MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING OF MAY 24, 2005 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Mark McGrath at Meadows Place City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Mark McGrath

Aldermen: Charles Jessup

Joe McCann
David Piwonka
Rick Staigle

and the following absent:

Alderman: Terry Henley

thus constituting a quorum.

Council discussed the proposed budget calendar for fiscal year 2005-2006. Workshop meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 28th (to discuss revenues,) on July 12th (to discuss the police budget,) on July 26th (to discuss the public works budget,) on August 9th (to discuss the parks and recreation budget) and on August 23rd (to discuss the administration and municipal court budgets and the total budget as a whole.) Department budget discussion dates are subject to possible changes.

Council then discussed commercial property issues including the fact that Al Fairfield has closed on both tracts of the Oasis property and is in the process of refinancing the old property. Ayrshire Corporation has submitted a site plan to develop the property at the northwest corner of West Airport and Kirkwood and there has been some interest shown in the Garden Ridge/Loews site.

Mayor McGrath asked Council to consider a new election procedure for future elections. He suggested doing away with the place system and having everyone who files to run for election to run together with the top two or three (depending on the year) vote getters declared as winners. He also suggested changing the elections from a mayor and three council members being elected one year and two council members elected the next year to three council members being elected one year and a mayor and two council members elected the next year. He volunteered to "take the short straw" and have the mayor's position up for election for one year (in 2006) and then again for two years (in 2007) in the following election. Council said they would think about his suggestion and possibly act on it before the end of this year.

Councilmembers McCann and Piwonka then reported on their findings and ideas on guidelines regarding goals and objectives of the City logo and image. They said they met with police and parks representatives regarding logos that are currently being used. They would like to form a committee (possibly made up of department representatives, council members, and maybe residents) that would approve all logos and designs used on city items (tee shirts, vehicles, signs, etc.) And they would like a policy that would define the process by which these designs could be changed. They feel all city property should have uniformly approved signs and colors as well as approved landscaping on medians and esplanades.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Piwonka made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McCann to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary