

**MINUTES
HURST CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012**

On the 17th day of January, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Work Session at Hurst Conference Center, 1601 Campus Drive, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Richard Ward	)	Mayor
Charles Swearengen	)	Mayor Pro Tem
Anna Holzer)	
Henry Wilson)	
Larry Kitchens	)	Council Members
Bill McLendon)	
Nancy Welton)	
Allan Weegar	)	City Manager
John Boyle	)	City Attorney
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Mike Morgan	)	Director of Planning & Community Services
Steve Bowden	)	Director of Economic Development
Clay Caruthers	)	Director of Finance
Dale Harwell	)	Information Systems Manager
Steve Moore	)	Police Chief
Steve Neikamp	)	Assistant Police Chief

With the following Council members absent: None, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

Call to Order – Mayor Ward called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Ballroom and stated that the Council would first move to Item No 2.

2. Review and Discussion of City of Hurst Gas Drilling Ordinance – City Manager Allan Weegar noted that the Work Session was not a public hearing and that the discussion this evening was to address three items in the current Ordinance to see if Council wanted staff to bring forward for action. City Attorney John Boyle addressed the audience and explained that the meeting was posted as an informal work session and was not advertised as a public hearing to allow citizen comment. City Manager Weegar reviewed the many meetings that the Council had held to update the Gas Drilling Ordinance and stated that as the industry changes staff would continue to monitor the Ordinance to see if updates were needed. He stated that staff was seeking direction from the Council on whether they want an action item to consider three items in the current Ordinance. He noted that the first item was regarding testing requirements, the second item was the security requirements at the well site and the third item was if the City should pay for the testing. Council Members discussed the need to ensure the safety and welfare of the citizens and noted that they believe the current testing requirements were necessary. Council also recognized the financial hardship for the testing and that if the City bore the expense then they could better control what was being tested. Director of Planning and Community Services Mike Morgan reviewed the cost for the most recent site testing, noting that it did not include the base-line testing due to being drilled before the current

Ordinance was adopted. Staff noted that with base-line testing costs would be approximately \$30,000 per well site. Director of Planning and Community Services Mike Morgan reviewed the Ordinance's security requirements at the well sites. Council Members discussed the need to provide security at the sites but that it might be more economical and be fewer burdens on the gas companies if different requirements were adopted such as surveillance cameras. City Manager Weegar stated that staff would bring a recommendation to the Council for consideration regarding the current Ordinance's security requirements.

Mayor Ward apologized to the citizens if the information sent to them by Chesapeake had led them to believe that this was a Public Hearing to receive citizen comment regarding drilling. City Manager Allan Weegar stated that sign up sheets were available if citizens wanted to be notified of any future Council Hearings regarding drill sites.

Mayor Ward recessed the meeting at 5:29 and reconvened to the Board Room at 6:18 p.m.

- 1. Presentation and Discussion of proposed Justice Center and Bond Election** – Information Services Manager Dale Harwell briefed Council Members on the progress of the proposed Justice Center since their last meeting. Architect Ron Hobbs provided schematic drawings of the Center and reviewed the proposed floor plans, elevations and materials proposed for the parking garage and building. Staff reviewed the challenges associated with parking and construction staging. City Manager Weegar noted that staff would bring the Resolution ordering the bond election to the Council at their February 14th meeting.

- 3. Informational Items** – None.

Adjournment

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

APPROVED this the 24th day of January, 2012.

APPROVED:

Richard Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rita L. Frick, City Secretary