The City Council of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas met in regular session Tuesday, February 26, 2008, 7:00 p.m., City Hall, City of Cedar Hill, Texas.

All members of the City Council were present, to wit: Mayor Rob Franke, Mayor Pro Tem Cory Spillman, Council Members Wade Emmert, Makia Epie, Daniel C. Haydin, Jr., Greg Patton and Clifford Shaw.

I. Call the meeting to order.

Mayor Franke called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., declaring it an open meeting, that a quorum was present and that the meeting notice was duly posted.

Mayor Franke welcomed and congratulated a group of Cedar Hill High School students who were participating in the Texas Scholars program.

Mayor Franke also welcomed members of the Cedar Hill Fire Department in the audience.

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Haydin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Invocation – Father Todd Wetzel, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

Father Todd Wetzel gave the invocation.

IV. Presentation:

1. Firefighter promotion and swearing-in ceremony.

Fire Chief Steve Pollock introduced Cory Landers, who had been promoted to Engineer, and new firefighters, Greg Goble, Brent Heinen, Rusty Roysdon and Tracey Ziolkowski. He gave the new firefighters an opportunity to introduce their family members who joined them for the swearing-in ceremony. Mayor Franke also participated in the ceremony.

City Secretary Frankie Lee administered the Oaths of Office to the new firefighters.

V. Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda includes routine items that may be acted upon with a single vote.

Mayor Franke introduced the following Consent Agenda items for consideration:

2. Consider ordering a General Election to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008, to elect City Council members for Places 2 and 6.

3. Consider adoption of Resolution No. R08-250, authorizing the Mayor to sign a joint election agreement and election service contract for the conduct of the General Election to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008, to be administered by the Dallas County Elections Department.

4. Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2008-349 naming the connector street between Uptown Boulevard and North Cedar Hill Road as “Pioneer Trail.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Emmert and seconded by Councilmember Patton to approve Consent Agenda items one through four, noting that staff distributed some changes to the minutes to the City Council.

Councilmember Haydin suggested changing the street name signs for the new street to “Pioneer Trail” rather than “Pioneer Tr.” Staff will make this change to the signs.

The motion carried unanimously following the reading of written Ordinance No. 2008-349, entitled,

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CEDAR HILL, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A STREET NAME OF A CITY STREET AS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

VI. Citizens Forum.

No one spoke during Citizens Forum.

VII. Regular Agenda:


Police Chief Steve Rhodes introduced Lt. Aaron Leutwyler.

Lt. Leutwyler made introductory comments and discussed the process of data collection for the Racial Profiling Report. He introduced Dr. Eric Fritsch, Ph.D. from the University of North Texas (UNT). Dr. Fritsch and his colleagues at UNT had prepared the Racial Profiling Analysis for the Cedar Hill Police Department.

Dr. Fritsch presented the 2007 Racial Profiling Analysis and gave a summary of the report. He informed the City Council that the Cedar Hill Police Department was proactive and exceeded the requirements for data collection. Dr. Fritsch discussed problems related to the lack of standardized criteria to measure racial profiling in the state. He summarized that the City of Cedar Hill was in full compliance with Texas law concerning the prohibition of racial profiling.

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Mayor Franke thanked Dr. Fritsch for a good presentation and complimented the Police Department. He said he was impressed with how Chief Rhodes handles complaints, noting that
there were only four complaints of racial profiling last year out of 15,000 traffic stops, and the complaints were unsubstantiated.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Spillman and seconded by Councilmember Haydin to accept the 2007 Racial Profiling Report.

Councilmember Shaw asked that the report be made available for public review. Chief Rhodes will make sure the report is posted on the website and placed in the library.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider approving an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Cedar Hill and Grand Prairie to allow for the joint funding of capital and facility costs for Fire Station 4 and automatic response to designated areas of each city.

Mayor Franke introduced item two, announcing that the City Council had received a briefing on this item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Patton and seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider approving amendments A through G to the Steele and Freeman contract, which establishes a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Construction Services associated with Fire Station 4.

Mayor Franke introduced this item for consideration.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Spillman and seconded by Council Member Patton to approve the amendments to the contract. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider an appointment to the Neighborhood Advisory Board.

Mayor Franke expressed appreciation to the applicant, Mr. Cole, for his interest in serving on the Board. Mayor Franke recommended appointing Cole to the southeast section position and moving Clara McGinnis to the at-large position for a two-year term.

A motion was made by Councilmember Epie and seconded by Councilmember Haydin to appoint LaVaughn Cole to the southeast position until 2009 and to move Clara McGinnis to the at-large position until 2010.

Mayor Pro Tem Spillman said he had worked with Cole and his neighborhood association for several years. He complimented Cole for his service to the neighborhood.

The motion carried unanimously.

The City Council expressed appreciation to Cole for his time.

5. Consider an easement use agreement with Uptown Village at Cedar Hill.

Mayor Franke introduced this item and stated that the City Council had received information on the agreement.
Councilmember Emmert commented that he was originally not a fan of LED signs, but he had confidence in the Herring Group to deliver a nice product. He complimented the staff on negotiating the easement agreement and thanked the Herring Group for its willingness to work with the City on appropriate sign content.

The City Council briefly discussed the type of advertising that would be allowed on the sign. There was clarification that the name of a cigar store containing the word, cigar, would be allowed on the sign, but the advertisement of actual tobacco products would not be allowed on the sign.

A motion was made by Councilmember Epie and seconded by Councilmember Haydin to approve the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Franke announced that the grand opening of the Lifestyle Center would be March 12.

6. **Consider adopting the official seal for the City of Cedar Hill.**

Corky Brown, public relations manager, presented updated artwork for the City seal to be placed in the government center and sought further direction from the City Council.

Mayor Franke asked the City Council members for ideas and comments about the proposed design.

There appeared to be consensus that the City Council favored a design similar to the existing seal with modifications to the tree and, possibly, with a large Texas star faded in the background.

Mayor Franke asked Council Members Patton and Emmert to meet as a committee the first part of next week to discuss the design concepts and bring back a recommendation.

Mayor Franke recessed the meeting for five minutes to allow the Texas Scholars to get their attendance forms signed.

Mayor Franke reconvened the meeting.

7. **Closed Meeting called pursuant to the Texas Government Code:**

*Section 551.087, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.*

Discussion and deliberation regarding commercial or financial information that the Cedar Hill Economic Development Corporation (“CHEDC”) has received from a business prospect that the City and CHEDC may seek to have locate, stay, or expand in the Cedar Hill Business Park, and deliberation of an offer of a financial or other incentive to such business prospect.

Mayor Franke announced the closed meeting pursuant to the above section of the Texas Government Center, and the City Council went into closed session at 8:14 p.m.
8. Reconvene in open session and consider any action to be taken from the Closed Meeting.

Mayor Franke reconvened the open session at 8:34 p.m. No action was taken from the closed meeting.

VIII. Adjourn.

A motion was by Mayor Pro Tem Spillman and seconded by Councilmember Haydin to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote: Mayor Franke, Mayor Pro Tem Spillman and Council Members Emmert, Haydin, Patton and Shaw voted yea. Councilmember Epic voted nay.

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Rob Franke, Mayor

ATTEST:

Frankie Lee, City Secretary