



**MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF THE
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JUNE 01, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held on Thursday, June 01, 2006 at 7:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers at 911 Winscott Road with the following Council members present:

Jerry Dittrich
Rickie Allison
Keith Bailey
John Vander Pan
Ron Sauma
James Schull
Larry Stowe

Also Present:

Cary Conklin, City Manager
Joanna King, City Secretary
Donna Savage, Assistant to City Secretary
Andy Wayman, Assistant City Manager
Sherry Newhouse, Budget Director

Others Present:

Dorcas Neuman, Benbrook News
Ed Gallagher
Daniel Tully
Bill Smith
Sam Balkum
Jim Wilson
Linda Jordan
Stan Denman
and 10 other citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p. m. by Mayor Dittrich.

**II. INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation was given by Councilmember Mr. Stowe Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. CONSENT AGENDA (Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are enacted in one motion. The exception to this rule is that a councilmember, citizen, or City Manager may request one or more items removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action)

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held May 18,2006

Motion by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Schull, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Vander Pan, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATION BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

1. Councilmember James Schull – Wounded Warriors/Fallen Heroes Community Program.

Stan Denman, Director/Event Coordinator for Wounded Warriors/Fallen Heroes (WW/FH), said they will be honoring soldiers and military families at Dutch Branch Park in Benbrook, on Sunday, July 2, 2006. The event will start at 5:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:45 p.m. with a fireworks show. Mr. Denman said this military event is very well planned and includes flyovers, cannon salutes, parachute jumps, helicopters, and battle reenactments and is expected to draw around 10,000 people. Vendors will be present and a jump house will be provided for the children. Supported by the White House and Pentagon, the event is non-political because government officials will be present.

Mr. Denman said the Secret Service will coordinate with the Benbrook Police Department to assure security at the event. Benbrook officers will be needed to direct traffic at Benbrook Boulevard and Winscott Road. Shuttle buses will be provided before and after the event from the main parking area to the park.

Mr. Denman said they are requesting the following items from the City of Benbrook:

1. Police and Fire personnel for safety and security support
2. EMS vehicle and personnel for onsite emergency situations
3. People mover bus from the Senior Citizen Center
4. A City banner showing sponsorship
5. The seating area treated for fire ants
6. Traffic/pedestrian barricades
7. Caution tape, stakes, traffic cones, safety fence, and T posts
8. Dumpster
9. Use of portable toilets

WW/FH will provide some portable toilets and will do a complete cleanup of the area following the event.

Mr. Denman said the event will be covered by news media from Channels 5 and 11 and the Fort Worth Star Telegram, and by some local radio stations such as WBAP.

Motion by Mr. Schull, seconded by Mr. Allison to approve the allocation of funds for the event from the City's Hotel-Motel Tax Account, in the amount of \$13,500. Motion amended by Mr. Schull and Mr. Allison to allocate additional funds if needed.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Vander Pan, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma, Mr. Schull.

Noes: None

Motion Carries unanimously.

V. PRESENTATION BY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

VI. REPORTS OF THE MANAGER

A. GENERAL

G-1630 Designate Winscott Road as Bicycle Route

At the May 18 City Council meeting, Jim Wilson of the Lockheed Martin Bicycle Club requested that City Council establish an on-road bicycle route network in Benbrook, starting with Winscott Road.

The Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices establishes design criteria for bike route. Bike routes are designed with green "bike route" signs at ¼ mile intervals plus signage on major streets feeding into the bike route.

The proposed bike route could include both the south and north portions of Winscott without initially connecting through TXDOT right-of-way. If both sections are designated, staff will immediately begin working with TXDOT to connect the north and south sections.

The cost to complete each section (in-house labor) is noted below:

South Winscott- I-20 to Benbrook Boulevard	\$1,700
North Winscott- I-20 to City Limits	\$1,000
Total	\$2,700

Motion by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Sauma to designate both sections of Winscott as a bike route and to direct staff to erect appropriate bike route signs at a cost \$2,700 to be paid from account number 01-15-01-5219.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Vander Pan, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma, Mr. Schull, Mr. Bailey.

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

G-1631 Park Development Plan for Benbrook Lake Lease Areas

The City of Benbrook controls significant park land around Benbrook Lake through a long-term lease with the Army Corps of Engineers, The Corps of Engineers requires Benbrook to utilize the lease areas for recreational activities particular emphasis on outdoor, lake-oriented recreation.

Earlier this year, City Council conducted a work session to discuss enhancing the Benbrook Lake lease areas. As a result, the City solicited a proposal from Schrickel, Rollins and Associates who had previously completed the Benbrook Parks Master Plan, Dutch Branch Park Conceptual Plan and the Whitestone Park Conceptual Plan. The City Council formally commissioned the land use study on February 16, 2006.

Attached is the proposed land use plan and related narrative. The plan recommends numerous enhancements including:

1. The purchase of the undeveloped land at the corner of Winscott and Benbrook Blvd. for commercial use.
2. The private development of two resort areas with related amenities.
3. The private development of a wild flower center.
4. Enhanced equestrian uses.
5. Designed natural areas.
6. Practice soccer fields.

The Parks and Recreation Board unanimously approved the plan on May 10, subject to final action by the Benbrook City Council. The Parks and Recreation Board also recommended enhancing the appearance and condition of the current concessionaires (Benbrook Par 3, Benbrook Stables, Benbrook Marina).

Linda Jordan of Schrickel, Rolling and Associates presented the proposed land use plan:

Due to the scale and complexity of the proposed plan, City staff recommends phased implementation. Below is City staff's recommended phasing schedule:

Phase 1 (begin immediately)

Purchase southeast corner of Winscott and Benbrook Boulevard in partnership with the EDC or a private developer for commercial use.

Extend existing lease with Corps of Engineers to 50 years (currently 30 years remaining).
Improve the Benbrook Lake level issue with emphasis on raising the conservation pool level.
Work with existing concessionaires to improve appearance.
Develop RFP's for the resort areas.

Phase 2 (2007-2008)

Solicit RFP's for the resort areas.
Consider long term appearance and use of Benbrook Marina including possible dredging project.
Develop RFP for wildflower center.

Phase 3 (2008-2009 and forward)

Solicit RFP for wildflower center.
Consider and implement City funded projects (soccer fields, etc.) as approved by City Council.

Motion by Mr. Vander Pan, seconded by Mr. Sauma to adopt the Schrickel, Rollins and Associates land use plan for the Benbrook Lake lease areas and begin Phase 1 Implementation.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Vander Pan, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma, Mr. Schull, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

G-1632 Resolution to participate in the North Texas Government Benefit Alliance (NTGBA)

Ms. Newhouse gave the following report. In August 2005, the City of Benbrook joined the North Texas Government Benefit Alliance (NTGBA) to explore the feasibility of collectively purchasing comprehensive medical benefits. NTGBA plans to consider securing additional employee benefit programs, including dental insurance. Participation in this organization does not bind the City on Benbrook to the benefit contract(s) that may be secured and implemented by the NTGBA, a group of municipalities and other local government entities in the North Texas area. These local governments include: City of Argyle, Town of Double Oak, City of Justin, Town of Northlake, City of Krum, City of Haslet, Town of Cross Roads, Town of Trophy Club, City of Decatur, City of Bridgeport, Town of Ponder, City of Everman, City of Lake Worth, Benbrook Water Authority, City of Springtown, City of Lake Dallas, and of Boyd.

NTGBA is currently preparing a Request for Proposal (RFO) for group health insurance for the participating entities. NTGBA is requesting that each member

contribute \$250 for advertising costs and for legal advice associated with the RFP process.

NTGB is also requesting that each member pass resolution to approve an interlocal agreement and consider the Bylaws established by NTGBA. These procedures are required for the City of Benbrook to participate in the RFP process.

Funds are available in Non-Departmental account number 01-15-5219.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution Number 2006-09 to allow the City of Benbrook to participate in the North Texas Government Benefit Alliance (NTGBA) Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to consider the Bylaws, and to allocate \$250 for advertising costs and legal fees associated with the RFP process.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Vander Pan, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma, Mr. Schull, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

Resolution No. 2006-09 being **“A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF BENBROOK, INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, FOR THE NORTH TEXAS GOVERNMENT BENEFIT ALLIANCE.”**

VII. OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS

VIII. INFORMAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Wilson of the Lockheed Martin Bicycle Club wanted to thank the City Council and Mr. Wayman for all their assistants on the new designated Bicycle Route.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to the Texas Government code

Section 551-072 – Deliberation Regarding Real Property

1. Consider Counter Offer for Drainage Easement at 4104 Twilight Drive South

Mayor Dittrich recesses the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m.

X. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – Take any necessary action

Motion by Mr. Sauma, to approve, seconded by Mr. Bailey with an amendment of \$8,362 for Drainage Easement at 4104 Twilight Drive South.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma, Mr.Schull, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Vander Pan.

Motion carries unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m. follows by worksession Discuss and review City of Benbrook Smoking Ordinance.

APPROVED:

Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanna King, City Secretary