

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING
PRE-COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 16, 1989
8:30 A.M.



ITEMS:

1. Imagination Celebration Plans - Rinda Regent, Managing Director of Imagination Celebration

The Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. sponsors celebrations in twelve cities in the United States. Fort Worth was the second Texas city chosen. The celebration will include 35,000 children representing all Fort Worth ISD schools and several private schools.

2. Proposed 1989 Bond Sale - Judson Bailiff, Finance Director

Staff is recommending a \$14 million bond sale this summer.

Councilmember Gilley stated that the 1986 Tax Reform Act has made it difficult for cities to raise money. Any money which a city makes from the difference in interest rates as a result of a bond sale must go to the federal government.

3. Report on Bomber Road - Ted Gorski, Assistant City Attorney

Did not attend.

4. Update on Sludge Fire at Old Roverside Sewage Treatment Plant - Larry McMillen, Fire Chief

Did not attend.

5. Report on Clean Up of Illegal Dumping (I.R. No. 7367) - Tom Davis,
City Services Director

Did not attend.

6. Jail Update - Bob Terrell, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Terrell reported that the third and fourth floors of the Police Department are again housing prisoners. "Southern Push" will affect the inmate situation as it is expected to bring many new prisoners to the system.

Mr. Terrell also stated that Tarrant County has reported that the Cold Springs facility will not be built because all bids came in twice the expected amount.

7. Update on Legislative Issues - Charles Boswell, Director, Office of Management Services and Cinde Weatherby, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator

Mr. Boswell distributed a list of bills which the City is opposing and supporting.

Ms. Weatherby stated that the State is considering building more jails, also, alternative treatment centers, and rural hospitals would be used for drug problems and mental patients.

8. Ordinances Calling Elections for City Council and Proposed Charter Amendments - Wade Adkins, City Attorney

The City Council election will be held on May 6, 1989.

9. Water Conservation Plan (Resolution and I.R. No. 7365) - Richard Sawey, Water Director

The new contract, which is in response to State requirements, addresses

customer cities' relationship.

The State of Texas is currently looking into the ground water shortage problem. Councilmember Gilley stated that this issue will be put on the Water Committee's agenda for consideration.

10. Construction Authorization of Two Animal Shelters at Rhino/Giraffe Exhibit (M&C G-7962) - Ralph Emerson, Director, Park and Recreation

Mr. Emerson stated that the architectural drawing for the exhibit is complete and that the Zoo Association will go forward with the plans pending Council's approval.

11. Questions/Answers Concerning Current Agenda Items - Douglas Harman, City Manager

Withdraw - M&C FP-2543 - Supplemental Final Pavment Sycamore School Road (McCart to Crowley Road)

The resolution approving a resolution of the Sunbelt Industrial Development Corporation with respect to the issuance of bonds for Gohmann was withdrawn.

12. Proposed Tax Abatement for Downtown Housing - Ann Diveley, Assistant Economic Development Director

Ms. Diveley reviewed the policy guidelines set forth in the Tax Abatement Agreement. Two-thirds of the development must be residential and the first floor must be devoted to retail sales. If construction of the project is not completed in three years Council may cancel the tax abatement agreement and require that the abated taxes be paid.