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Minutes
Forney Bond Committee
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
6:00 p.m. Meeting
City Hall, 101 Main Street, Forney, Texas 75126

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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Chairman Mario Luna, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present were Chairman Mario Luna, Vice Chairman Nate Dettmer, Council Member James Traylor, Clayton Haughey, Brandi Westmoreland, Chad Carpenter, JD Ferguson and Mandy Hood. Not present were Council Member Robbie Powers and Michael Rudowski.

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II. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

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1. Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2021 Meeting.

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Vice Chairman Nate Dettmer made the motion to approve the minutes as they were presented. Clayton Haughey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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2. Discuss Streets/Transportation, Parks and City Facilities Projects.

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Neil Cardwell, Deputy City Manager, introduced members from WRA who are assisting the City in developing a Facilities assessment for the City. Concepts and estimated pricing was included for a new fire station, upgrades to Fire Station #2 and construction of a fire training facility. The Committee discussed the need for a new fire station on the south side of the train tracks and the need to incorporate a training facility for the department. Some comments included the possibility of looking at a regional fire training facility in partnership with a neighboring department to help alleviate the cost associated with such a facility.

The Facilities assessment is ongoing and looking at additional needs for City Administrative offices, and the various departments of the City including Public Works and Community Development. Lastly, the assessment included a concept and estimated pricing for a separate library/community center facility. Discussion by the Committee included the idea of ensuring that recreational uses would be a part of such a facility. It was recommended that the school district superintendent be invited to the next meeting to discuss the vision for the ISD's community center so that the Committee does not try to duplicate the effort.

Kyle Rouvaldt provided the Committee an update on some of the cost estimates for the second phase of Community Park and development of the Northside Park. The Committee stated that it would be preferable to include a library into a multipurpose facility possibly located at the Community Park. Northside would include a focus on baseball facilities for tournament scheduling, which will help with bringing revenue to the City of Forney. The Committee had some discussion regarding the use of natural versus artificial turf for some of the fields as the cost estimates were considerably different for each of the different types of turf.

3. Open Discussion on the Bond Program.

The Committee discussed the use of public outreach such as a survey to determine what projects the general citizenry of Forney would be willing to support and invest in. The City will look at getting some assistance to formulate a public outreach to provide the Committee and the City Council with some feedback on those projects to include on a bond referendum.

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5. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Schedule.

The next Committee meeting will be held on May 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion by the Bond Committee, Vice Chairman Nate Dettmer made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member James Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.