



City of Farmers Branch

Farmers Branch City Hall
13000 Wm Dodson Pkwy
Farmers Branch, Texas
75234

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

6:00 PM

Study Session

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Buchanan Print Building
12400 Ford Road
Farmers Branch, TX 75234
Meeting Time - 5 p.m.

City Hall
Study Session Room
13000 William Dodson Pkwy.
Farmers Branch, TX 75234
Meeting Time - 6 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council meeting will be called to order at the Buchanan Printing Building at 5 p.m.

B. TOUR

- B.1 [16-313](#) Tour of the Buchanan printing building located at 12400 Ford Road in Farmers Branch, Texas.**

C. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM(S)

The City Council meeting will reconvene at City Hall at 6 p.m.

- C.1 [16-308](#) Consider and discuss potential Bond Projects including prioritization of the Citizen Bond Committee's findings and recommendations for Quality of Life Bond Proposals.**

The City Council may convene into executive session at anytime during the Study Session or Regular Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2) for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any regular or study session agenda item.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Farmers Branch City Hall is wheelchair accessible. Access to the building and special parking are available at the main entrance facing William Dodson Parkway. Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who are deaf, hearing impaired or who may need auxiliary aids such as sign interpreters or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary at (972) 919-2503 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Certification

I certify that the above notice of this meeting was posted at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, on the bulletin board at City Hall.

Posted by: _____
 City Secretary

Date posted: _____



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The Citizen Bond Committee was formed by the City Council in February 2016. Seventeen members of the community were appointed to work together and assess the capital needs of the City of Farmers Branch over the next five to ten year period, and to provide a written report of any recommendation of listing of projects and anticipated financial capital investment necessary to the City Council. Six Sub-Committees were formed, and considered various projects in the areas of Arts & Culture, Communications, Economic Development - Commercial, Economic Development - Residential, Parks & Recreation and Public Safety.

Citizen Bond Committee Chairperson, Michelle Holmes, has presented the findings and recommendations to the City Council. The City Council will review and prioritize these recommendations for a possible May 2017 Quality of Life Bond ballot election.



FARMERS BRANCH

City of Farmers Branch
13000 William Dodson Parkway
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

November 1, 2016

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

We the Citizen Bond Committee duly appointed by the Mayor and City Council in February 2016, hereby present to you the following report regarding Quality of Life bond proposals for consideration on the May 2017 ballot and beyond.

It was our intent to identify projects that would benefit all residents of Farmers Branch rather than a particular neighborhood or demographic. The Committee did not focus on one project in particular. Rather, we focused on various projects that would benefit the City as a whole. As a result, we are able to present eleven projects to you today that have been prioritized into three tiers – Tier 1 being the three proposals most strongly recommended for consideration on the May 2017 ballot; Tier 2 being the next two proposals for future consideration in the near term; Tier 3 being the remaining six proposals for future consideration in the long term.

When we initially started our work as a Committee, there were 37 proposals/ideas ranging from the Trail Master Plan, to the Farmers Branch Market development, to a Frisbee golf park. We organized each of those ideas and created six subcommittees. After more than 2,400 hours of study over nine months, we were able to narrow down the number of proposals and reduce estimated spending from \$76,250,000 (a 10.73 cent tax increase) to the Tier 1 proposal estimate of \$22.3 million, a tax increase of 3.144 cents.

It was not only this Committee's intent to present Quality of Life bond proposals that would benefit our City overall, but to present a proposal that was fiscally responsible as well. We believe we have achieved these goals within the accompanying findings presented to the City Council, as well as the residents of Farmers Branch, for their consideration on this day, Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Holmes".

Michelle M. Holmes
Committee Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nic Rady".

Nic Rady
Committee Vice Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tamara Cleghorn".

Tamara Cleghorn
Committee Secretary

**2016 Citizen Bond Committee
Quality of Life Bond Proposal Summary**

Tier 1

Trail Master Plan - Phase I	\$5,000,000	
Fire Station No. 2 Relocation	\$5,500,000	
Station Area Development	\$11,825,000	
Estimated Cost	\$22,325,000	
Estimated Tax Increase	3.144	(cents per \$100 in valuation)

Tier 2

Housing Renewal	\$4,100,000	
Library Renovation	\$7,920,000	
Estimated Cost	\$12,020,000	
Estimated Tax Increase	1.693	(cents per \$100 in valuation)

Tier 3

Animal Shelter Expansion	\$2,200,000	
Dog Park	\$1,000,000	
Historical Park Improvements	\$7,000,000	
Firehouse Theatre	\$1,000,000	
John F. Burke Nature Preserve	\$5,730,000	
City Branding	\$3,000,000	
Estimated Cost	\$19,930,000	
Estimated Tax Increase	2.807	(cents per \$100 in valuation)

2016 Citizen Bond Committee Members

Bronson Blackson	Meredith MacLeod
Tamara Cleghorn	David Merritt
Rodger Cramer	Marcus Miller
Martina De Los Santos	Vincent Montenegro
Michael Driskill	Joan O'Shea
Colin Eddy	Nic Rady
Jorge Gonzalez	John Speed ¹
Michelle Holmes	James Webb
	Timothy Yarbrough

¹ Resigned August 2016 due to relocation to Midland