

City Council Work Session Handouts

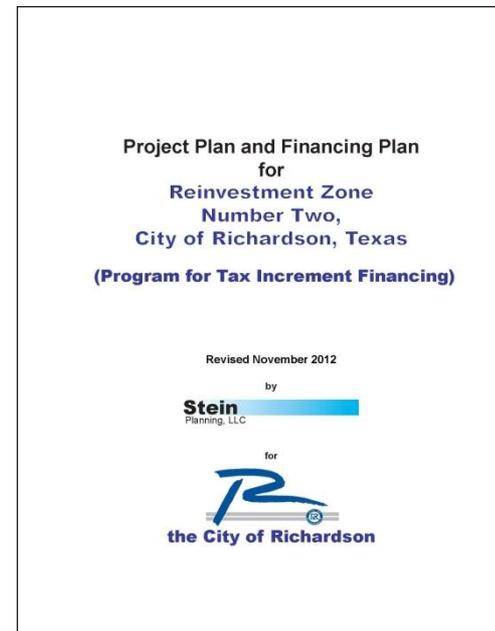
December 3, 2012

- I. Review and Discuss the Final Project and Financing Plan and Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two
- II. Review and Discuss the KCS Railroad at Lookout Drive Crossing Improvements
- III. Review and Discuss the Recreation Center and Aquatics User Fees
- IV. Review and Discuss the 2013 Richardson Legislative Agenda

Bush/75 Urban Center Development Infrastructure Support Strategy:

Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone 2 Project, Financing and Infrastructure Reimbursement Plans

City of Richardson, Texas
City Council Briefing
December 3, 2012



Bush/75 Urban Center Development Infrastructure Support Strategy

- Background on TIF Zones 2 & 3
- TIF Zone #2: Development Update
- TIF Zone #2: Project and Financing Plan
- TIF Zone #2: Infrastructure Reimbursement Agmt
- TIF Board Actions and Next Steps

Background: TIF Zones 2 & 3:

- Prior City Council Actions for Zones 2 & 3:
 - November 2011 Actions Approved:
 - Ordinances Creating TIF Zones 2 & 3
 - *Preliminary Project and Financing Plans*
 - Linkage with Council Goals
 - Background on site/area
 - 2011 Zoning update/features
 - Required Infrastructure & Public Facilities
 - Possible development impact
 - Need for structured method to provide support:
Tax Increment Financing (2 Zones)
 - Proposed TIF Features:
 - City & Collin County
 - Next Steps of Preparation for TIF
 - Final Project & Financing Plans for TIF 2 and TIF 3



Background: 300 acres at Bush/190 at U.S.75



Background:

Infrastructure Elements

- Preliminary Plan
Developed a master list of possible participation elements
- Timing/phasing
- Over time, some elements may be eligible for Grant funding
 - Currently \$14.4 million in Grant support

Required Project Elements

Road Network and related street/traffic appurtenances

Drainage Systems

Transit Support Improvements

Utility Extensions

ROW and Easements

Parking Facilities

Parks, Open Space and Plazas

Trail Network

Background:

Use of TIF Rationale for Support

- Stimulate **Quicker** Development Schedule
- Focus on Early Infrastructure Support to Allow **Financial Viability**
- Set Strong **Development Tone**
- **Structured** Public Participation Support
- Avoid Future G.O. **Bond Program Impact**
- **Advance the Cotton Belt Rail** development schedule & Bush Station selection
- Contract as **Reimbursement-based** Funding
 - Developer Secured and Fronted Capital
 - Risk remains with Developer for Reimbursement
- Separate TIF zones to allow each development team a motive to **reimbursement only from their increment** additions
- Places **risk** of development pace for repayment **with developer**

Background: TIF Features - Two Zones

City of Richardson - TIF Zone 3 - Caruth Properties



TIF #3

Caruth Interest

- About 85 acres. Divided by U.S.75.
- East border to DART Red Line and any future Cotton Belt Station.

City of Richardson - TIF Zone 2 - Bush/75 Partners

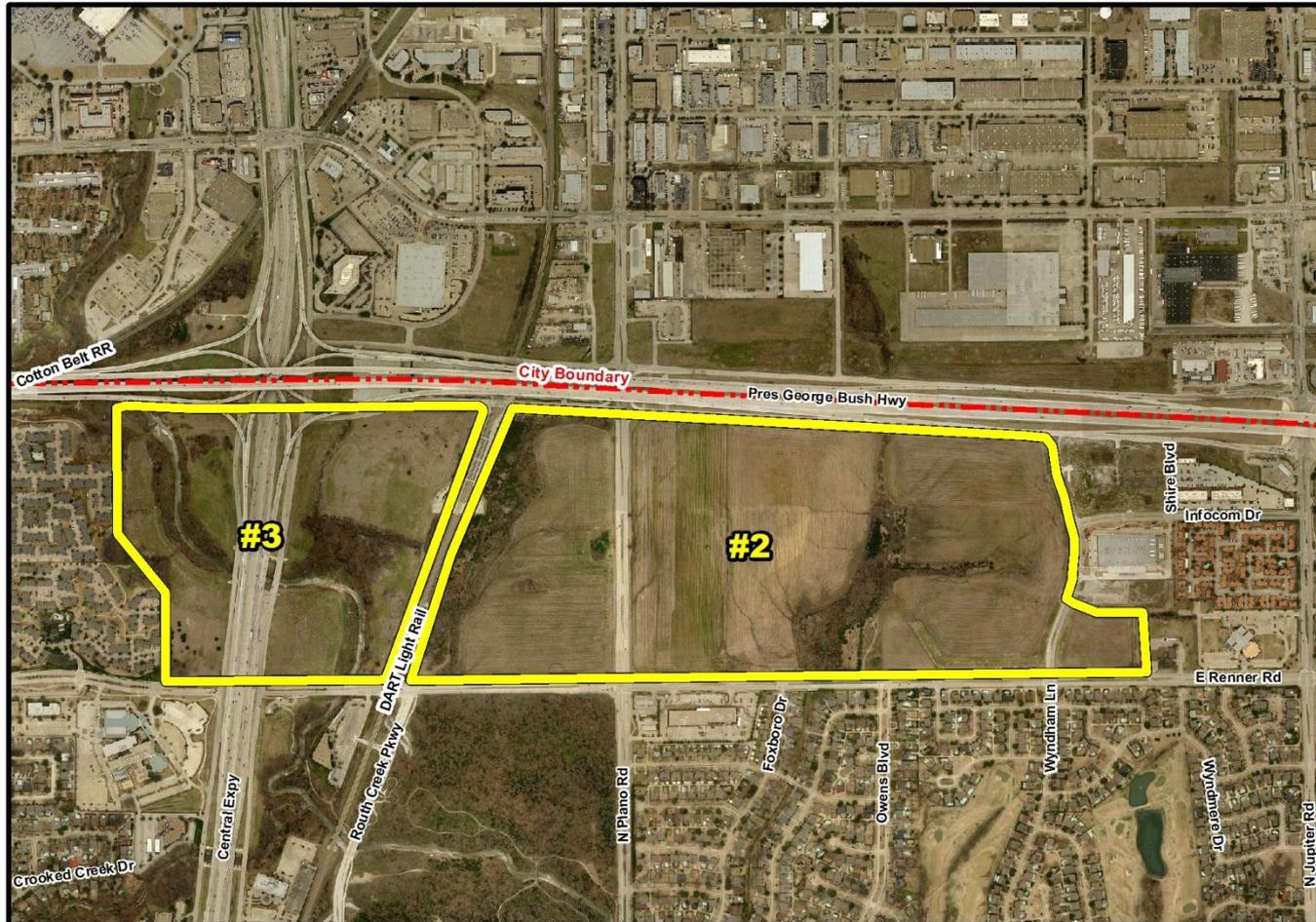


TIF #2

Bush/75 Partners

- About 211 acres. Divided by Plano Road.
- West border to DART Red Line and any future Cotton Belt Station.

TIF Features: Two Zones



TIF Zone #2 & #3 Aerial Map

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TIF #2 Development Updates

Project Plan and Financing Plan
for
Reinvestment Zone
Number Two,
City of Richardson, Texas
(Program for Tax Increment Financing)

Revised November 2012

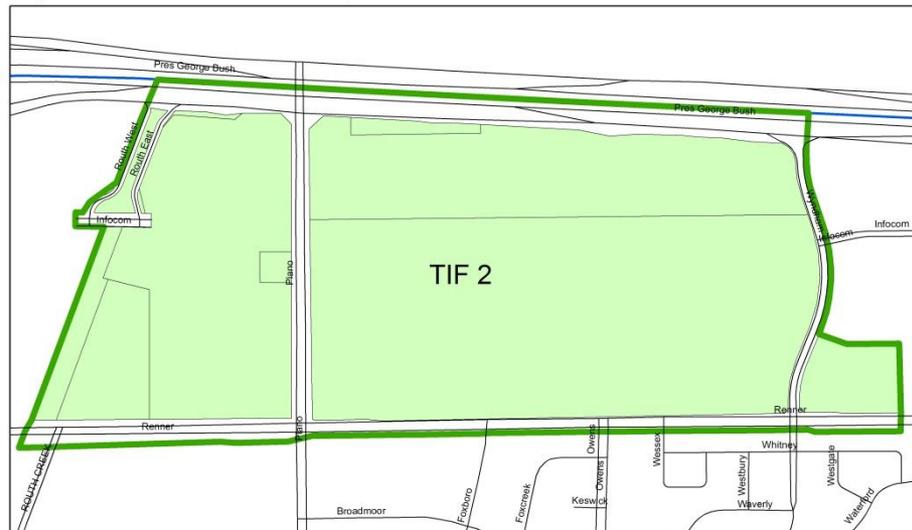
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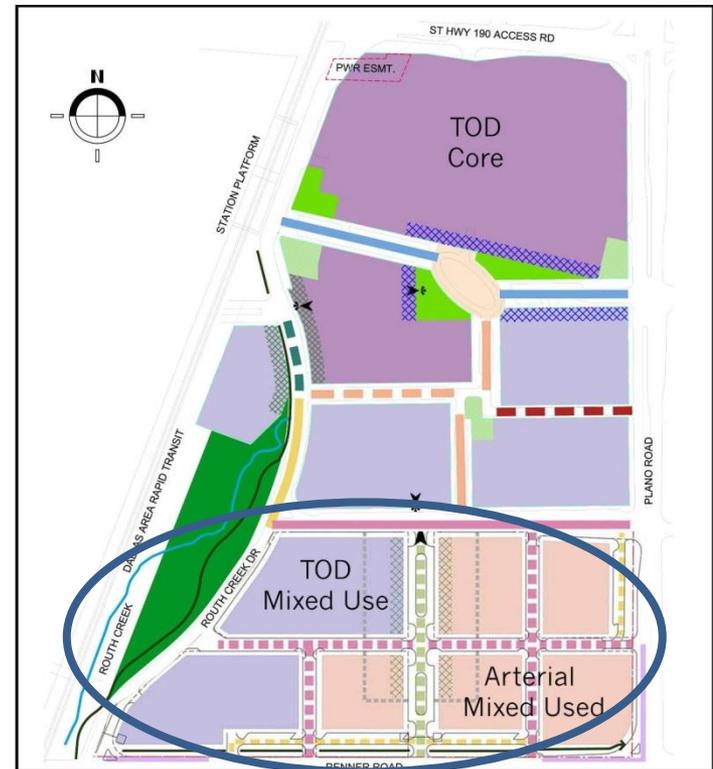
City of Richardson - TIF Zone 2 - Bush/75 Partners



-  TIF 2 Zone
-  TIF 2 Parcels
-  City Limits

Development Update

- Southern edge of development for area west of Plano Road continuing as planned:
 - 800 unit multifamily development
 - Retail ready on the bottom floor
 - Structured parking
 - Planned streetscape amenities
 - Zale Corson Group expected to begin:
 - 1st phase (450 units) in 2013 along Renner Road.
 - 2nd phase north of 1st phase (estimated completion by 2016)



Development Update



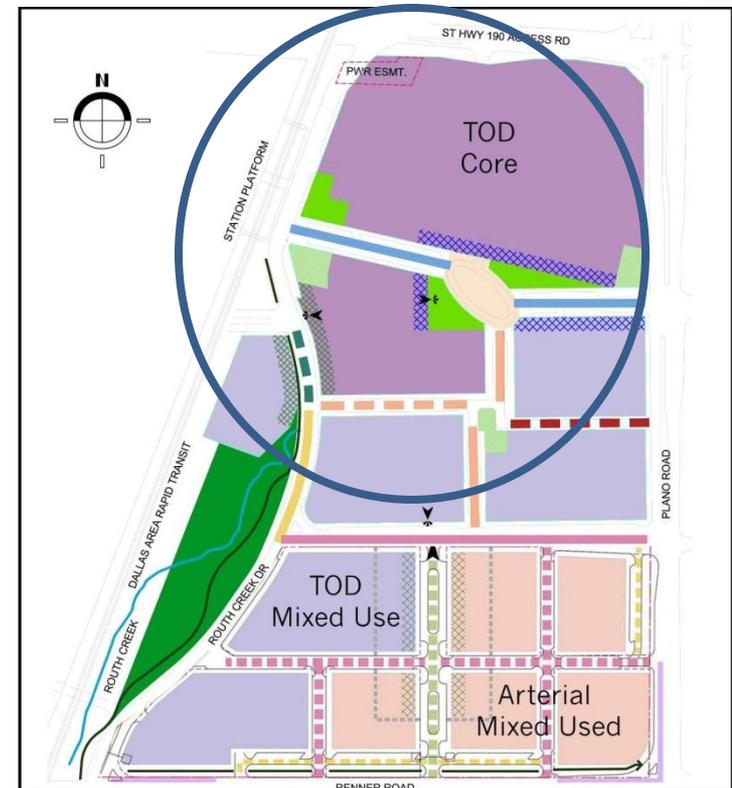
■ Leading National Provider of Corporate Real Estate Solutions

- 30 Million Sq. Ft. of Corporate BTS
- Over 100 Projects in 26 States
- \$3.7 Billion in Projects



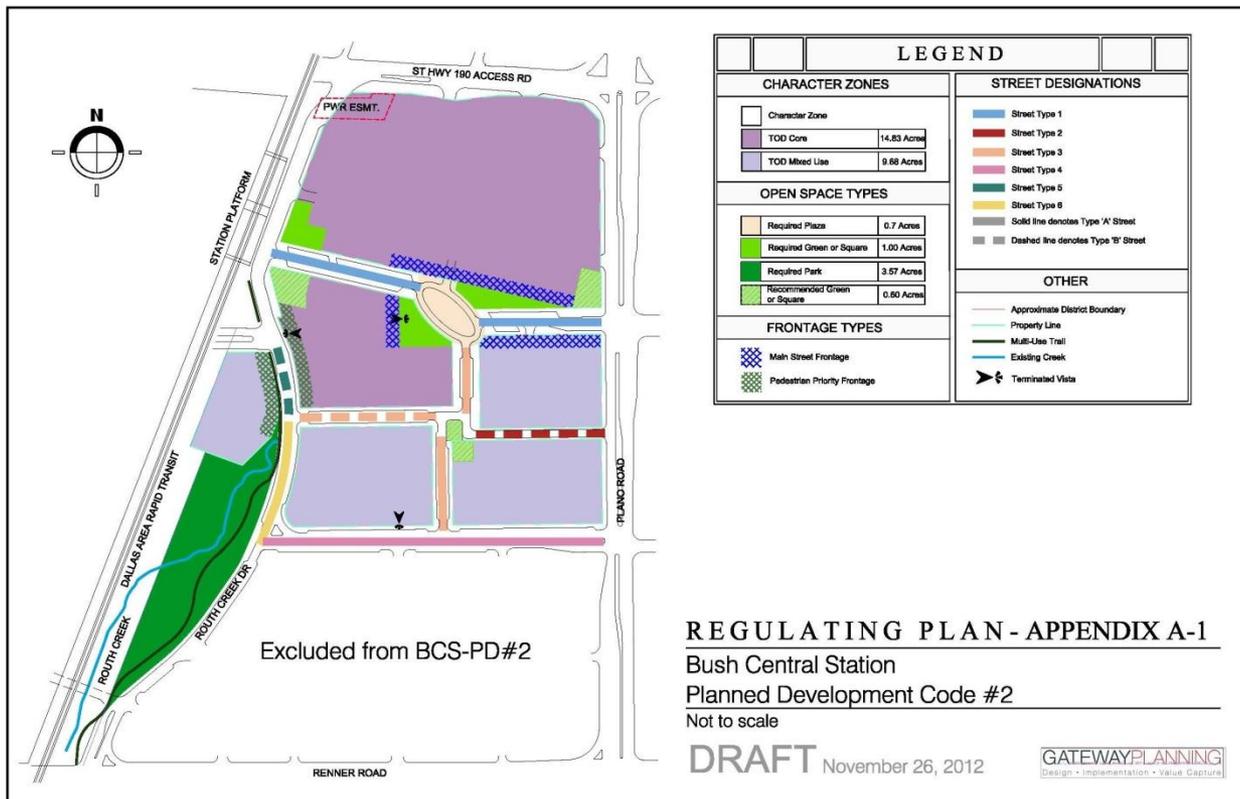
Development Update

- Active development proposal currently under consideration for the remaining portion of the area west of Plano Road.
- The proposed development includes:
 - Significant new corporate campus (1.5 million sf)
 - Other Campuses:
 - Blue Cross (1.05 million sf)
 - Cisco (1.0 million sf)
 - Galatyn Campus (848,592 sf)
 - Retail at the TOD core (100,000 sf)
 - Medical Office (50,000 sf)
 - Limited service hotel
 - Same multi-family entitlement
 - 1,200 units
 - Sustained open space
 - Public plazas
 - Trail Park



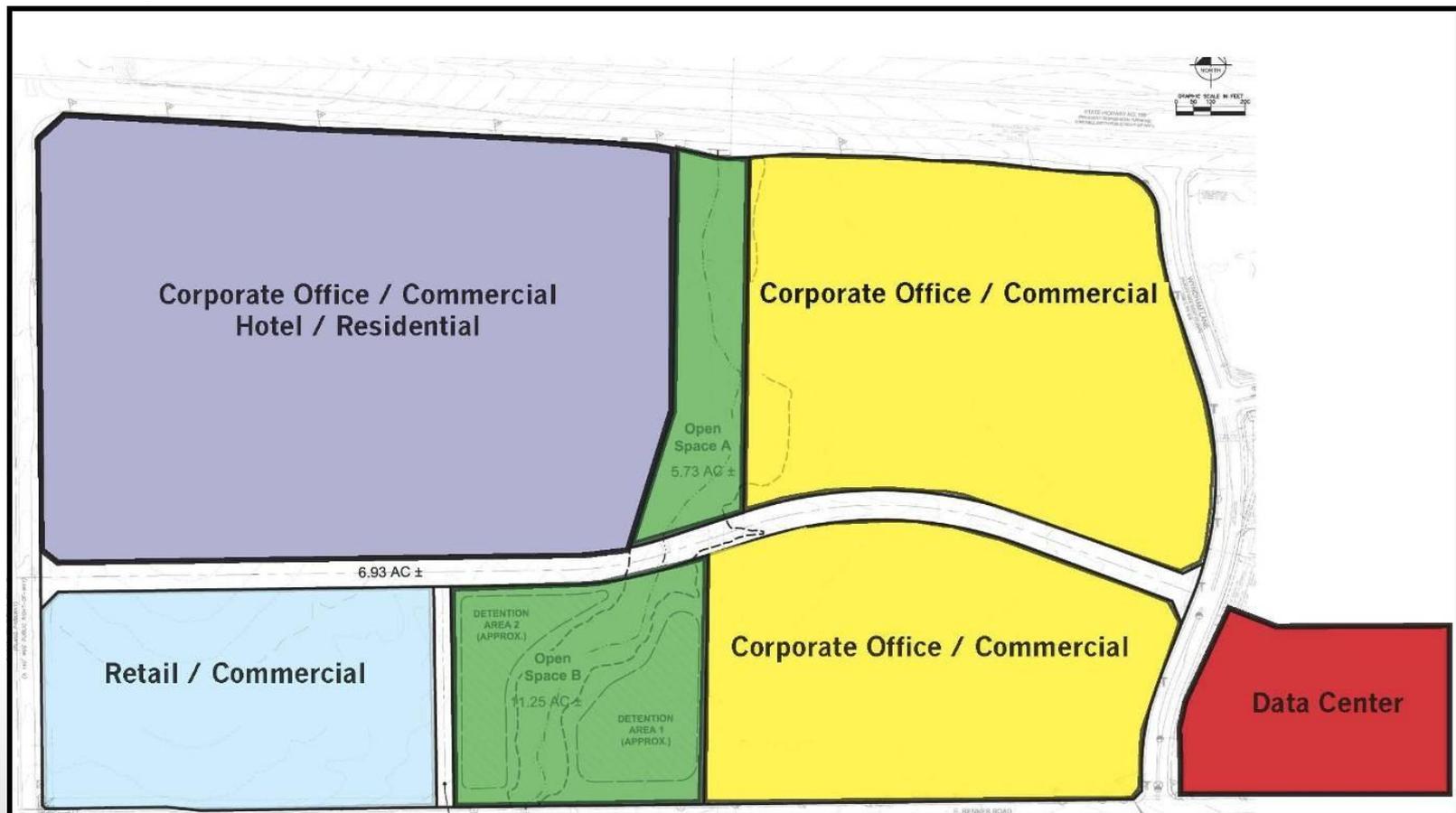
Development Update: Revised Regulating Plan

- Developer will propose a revised Regulating Plan to the CPC on December 4 – Council action expected December 10
- Revised Regulating Plan will be a second option amendment to the existing plan



Development Update: East of Plano Road Plan

- Developer will propose updated zoning plans and road alignments to the CPC on December 4 – Council action expected December 10



Updated Project Plan and Financing Plan

- Prepared for City by Stein Planning LLC, Mark Stein
- Project Plan and Financing Plans for TIF #2
- Report Features:
 - Narrative of TIF method & features
 - Key development scenario timetable and taxable values
 - Key infrastructure elements and timetable for implementation
 - Zone map graphics
 - Likely taxable revenue generation and allocations for TIF Zone and participating taxing entities
 - Compliant with Texas Tax Code Chapter 311 for TIF preparation

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Project Plan and Financing Plan
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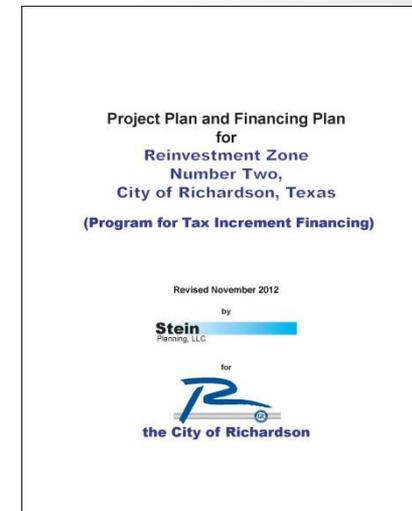
Base Features in TIF #2

- **2011 as Base Tax Year**
- 25-year TIRZ
- Real Property Tax Only – Not Business Personal Property Tax or Sales Tax or Hotel/Motel Tax
- City of Richardson Real Property Tax Rate Participation:
 - 2/3 of Property Tax Rate
 - (for 2012 – 2/3 of \$0.63516 = (0.42346))
- Collin County Real Property Tax Rate Participation (proposed):
 - 1/2 of Property Tax Rate
 - (for 2012 – 1/2 of \$0.2400 = \$0.1200)

	City	Collin Co.
For TIF	67% \$0.42346	50% \$0.1200
For General Fund <i>(during TIF)</i>	33% \$0.2117	50% \$0.1200
Total	100% \$0.63516	100% \$0.2400

TIF #2

Plan Highlights



- **Schedule 1**

- About 211 acres
- Base Year Market Value of \$25.5 million in 2011
- Initially, entire area received Agricultural Exemption
- City Taxable Value in 2011 was \$37,485

- **Schedule 2**

- 8.0 million sf of planned development (\$1.075 billion in estimated market value)

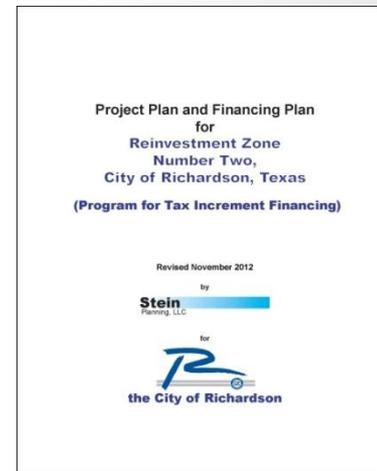
- **Schedule 5**

- City Total Taxable Value for 2012 is \$16,008,894 – will generate \$67,788 in taxes to the TIF (partial Stream development)
- City Total Taxable Value for 2013 is estimated at \$30,518,476 (Stream development completed)
- City Taxable Value for 2036 (final year of TIF) is estimated at \$1.467 billion

TIF #2

Plan Highlights

- **Schedule 4**
 - Schedule of TIF Costs (\$ in thousands)



	TIF Costs	Non-project Costs	Total Costs
Road Network - Land Acquisition Costs	\$18,315	\$0	\$18,315
Improvements West of Plano Rd	\$23,257	\$8,831	\$32,088
Improvements East of Plano Rd	\$34,764	\$5,577	\$40,341
Subtotal Infrastructure Costs	\$76,336	\$14,408	\$90,744
TIF Admin. Costs	\$1,152	\$0	\$1,152
Subtotal Before Financing Costs	\$77,488	\$14,408	\$91,896
Financing Costs	\$40,545	\$0	\$40,545
Total TIF Costs	\$118,033	\$14,408	\$132,441

- Non-project costs are state and/or federal grant funds

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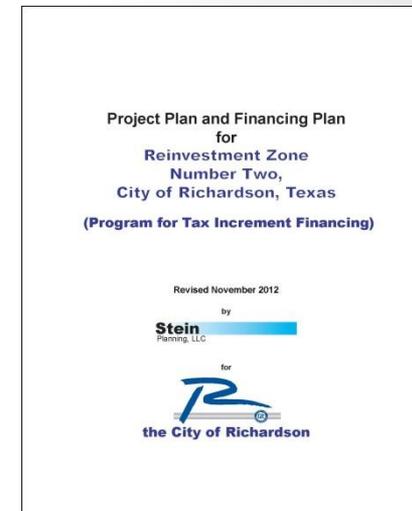
- **Schedule 7**

- Total Revenue to TIF Fund (in millions)

Sources	Amount
City of Richardson (66.67%)	\$106
Collin County (50%)	\$30
Total	\$136

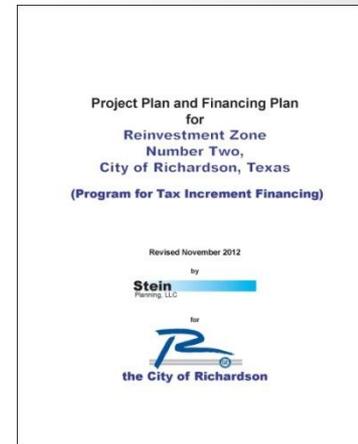
- Total Revenue to TIF Fund w/Cotton Belt (in millions)

Sources	Amount
Available to Developers – City (55%)	\$88
Available to Developers – County (50%)	\$30
Potential Cotton Belt – City (11.67%)	\$18
Total	\$136



TIF #2

Plan Highlights



- **Schedule 10**
 - Total Revenue Retained by City (in millions)

Sources	Amount
Property Tax – Real	\$101
Property Tax – BPP	\$22
Sales Tax	\$26
Total (Yrs 1-30)	\$149

- Does not include estimate of additional utility franchise taxes generated by development or hotel occupancy tax generated from hotels

TIF #2 Support Agreement

- TIF Agreement with Bush/75 Partners, LP
 - Right of assignment to KDC Development, LLC and/or lenders providing financing for infrastructure elements
- Obligation to initiate construction of infrastructure for first phase of development within three years
 - Requirement to develop open space and parks elements within two years of completion of respective adjacent developments
- Fronted capital by developers – TIF as Reimbursement only
 - Reimbursement payments made for infrastructure components as elements are accepted by City
 - Payment from TIF increment after reasonable administrative costs of the TIF have been met, 5% interest on unpaid balance
 - Termination at payout of all TIF obligations or expiration of TIF – whichever occurs first

Additional Deal Elements

- Agreement acknowledges that any County monies received must follow County policies for participation in TIF zones
- Contemplates use of State or Federal funding if available
 - Grant funds will be used for eligible infrastructure elements and reduce amounts required to be reimbursed through TIF funds
- Agreement allows for reduced TIF payments to developer if DART Rail Cotton Belt Project requires City participation
 - 66.67% Increment to TIF split between DART and developer
 - 55%: Developer's increment portion reduced to no less than 55.00% upon initiation of Cotton Belt Project
 - 11.67%: Reserved for Cotton Belt Project

TIF Board # 2 Actions

- November 28, 2012 TIF Board Actions:
 - Approved the Project and Financing Plan for TIF Reinvestment Zone Number Two
 - Approved the Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement and Authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute such agreement on behalf of the Board of Directors and any amendments or instruments related thereto
- Upon favorable and unanimous approval of both items, the TIF Board forwarded these items to the City Council for Review and Consideration

Next Steps for TIF Action and Zoning Action

- TIF Project Plan, Financing Plan, and Infrastructure Reimbursement Plan
 - December 3 City Council work session briefing
 - December 10 Public Hearing & City Council consideration
 - *TBD Collin County Review & Consideration*
- Zoning Entitlement Action
 - December 4 Public Hearing & recommendation before the City Plan Commission
 - December 10 Public Hearing & Action before the City Council

KCS Rail Road at Lookout Drive Crossing Improvement

**Richardson City Council
Briefing**

December 3, 2012





**PROJECT
LOCATION**

PGBT

COTTON BELT

RENNER

LOOKOUT

FLOYD

KCS RR

COLLINS

US 75

CUSTER

CAMPBELL



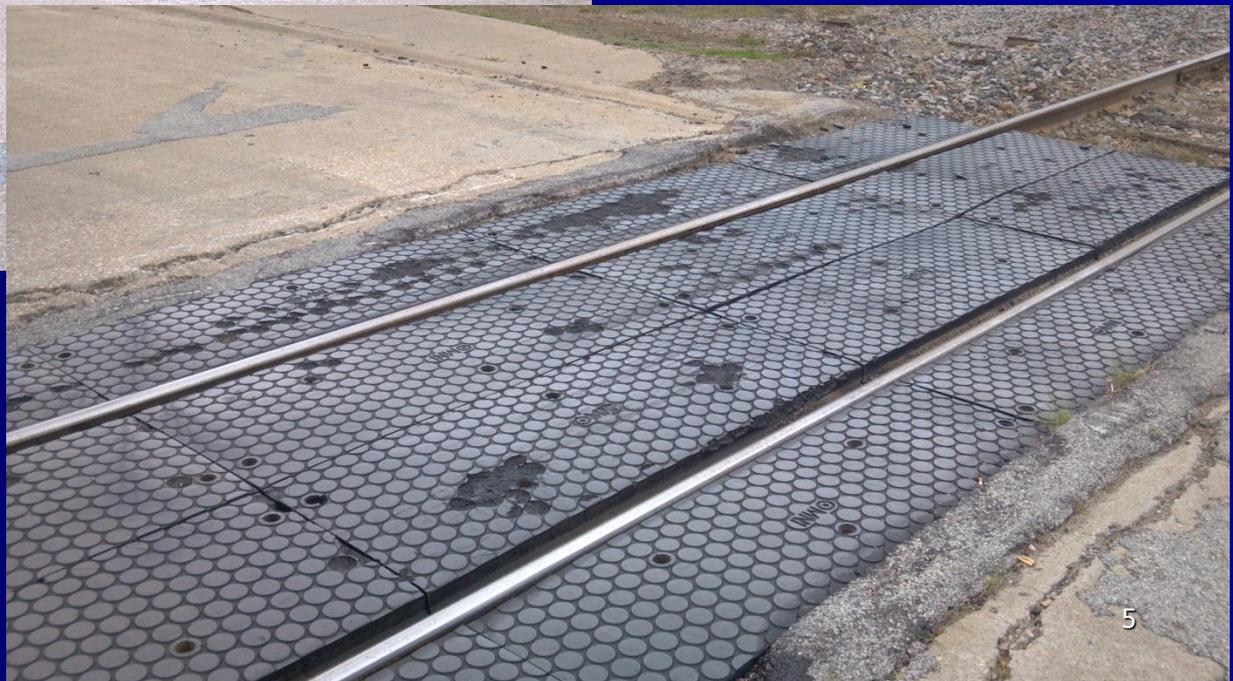
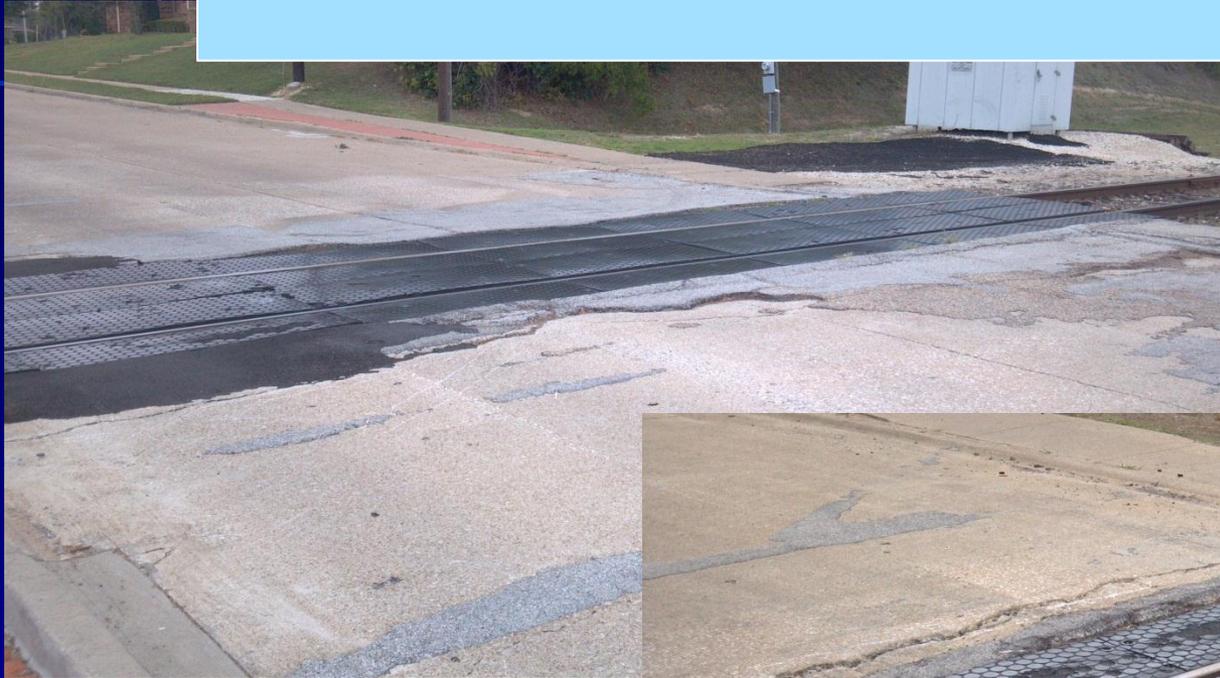
Project Background

- KCS Rail Road crosses Lookout Drive between Floyd Rd and Canyon Creek Rd
- 1 of 7 at-grade crossings on this North-South line
- Maintenance of crossings are the responsibility of KCS
- Crossing is in need of rehabilitation due to track settling
- CoR Streets Department has been maintaining the approach for several years

Project Background

- Rehab of East-West line at Custer and Alma completed in Summer 2011
- Coordination with KCS on Draft Agreement and Right of Entry Permit has been ongoing for months – now in final form
- The City of Richardson has contracted with BHC Engineers for design of approach, median and sidewalk construction
- Neighborhood groups have been patient in dealing with the conditions

Existing Conditions



Project Scope

- Requires participation of KCS Rail Road and City of Richardson
- Design survey and drainage study by CoR consultant
- Tracks to be raised and concrete crossing panels to be installed by KCS contractor
- Construct asphalt overlay on approach to meet new track profile

Project Scope

- Quiet Zone barrier curbs will be required
- Improve sidewalks, curbs, median and drainage
- Existing culverts will be replaced if drainage study dictates that they are under sized
- Actively communicate with HOA and neighborhood residents
- Lookout Drive expected to be closed during construction – two to three days

Existing Conditions



Proposed Conditions

Legend

- Sidewalk 
- Conc. Crossing Panels 
- Conc. Curb 
- Asphalt Overlay 
- Culvert 
- Median 

LOOKOUT

BIG HORN

KCS RAILROAD

VALLEY FORGE



Cost Breakdown

ITEM	EST. COST	KCS Share	COR Share
Crossing Improvements by KCS – Tracks and Concrete Panels	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Design and Related Construction – approach, sidewalks, curbs, medians, drainage improvements	\$131,000	\$0	\$131,000
TOTAL	\$281,000	\$75,000	\$206,000

Note: Funding for this project to be provided from the Penny Tax Fund ¹⁰

Project Schedule

- Resolution to authorize Execution of Agreement with KCS – Dec 10, 2012
- Design – Jan – May 2013
- Construction
 - Schedule to be coordinated with KCS – June 2013



Recreation Center Proposed Facility Hours & Membership Rates



**City Council Work Session
December 3, 2012**

Background

- **October 2009 - Richardson opened the new Huffhines Recreation Center and began charging a fee for use of the facility.**
 - Patrons expect to pay a membership fee
 - Other municipalities are charging membership fees.



- **May 2013 - new Heights Recreation Center opens**
 - Heights has remained free of charge to its patrons.

PROCESS

- **Parks and Recreation staff surveyed local municipalities on operational hours and membership fees.**
 - **Comparable size and amenities of Heights and Huffhines Recreation Centers.**



OPERATIONAL HOURS OF COMPARABLE FACILITIES



City of Allen
(25,000 sqft)

92 Hours Total

Mon. - Thurs.	6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday	6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



City of Carrollton
(44,000 sqft)

96.5 Hours Total

Mon. - Thurs.	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday	5:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



OPERATIONAL HOURS OF COMPARABLE FACILITIES



City of Irving
(28,000 sqft)

73 Hours Total

Mon. – Fri.	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed



City of McKinney
(22,000 sqft)

76 Hours Total

Mon. – Thurs.	7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed



CURRENT OPERATIONAL HOURS



Heights Recreation Center
(14,000 sqft)

84 Hours Total

Mon. – Sat. **8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.**
Closed **Sundays**



Huffhines Recreation Center
(25,000 sqft)

94 Hours Total

Mon. – Fri. **6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.**
Saturdays **8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
Sundays **1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**



PROPOSED OPERATIONAL HOURS



Heights and Huffhines Recreation Centers (25,000 sq ft each)

- 94 Hours Total
 - Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
 - Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - Sundays 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



MEMBERSHIP RATES OF COMPARABLE FACILITIES

	City of Allen Resident		Non-Resident	
	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Daily</i>
Age Group				
Youth (6-17)	\$25		\$47	
Adult (18-54)	\$55		\$90	
Senior (55 and older)	\$25		\$47	
Family (up to 4)	\$175		\$185	
Corporate	n/a		n/a	

	City of Carrollton Resident		Non-Resident	
	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Daily</i>
Age Group				
Youth (6-17)	\$27	\$5	\$47	\$8
Adult (18-54)	\$85	\$5	\$128	\$8
Senior (55 and older)	\$27	\$5	\$47	\$8
Family (up to 4)	\$148		\$223	
Corporate			\$35	



MEMBERSHIP RATES OF COMPARABLE FACILITIES

	City of Irving Resident		Non-Resident	
	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Daily</i>
Age Group				
Youth (6-17)	\$5	\$5	\$30	\$5
Adult (18-54)	\$5	\$5	\$30	\$5
Senior (55 and older)	\$10	\$5	\$30	\$5
Family (up to 4)	\$300		n/a	
Corporate			\$25	

	City of McKinney Resident		Non-Resident	
	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Daily</i>
Age Group				
Youth (6-17)	\$144			
Adult (18-54)	\$144			
Senior (55 and older)	\$144			
Family (up to 4)	\$225			
Corporate				



PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP RATES

Age Group	Richardson Resident				Non-Resident			
	Annual		Daily		Annual		Daily	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Youth (6-17)	\$25	\$35	\$3	\$5	\$50	\$70	\$6	\$10
Adult (18-54)	\$45	\$60	\$5	\$7	\$90	\$120	\$10	\$14
Senior (55 and older)	\$25	\$35	\$3	\$5	\$50	\$70	\$6	\$10
Family (up to 4)	\$100	\$135			\$200	\$270		
Corporate					\$70	\$90	\$6	\$8



SUMMARY

- **Staff recommendation:**
 - Heights and Huffhines Recreation Centers operate the same facility hours.
 - Membership fees increase to adjust for the surrounding comparable market.
- **Park and Recreation Commission recommended fees as presented, November 13, 2012.**
- **If acceptable to the City Council, a resolution will be drafted outlining the fees and charges.**



Recreation Center Proposed Facility Hours & Membership Rates



**City Council Work Session
December 3, 2012**

Heights Family Aquatic Center

Proposed 2013 Season
Hours of Operation
Fees and Charges
Overview

City Council Work Session
December 3, 2012

Presentation Overview

- 🏊 Brief history of the City of Richardson's Aquatics Division
- 🏊 Area City Aquatic Comparisons
- 🏊 Proposed Heights Family Aquatics Center 2013 season
- 🏊 Heights Family Aquatics Center Proposed Fees and Charges
- 🏊 Heights Family Aquatics Center Proposed Hours of Operation



Heights Family Aquatic Center

BRIEF HISTORY

Brief History of the City of Richardson Aquatic Department

- Richardson currently operates 5 outdoor pools:
 - Terrace - built in 1959 as a neighborhood facility- The City took ownership in 1968
 - Formerly Arapaho Pool- built in 1961
 - Cottonwood Pool- Built in 1966
 - Canyon Creek Pool- built in 1970
 - Glenville Pool- built in 1974



- Pool entry fees were last raised in 2009 and a non-resident fee was implemented in 2010.

Heights Family Aquatic Center

AREA CITY COMPARISONS

City of Rowlett - The Wet Zone 2013 Season

May 18 - August 18

84-day Season Includes:

- 🛟 Weekends only through May 27th
- 🛟 Daily use June 1 - August 18



City of Mesquite - City Lake Aquatic Center 2013 Season Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend

96-day Season Includes:

- ☼ Daily use Memorial Day Weekend through August 25
- ☼ Labor Day Weekend



City of Irving - West Irving Aquatic Center 2013 Season Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend

102-day Season Includes:

- 🛖 Daily use available Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend





Heights Family Aquatic Center

PROPOSED 2013 SEASON

Heights Family Aquatic Center Proposed 2013 Season Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend

91-day Season Includes:

- ☼ Daily use May 25th - August 18th
- ☼ Open weekends only starting August 24th through Labor Day
- ☼ Heights Only

Previous schedule 72-day Season:

- ☼ Daily use Memorial Day – Labor Day
- ☼ Closed one day a week
- ☼ Closed 5 days after Memorial Day for training



Heights Family Aquatic Center

PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES

Metroplex Comparable Family Aquatic Centers Fees

	Age for Free Admission	Resident Daily Fee	Non-Res Daily Fee	Resident Season Pass	Non-Res Season Pass
City of Irving- West Irving Aquatic Center	Up to 3 years of age	Adult- \$3 Youth- \$2	City is looking to implement non-resident fees.	Family up to 6- \$100 Adult- \$50 Youth- \$25	City is looking to implement non-resident fees.
City of Rowlett- The Wet Zone	Up to 2 years of age	Adult- \$8.50 Youth- \$7.50 Senior- \$5.50	Adult- \$10.50 Youth- \$9.50 Senior- \$5.50	\$40	\$50
City of Mesquite- City Lake Aquatic Center	Up to 3 years of age	\$4 Seniors >55- \$2	No non-resident fees	\$30 for 10 visit punch card	No non-resident fees
Richardson 4 Existing Pools Proposed Fees	<i>Up to 3 years of age</i>	\$2	\$4	\$30	\$40
Heights Family Aquatic Center 2013 Proposed Rates	Up to 3 years of age	\$4	\$8	\$45	\$65

Heights Family Aquatic Center

PROPOSED HOURS OF OPERATION

2013 Proposed Pool Operational Hours

Heights Family Aquatic Center

- 🚶 8:00 – 11:45 AM swim class programming
- 🚶 **12:00 – 9:00 PM- Public Hours**

Terrace Pool

- 🚶 Weekdays: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM- Public Hours
- 🚶 5:15 – 9:00 PM- swim class programming
- 🚶 Saturday and Sunday Only: 1:00 – 8:00 PM- Public Hours
- 🚶 Closed Mondays

Cottonwood Pool

- 🚶 8:00 – 9:00 AM – COR Swim Practice
- 🚶 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – swim class/swim team
- 🚶 **Weekdays: 1:00 – 6:00 PM- Public Hours**
- 🚶 6:15 PM-9:00 PM-swim class programming
- 🚶 Saturday and Sunday Only: 1:00 – 8:00 PM- Public Hours
- 🚶 Closed Tuesdays

Canyon Creek Pool

- 🚶 9:00 – 11:30 AM - swim class programming
- 🚶 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM- swim team practice
- 🚶 1:00 – 8:00 PM- Public Hours
- 🚶 Closed Mondays

Glenville Pool

- 🚶 9:00 – 11:30 AM – swim class programming
- 🚶 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM – swim team
- 🚶 1:00 – 8:00 PM – Public Hours
- 🚶 Closed Tuesdays

Summary

Heights Family Aquatics Center

- ❖ Proposed season extension Increase to 7 days of the week:
 - ❖ Increase length of season: open 1 week prior to and 1 week later than other 4 Richardson Pools.
- ❖ Proposed fees:
 - ❖ Increased fees based higher grade facility and on surveys/research of comparable pools in the region.
- ❖ Proposed new operation hours:
 - ❖ Increase to maximize hours of operation.

Recommendation & Next Steps

- 🛟 November 13, 2012 Recommendation from the Park and Recreation Commission to the City Council for Hours of Operation for the Heights Family Aquatics Center including fees and charges as presented.
- 🛟 Spring 2013, Publish fees and charges in Recreation Today insert as scheduled.

Heights Family Aquatic Center

Proposed 2013 Season
Hours of Operation
Fees and Charges
Overview

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City of Richardson Legislative Agenda 2013 Texas Legislative Session 83rd Legislature

General Government Initiatives:

The City of Richardson strongly supports local control, where local elected officials are tasked with raising funds and providing services to respond to the individual needs of the community they serve. Local governments are the bedrock of the State, and provide the majority of public services to the citizens of Texas. As such, the City of Richardson strongly supports the following general government issues:

Parks:

- Restore the Local Parks Grant Program to the level recommended in the Texas Parks and Wildlife legislative appropriation request.
- Support legislation that creates a Constitutional dedication of sporting goods sales tax revenue for use in State and local parks.
- Ensure that no legislative appropriation riders are allowed that set aside Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA) moneys for specific projects or locales. All candidate grant projects should be subject to the established competitive grant process.

Library:

- Appropriate \$9.25 million for the TexShare Online Information database to support the need for digital learning resources.
- Appropriate \$3.4 million for incentive grants to increase literacy and educational success.

Public Safety:

- Support enhancement of burglary of a motor vehicle from a misdemeanor to a State Jail felony.
- Support legislation authorizing sobriety check points in Texas.
- Continue support for municipally operated intersection safety camera programs.
- Amend the Government Code to require the collection of a DNA sample from all suspects who are arrested for a Class B misdemeanor or higher.
- Support restoration of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (LEOSE) funds.
- Enhance local control in decision making regarding fire protection system requirements. Current state law determines when a sprinkler system is required in a structure.

Finance:

- Support legislation requiring the mandatory disclosure of real property sales prices to appraisal districts to ensure fair and equitable valuation and taxation of all real property in the State of Texas.
- Support legislation allowing cities with a website to advertise once in a newspaper and continuously on the website for 14 days prior to a bid opening.

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- Support truth in taxation efforts by urging the legislature to permit the publication of a simplified notice of tax rates and tax impact to Richardson taxpayers.

Water:

- Continued support for the elements found in Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), enacted in 1997, supporting a regionally-driven planning process and regional water planning groups to create State water plans covering fifty years and updated every five years.
- Support the implementation and funding of the 2012 Region C Water Plan.:
 - Continued support for the protection of all other designated unique reservoir sites in Texas.
 - Support an equitably mechanism for funding the state water plan.

Health:

- Support legislation that would amend section 821.052 of the Texas Health and Safety Code to allow municipally funded and operated Animal Shelters not employing a licensed veterinarian to purchase schedule 2N and 3N controlled substances, utilized during the euthanasia process, if the facility is appropriately licensed by the United States Drug Enforcement Agency.

Development:

- Close the loophole in state law that allows payday, auto title, and other consumer loan providers to carry excessively high annual percentage rates.
- Provide a level playing field for financial institutions by requiring all lenders and brokers of payday, auto title, or other consumer loans to be licensed and to comply with the same standards and consumer protection laws of licensed lenders under Chapter 342 of the Texas Finance Code.
- Create a system to collect consumer loan data from lenders and brokers of consumer loans to ensure that these operations engage in fiscally sound lending that supports the well-being of our communities.

Economic Development:

The Texas Enterprise Fund has proven to be a valuable tool for the state to attract new job-creating projects to Texas through performance-based financial incentives. In Richardson, the Texas Enterprise Fund was crucial to convincing Texas Instruments to build a \$3 billion wafer fabrication plant, which was the largest economic development project announced in 2003. Additionally, the Texas Enterprise Fund was a key factor in Rockwell Collins expanding their Richardson based operation to over 1,200 jobs. The City of Richardson encourages the Texas Legislature to continue funding the Texas Enterprise Fund.

The City of Richardson also supports the continued funding of the Texas Emerging Technology Fund. This fund is focused on fostering innovation, research and job creation in the high-tech industries. It's important for Texas to invest in emerging fields of technology in order to remain competitive in the evolving economy. The City of Richardson supports:

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- Continued funding for the Texas Enterprise Fund, the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, and the Skills Development Fund
- Support legislation that helps build equity in economic development between communities that are able to utilize 4A/4B sales tax and those who utilize sales tax funding for regional transportation purposes.

Higher Education:

The University of Texas at Dallas, which is located in Richardson, focuses on developing the human capital necessary for Texas to be competitive in the global economy. UT Dallas confers a higher percentage of science, technology and business degrees than any other Texas public, doctoral-granting institution. The City of Richardson recognizes UT Dallas as a key community partner and supports the following legislative initiatives that will assist them in their endeavors to move to Tier-One Research University status:

- Continue and increase funding for the Texas Research Incentive Program, which provides state matching funds for private dollars raised at the state's eight emerging research universities. DFW is home to three of these eight institutions, and DFW needs a major national research university for the future.
- Authorize a capital building program for higher education to address explosive enrollment growth since the state's last capital building program in 2006.

Public Education:

The City of Richardson strongly supports both the Plano and Richardson Independent School Districts, believing that top-quality public schools are the bedrock of any desirable community. The City of Richardson recognizes that high-performing public schools have a positive, direct impact on an educated, capable workforce, stability of property values, and desirability of the city to employers and their employees. Thus, the City supports the following initiatives related to public education:

- Ensure and protect adequate funding for school districts to meet the state's increasing education standards, including the provision of sufficient revenue to enable all districts to pay for educational reforms and cover inflationary costs.
- Return local control to locally elected school boards through sufficient taxing authority to cover educational reforms and inflationary costs. Returning such local control recognizes that representative government ensures an appropriate balance between the interests of parents, students, professional educators, taxpayers and the community
- Evaluate the statewide assessment program maintaining accountability while providing more flexibility to measuring a student's success.

Transportation:

The City of Richardson recognizes the value of a robust and healthy transportation system. Texas is adding more population than other U.S. regions, and the condition/capacity of Texas roadways is declining because of underinvestment in maintenance and new construction. Dallas-Fort Worth

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residents want and deserve transportation improvements that enhance mobility, improve air quality, relieve gridlock, maintain existing infrastructure and energize the local economy. As such, the City of Richardson urges the Texas Legislature to adopt several transportation funding and policy initiatives:

- Support state legislation that enables the future establishment of a regional Municipal Management District (MMD) for the Cottonbelt Regional Passenger Rail Line.
- Support a Constitutional amendment to stop diversions of motor fuels taxes from Fund 6 to non-transportation programs.
- Identify a sustainable method of generating transportation revenue, which accounts for economic inflation and enhanced motor vehicle fuel economy, to ensure the adequate funding of statewide and regional efforts to maintain and improve multimodal transportation systems.
- Require allocations of all TxDOT funding categories across the state to be returned to the region in which they were generated.
- Support the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) efforts to maintain its first option for development of toll roads in the DFW region and re-establish the authority for TxDOT to enter into public-private partnerships (PPP) for projects selected by Metro Planning Organizations (MPOs) and local governments.
- Support legislation that allows for 4A/4B sales tax funds to be utilized for transportation purposes.
- Support the 2013 Legislative Programs of DART, DRMC, and the RTC.

Anticipated Legislation to Oppose:

The City of Richardson opposes and seeks to defeat any legislation that would erode municipal authority in any way or that would otherwise be detrimental to cities, especially legislation that would:

- Local Government Finance:
 - Reduce the appraisal growth cap established in current law.
 - Impose revenue caps in the form of adjusting provisions for the current property tax rollback rate.
 - Creation of new court fees or elimination of the existing Court Technology Fee and Court Security Fee.
 - Restrict the ability of cities to provide economic and efficient methods of financing city purchases and projects.
 - Impose limits on the city's existing economic development authority.
- Limit a municipality's ability to implement and/or maintain safety camera program. The City also opposes any further diversion of proceeds from intersection safety camera programs away from local control.
- Erode zoning authority.
- Erode municipal authority over the rights-of-way or erode municipal authority to collect reasonable compensation for the use of rights-of-way.