Unoccupied Commercial & Accessory Buildings

- Review and work un-occupied commercial buildings that have not shown diligence in keeping their building up to standard through the Substandard Building Board Process
- Future Amendments to ordinance may be required
- This program will prompt owner to make the needed repairs and promote the BIG Program

- Accessory buildings are continuing to be addressed as well

Revitalization of Neighborhoods

- Part 1: Expanding Neighborhood Improvement Program
 - Develop a committee to oversee CDBG and Home Funds
 - Review all applications for CDBG and Home Funds
 - Encourage citywide partnership with non-profits, BISD, North Hills Hospital, and other businesses to develop a program partnership of volunteers
 - Program partners volunteer work will go towards City's 25% match on Home Funds
 - City staff will monitor all current and future projects submitted to TCHD to ensure (federal funding) entitlement monies are spent in the most beneficial and efficient manner
- Part 2: Establish program to assist citizens that do not qualify for federal grants for home repairs
 - Qualifying homeowners must have an annual income slightly above HUD Income Guidelines and/ or have other circumstances such as: elderly, physically or mentally disabled, single parent, or caring for a spouse/parent
 - City will provide a 25% matching fund for all upgrades and repairs to the home
 - Program partners will assist City with 25% match
 - Current appraised value of home according to Tarrant Appraisal District cannot exceed \$120,000
- Part 3: Exterior Remodeling Incentive Program
 - Available to all NRH citizens
 - Cash incentives will be given to homeowners who make exterior improvements to their homes
 - The amount of cash bonus will be based on the total amount of repairs
 - Repairs are not limited to the home itself, it may include: driveways, garages, sprinkler systems, fencing and landscaping

Revitalization of Neighborhoods:

- Community Reusable Resource Warehouse (CRRW)
 - The Building will facilitate the donation of building materials, business equipment/furniture, and school supplies that are no longer needed by local companies and residents
 - Equipment and materials will be made available to NRH residents, non-profit organizations and schools free of charge

Neighborhood Revitalization Kickoff Event:

- Place door hangers at each home in Target Area 1 inviting homeowners to the event
- Additional information will be included outlining incentive plans and Council goals
- Home Depot has committed \$1,500 in renovating a house on Cummings
- In addition to, staff may request utilizing the \$15,000 allocated for the Neighborhood LOOKS program to be put toward the remodel
- Hold 2 stakeholder meetings with residents in target area 1
- Home Depot will remodel home in Target Area 1 to start program off and initiate community involvement
- Determine a date for kickoff event
- Invite City Council, churches, businesses, BISD, City staff and committee members to the event
- Publicize the event to newspaper and provide news release for potential coverage by news programs

Timeline

1-3 Months

Amendments to Ordinances & Rental Program
Mid Year Budget (Review Funding for Future Programs)

3-6 Months

Stakeholder Meetings for Target Area 1
Door-to-Door Marketing in Target Area 1
Kick-Off Event
Volunteer Work Days
Complete Inspections of Vacant Commercial Buildings

6-9 Months

New Program Funding Available
Begin All Programs

1 Year

Benchmarking
Long-Term Revitalization & Marketing Plan

The Neighborhood Revitalization Multi-Department Committee has provided immediate action items to begin the revitalization initiatives for our neighborhoods by proposing the implementation of several new programs. Further, long-range discussions will continue with the committee and portions will periodically be brought back to Council for further discussion and direction. Funding for these programs will be addressed during the Mid-Year Budget discussions.

A.5 IR 2009-047 Facility Master Plan Update

Jimmy Perdue, Assistant City Manager presented a PowerPoint presentation updating Council on the Facility Master Plan. As a part of the Facility Master Plan project, the Beck architectural group conducted an evaluation of the city owned facility located at 4131 Rufe Snow Blvd. This building, which was previously occupied by a Food Lion grocery store, was purchased by the City in October, 2003 with the plan to make this a public facility specifically for library and recreational services.

The Beck group provided the City with three options to consider for the long term use of the location.

- Modify the existing structure into a municipal use facility
- Convert the location into a city park facility
- Sell the property

After a brief discussion and questions by the Council, the consensus was to proceed with the original plan of a municipal use facility with a possible dog park. Council requested that staff bring the item back for further evaluation.

A.6 Adjournment

Mayor Trevino announced at 6:40 p.m. that the Council would adjourn to the regular Council meeting.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trevino called the meeting to order May 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Oscar Trevino	Mayor
	Scott Turnage	Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 6
	John Lewis	Council, Place 1
	Ken Sapp	Council, Place 2
	Suzy Compton	Council, Place 3
	Tim Barth	Council, Place 4
	David Whitson	Council, Place 5
	Tim Welch	Council, Place 7
	Staff:	

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Patricia Hutson	City Secretary
Monica Solko	Assistant City Secretary
George Staples	Attorney

**A.1
INVOCATION**

Councilwoman Compton gave the invocation.

**A.2
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor for the Day Austin Nolan Pratt led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnage presented Austin Pratt with a certificate recognizing him as "Mayor for the Day".

**A.3
SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)
PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PRESENTED BY
COUNCILMAN WHITSON.**

Councilman Whitson presented a proclamation to the Public Works Department staff for National Public Works Week. Mike Curtis, Managing Director acknowledged the Public Works staff and thanked them for all their hard work.

**A.4
SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)
PROCLAMATION FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH
PRESENTED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TURNAGE.**

Mayor Pro Tem Turnage presented a proclamation to members of the Patriots Motorcycle Club proclaiming the month of May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

A.5
SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)
PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE TEXAS BRAHMAS FOR THEIR
SUCCESSFUL 2008-2009 SEASON PRESENTED BY COUNCILMAN WELCH

Councilman Welch presented a proclamation to the Texas Brahmas players, managers and coaches proclaiming May 11, 2009 as "Texas Brahmas Day" in the City of North Richland Hills. The Council congratulated the Texas Brahmas for winning the Central Hockey League's President's Cup and being named the 2009 CHL Champions.

A.6
CITIZENS PRESENTATION

Sarah Blackmon, 6020 Parker Boulevard #2311 expressed her concerns with the lack of sidewalks at the Venue. The Venue was presented as a pedestrian friendly development with amenities within walking distance and with the lack of sidewalks at the complex it makes it difficult to get to each amenity.

Mayor Trevino asked Mike Curtis, Managing Director to assist Ms. Blackmon with her concerns and update her on the upcoming changes.

A.7
REMOVAL OF ITEM(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None.

B.0
APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
APPROVED

- B.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2009 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
- B.2 PW 2009-019 AWARD BID 09-018 FOR THE PUMP REPLACEMENT – WELL #4 (COLLEGE HILL) PROJECT TO FELDERHOFF BROTHERS DRILLING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$172,500**
- B.3 PU 2009-020 AWARD BID NO. 09-020 FOR TENNIS COURT RESURFACING TO AMERICAN TENNIS COURTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64, 989**

MAYOR PRO TEM TURNAGE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. COUNCILMAN BARTH SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

C.1

**SUP 2009-02 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A GAS DRILLING AND PRODUCTION SITE ON TRACT A1 OF THE NORTHEAST CAMPUS ADDITION OF TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE LOCATED AT 828 W. HARWOOD ROAD – ORDINANCE NO. 3051
APPROVED**

Mayor Trevino opened the public hearing and called for the applicant to come forward.

Norman Herrera, 100 Energy Way representing Chesapeake Energy came forward. Mr. Herrera summarized the request and was available to answer any questions the Council might have.

John Pitstick, Planning and Development Director presented the item. Chesapeake Energy has made application for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a 3.2 acre gas drilling and production pad site on Tarrant County College (TCC) Northeast Campus property. Chesapeake has received permission from the Tarrant County College District to construct this pad site and to drill up to 12 gas wells from this site. The site within TCC property is generally located near the intersection of Boulevard 26 and Harwood Road. Chesapeake has previously received similar approval from the City of Hurst for a drilling site on the TCC NE campus. The SUP process provides for a land use to occur within a zoning district that would not otherwise have been allowed by right. Such uses may warrant the consideration of special conditions to reduce adverse effects on adjacent or surrounding properties. For this particular request, the City can require additional stipulations beyond the regulations in Chapter 104: "Gas Well Drilling and Production" of the City Code to enhance visibility and aesthetics. City staff has requested additional enhancements and Chesapeake is proposing to provide some of these enhancements before they are typically required to be installed. In addition Chesapeake is proposing to install more than the minimum amount of landscaping at this location. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a 6-0 vote with a stipulation that a note on the site plan to clarify that dust prevention and control must be applied twice a year or as required by the Gas Inspector.

Mayor Trevino called for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the request to come forward.

David L. Hoelke, Director of System Infrastructure and Energy at Tarrant County College came forward. He was in favor of the environmentally friendly project and was excited that the project would bring funds for student scholarships.

Mayor Trevino called for anyone wishing to speak against the request to come forward.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Trevino closed the public hearing and called for the motion.

**COUNCILMAN WELCH MOVED TO APPROVE SUP 2009-02; ORDINANCE No. 3051.
COUNCILMAN WHITSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-1; COUNCILMAN SAPP VOTING AGAINST.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

D.0

Items to follow do not require a public hearing

There are no items for this category.

PUBLIC WORKS

E.1

PU 2009-012 APPROVE A BUDGET REVISION AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE NORTH TARRANT PARKWAY STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT APPROVED

Greg VanNieuwenhuize, Public Works Assistant Director summarized the item. The current North Tarrant Parkway Street Improvements Project (the "Project") is a continuation of the first phase of the reconstruction of North Tarrant Parkway which was from Precinct Line Road west to west of Davis Boulevard. The current Project (ST0201) extends this reconstruction from west of Davis Boulevard (endpoint of the first phase) west to Whitley Road in Keller. The Project provides for the widening and reconstruction of 20,000 linear feet of roadway from a two-lane section to a six-lane concrete section. Also included in the Project's design is the installation of pavers, berms, trees, shrubs, irrigation and street lighting. The section of the Project located in the City of North Richland Hills ("NRH") will be constructed to NRH standards and the section in the City of Keller ("Keller") will meet Keller standards. During the course of

the Project's design, NRH and Keller staffs were becoming increasingly concerned about the escalating construction costs, much of which appeared to be attributed to the Project having to comply with federal regulations (TxDOT's standards).

In order to expedite the Project, Tarrant County has offered to increase their funding obligations from \$7,495,000 to \$14,095,000 – an increase of \$6,600,000. This additional funding (\$6,600,000) while less than the amount that was obligated by federal funds (\$7,292,800) will allow the Project to move forward due to the anticipated savings in construction costs. Upon obtaining Tarrant County's commitment of additional funding, staff began the defederalization process with TxDOT. In January of this year, the Project was formally defederalized. The overall impact of these changes is a decrease in the Project's total cost of \$3,116,950, bringing the Project total to \$24,240,550. This total cost includes \$14,095,000 in Tarrant County Grant money and \$4,185,550 in participation from Keller. The Amendment to the original Interlocal Agreement was drafted through mutual effort by both Cities' staffs and legal counsels. The Amendment establishes the reimbursement amounts due to TxDOT per defederalization, but leaves the remaining provisions of the original Interlocal Agreement intact to cover the remainder of the engineering design phase of the Project. Staff recommends approval of the Budget Revision and the Amendment to the existing Interlocal Agreement for design services for the North Tarrant Parkway Street Improvements Project and authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendment.

COUNCILWOMAN COMPTON MOVED TO APPROVE PW 2009-012. COUNCILMAN SAPP SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

E.2

PW 2009-013 APPROVE A NEW INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE NORTH TARRANT PARKWAY STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT APPROVED

Greg VanNieuwenhuize, Public Works Assistant Director summarized the item. As stated in the previous agenda item, the initial Interlocal Agreement covered cost-sharing for engineering design only. This new Interlocal Agreement outlines the Project's construction administration responsibilities and the manner in which these construction costs will be divided between the City of North Richland Hills and Keller. The City Council for the City of Keller approved the Interlocal Agreement on April 21, 2009. Staff is recommending approval of the Interlocal Agreement for construction for the North Tarrant Parkway Street Improvements Project (ST0201) and authorize the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement.

COUNCILMAN WELCH MOVED TO APPROVE PW 2009-013. COUNCILMAN LEWIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

Mayor Trevino advised that Tarrant County Commissioner Gary Fickes was instrumental in getting this project moving and the City was very appreciative of his efforts.

GENERAL ITEMS

F.1

**GN 2009-025 CONSIDER ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$5,695,000 "CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2009", DATED MAY 1, 2009, INCLUDING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS THEREFORE AND THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 3050 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS
APPROVED**

Larry Koonce, Finance Director presented the item. A bond sale was held for Monday, May 11, 2009. The sale included \$5,695,000 in General Obligation Bonds. The total amount will be used for street projects: \$150,000 for Douglas Lane (Hightower to Starnes), \$2,260,000 for North Tarrant Parkway (Davis to Whitley), \$2,490,000 for Rufe Snow Drive street and utility improvements (Mid-Cities to Hightower), \$235,000 for Shady Grove Road (Davis to Clay-Hibbins), \$70,000 for Briley Drive (Lariat Trail to Rufe Snow Road), \$100,000 for Cloyce Court (Northeast Loop 820 to Maplewood Ave.), \$100,000 for Colorado Blvd. (Boulevard 26 to Harwood Rd.), \$80,000 for Mackey Drive (Briley Dr. to Glenview Dr.), \$140,000 Trinidad Drive (Rufe Snow Dr. to Holiday Lane), and \$70,000 for Yarmouth Avenue (Mid-Cities Blvd. to Newcastle Pl.). Rating conferences with Standard and Poor's and Moody's were recently held. The City received General Obligation Bond ratings from both Moody's Investors Service and Standard and Poor's. Moody's has reaffirmed the Aa3 rating with a stable outlook, and Standard and Poor's has reaffirmed the AA rating with a stable outlook.

Mr. Koonce introduced David Medanich, First Southwest Company, Financial Advisory firm. Mr. Medanich gave a brief summary on the bid process and how the bid packets were put together for Council. The lowest bonds were offered by FTN Financial Capital Markets at a true interest cost of 3.935005% for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009 and the lowest bonds were offered by Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., at a true interest cost of 3.897877% for the Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2009 (next item).

COUNCILMAN WHITSON MOVED TO APPROVE GN 2009-025 AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 3050 APPROVING THE BID AND ISSUANCE OF \$5,695,000 "CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2009". MAYOR PRO TEM TURNAGE SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

F.2

GN 2009-026 CONSIDER ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$6,205,000 "CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, TAX AND WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM (LIMITED PLEDGE) REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2009", DATED MAY 1, 2009, INCLUDING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS THEREFORE AND THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 3049 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION
APPROVED

Larry Koonce, Finance Director presented the item. On March 23rd, City Council authorized the City Secretary to publish by April 4, 2009 a notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the intent of the City to issue Certificates of Obligation. Notices were published in accordance with State law. The sale of \$6,205,000 in Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System (Limited Pledge) Revenue Certificates of Obligation for the fire quint replacement, utility water and wastewater projects, drainage projects, and NRH₂O strategic plan projects will be completed on May 11, 2009. The City received Certificates of Obligation ratings from both Moody's Investors Service and Standard and Poor's. Moody's has reaffirmed the Aa3 rating with a stable outlook, and Standard and Poor's has reaffirmed the AA rating with a stable outlook.

The City Council is requested to approve Ordinance No. 3049 approving the bid and issuance of certificates of obligation and authorizing all necessary actions such as paying agent/registrar agreement.

(Mr. Medanich discussed the bids received during the previous item F.1).

COUNCILMAN SAPP MOVED TO APPROVE GN 2009-026 AND ADOPT ORDINANCE No. 3049 APPROVING THE BID AND ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, TAX AND WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM (LIMITED PLEDGE) REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2009", AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND A PURCHASE CONTRACT IN RELATION TO SUCH OBLIGATIONS AND THE APPROVAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT. COUNCILWOMAN COMPTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

F.3

**GN 2009-027 NOMINATION FOR VACANCY ON TARRANT APPRAISAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RESOLUTION NO. 2009-016
APPROVED**

Karen Bostic, Assistant City Manager presented the item. There is a vacancy on the five member Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors as a result of the passing of Harold Patterson. Section 6.03(1) of the Tax Code provides the method by which a vacancy should be filled. It states that if a vacancy occurs on the board of directors, each taxing unit that is entitled to vote may nominate, by resolution adopted by its governing body, a candidate to fill the vacancy. The Chief Appraiser will compile a list of the nominees and present this list to the board of directors, who then elect by majority vote of its members one of the nominees to fill the vacancy. Members of the board of directors serve two-year terms beginning on January 1 of even-numbered years. A request has been made by Richard Davis and the Birdville Independent School District Board of Trustees that the City of North Richland Hills nominate Tommy Brown to fill the position vacancy. BISD Trustees also nominated Mr. Brown. Staff is recommending approval of Resolution No. 2009-016 nominating Tommy Brown to fill the vacancy.

MAYOR PRO TEM TURNAGE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION No. 2009-016. COUNCILMAN WELCH SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

F.4

**GN 2009-028 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN
UPDATED RADIO AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FORT WORTH TO CONTINUE
PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SERVICE
APPROVED**

Sean Hughes, Emergency Management Coordinator presented the item. Currently the City of North Richland Hills is participating in an agreement with the City of Fort Worth related to the Public Safety Radio system. Each of the 800 MHz Public Safety radios which are owned by the City of North Richland Hills will go through a rebanding process to update and retune each radio. These radios utilize the City of Fort Worth's radio system and the City of North Richland Hills pays an annual fee to operate our Public Safety radios on this system. A new agreement has been submitted by the City of Fort Worth in conjunction with this rebanding project.

Specific changes to the agreement include:

- Specifically define who specifically owns the various pieces of radio equipment.
- Specify the approved equipment that shall be on each radio.

- Specify the standard talk groups that are required to be in each radio in order to maintain radio interoperability across the state.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS MOVED TO APPROVE GN 2009-028. COUNCILMAN WHITSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

**F.5
GN 2009-029 CONSIDER APPOINTMENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APPROVED**

Craig Hulse, Economic Development Director presented the item. Given the recent purchase of the Alan Young GM dealership by the Allen Samuels Auto Group, an opportunity has presented itself to the City and to the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC). Our current automotive dealership representative, Mrs. Trish Myers of Alan Young GM, has stepped down due to the dealership sale and her taking up employment with the Freeman Auto Group. As such, staff recommends Mr. Thomas Hervey, President & General Manager of Allen Samuels Dodge and Hyundai to the committee. Mr. Hervey is grateful for such an appointment and agrees to finish out the automotive dealership category term that expires August 2009, but is also interested in reappointment.

COUNCILWOMAN COMPTON MOVED TO APPROVE GN 2009-029 APPOINTING MR. THOMAS HARVEY TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH TERM TO EXPIRE AUGUST 1, 2009. COUNCILMAN BARTH SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

**G.1
ACTION ON ANY ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION LISTED ON WORK
SESSION AGENDA**

There are no items for this category.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

H.1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Sapp made the following announcements.

The 3rd Annual Generation Next Art Exhibit will be on display at the North Richland Hills Public Library from May 14th through May 22nd. The exhibit includes works by high school students and teachers from Birdville ISD. For more information, please call 817-427-6620.

NRH2O opens for the 2009 season on Saturday, May 16th. Please visit nrh2o.com for a complete park schedule and details on all of the exciting special events planned for the summer including fireworks, Dive-In Movies, and more! For more information, you can also call 817-427-6500.

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, the May 25th City Council Meeting has been moved to May 18th. The meeting will begin at its usual time of 7 p.m. here in the City Council Chambers.

Kudos Korner - Christopher Jungst, Kent Carter, David Birdsong, David Nock and Jeffrey Stone, Fire Department. A resident e-mailed thanks to the employees from Fire Station #2 who transported him to the hospital after he fell and injured his knee. The resident said their professionalism, teamwork and attention to detail was very impressive. Their humor and good spirit also helped to ease the pain. He was very appreciative and thankful for their outstanding service.

H.2 ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trevino adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Oscar Trevino – Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Hutson, City Secretary