

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 06, 2006
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:30 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:	Terry Henley Charles Jessup Charles Kulhanek Rick Staigle David Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

Also present was Larry A. Wepler, P.E. of Jones & Carter, Inc., representing Fort Bend Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 (FBC WC&ID 2).

Mayor McGrath explained that a Groundwater Reduction Plan must be submitted by each entity that provides residential/commercial water by December 31, 2007. The EPA has listed a deadline of 2013 for total conversion to ground water. Meadows Place requested to be added added to Fort Bend WC&ID No. 2's plan for economic reasons. In December of 2006, the Board of Directors for FBC WC&ID No. 2 denied this request. In January the Mayor appealed to WC&ID 2's Board of Directors. The Board has agreed to allow Meadows Place to participate with no promise that they will sell us any of their surface water.

Mr. Wepler explained that sharing the capital cost of converting to ground water with other entities will lower the cost of surface water for those entities. Joining with FBC WC&ID No. 2 will require that only that entity make improvements to convert to surface water. The other entities will pay a pro-rate share of FBC WC&ID No. 2 costs for the plan. Feasible participants are FBC WC&ID No. 2, HC MUD `122, Texas Instruments, City of Meadows Place and Blue Ridge West MUD. Developing a group Groundwater Reduction Plan with contiguous entities allows for more flexibility in the future. It is estimated the maintenance and operation costs will increase 3% per year due to inflation. Capital Costs will include a surface water treatment plant and transmission lines to connect each entity's plant to FBC WC&ID No. 2's system. Each entity will pay for its own chloramine conversion costs. There will be an \$0.80 per gallon of our water usage assessed for buy-in to see the program and to pay for the Groundwater Reduction Plan assessed from 2008 to 2010. Each entity will be assessed a "pumpage fee" for each 1,000 gallons of water used and will receive a credit for each 1,000 gallons of groundwater pumped.

Mayor McGrath stated the prices quoted are very reasonable.

Councilmember Henley then reported on the activities of the interview committee regarding the police chief search. He said 67 resumes were received. The committee narrowed the field down to 15 viable candidates and seven "yes/maybe" candidates. The committee will meet again on Friday, February 9th to discuss what telephone questions will be asked of these candidates to narrow the field again.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary