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### TOMORROW'S CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPICS AT A GLANCE

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Work Session 6:30 p.m. (Open to the Public)

- ◆ Presentation regarding Trinity Railway Express

Executive Session before 7:00 p.m., if time permits (CLOSED to the Public)

- ◆ Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property
- ◆ Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations

Regular Session 7 p.m. (Open to the Public)

- ◆ Employee recognition
- ◆ Persons to be heard:
  - Diane Hildreth and Tim Powell of Allied Waste Services – requesting permission for City staff to go into exclusive negotiations to discuss the solid waste and recycling contract
  - Karen Killian –presenting festive trick-or-treat donations to Chief Flory and Chief Tindell
  - Joyce Johnson – regarding the loss of financial stability and possible homelessness due to excavation of ground under their home in urban drilling; requesting that the public

hearing be deferred to a time when a month's notice can be given – not during a major holiday

- ◆ Second reading of Ordinance No. 07-2872 (Zoning Case Z-167, request of Brad Cobb for Watermill Express) to rezone a portion of Lot B1, Block 11, Bellvue Addition #3, from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/ Specific Use Permit/Unattended Commercial Kiosk
- ◆ Public hearing and first and final reading of an ordinance adopting a new chapter "Gas Drilling and Production" to be added to the City's Code of Ordinances
- ◆ Resolutions to be considered:
  - Authorizing the purchase of a Mini Vactor from E.H. Wachs Co. (\$19,600)
  - Authorizing the purchase of a replacement sewer inspection camera through the State of Texas BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program (\$28,317)
- ◆ Other:
  - Staff report on the Sanitary Sewer Outflow Outreach Initiative
  - Update on leased building occupied by ARTSNET (*Item requested by Councilman Whistler*)
- ◆ Council member reports on City business

- ◆ City Manager’s report
- ◆ Open Forum  
*Note: The public is invited to address the Council on any topic at this time. However, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council cannot discuss issues raised or make any decisions at this time. Issues raised may be referred to City staff for research and possible future action.*

**GAS DRILLING ORDINANCE  
COUNCIL AGENDA BACKGROUND**

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When the Council meets on Tuesday night, one of the items on the agenda will be the first and final reading a resolution adopting a new chapter "Gas Drilling and Production" to be added to the Code of Ordinances. The Council Agenda Background lists eight items that were changed since the October 9, 2007 meeting:

- ◆ "Page 17 - Set the distance from a storage tank to the property line or a right-of-way at 75 feet
- ◆ "Page 32 - Set the distance a gas well from a fresh water well at 250 feet
- ◆ "Page 32 - Set the area for pre and post drilling testing of fresh water wells at 500 feet from a gas well
- ◆ "Page 38 - Set the distance from a gas well to the outer boundary of the drilling site (property line) to 75 feet
- ◆ "Page 38 - Set the distance from a

gas well to a storage tank or other source of ignition to 75 feet

- ◆ "Page 38 - Set the distance from a gas well to a public street, road, highway or future street, right-of-way or property line to 75 feet
- ◆ "Page 38 - Set the distance from a gas well to any building accessory to, but not necessary to the drilling operation at 100 feet
- ◆ "Page 38 - Set the distance a gas well from a fresh water well at 250 feet."

The Background document also lists four setbacks that must still be determined:

- ◆ "Page 33 - Distance from a vent flame or burning gases to any building
- ◆ "Page 36 - Distance from a storage tank to a residence or place of public assembly
- ◆ "Page 37 - Distance from a waste disposal tank to a residence or place of public assembly
- ◆ "Page 38 - Distance from a gas well to a residence or place of public assembly"

The following page contains a table prepared by the City that compares the setbacks used by nine neighboring cities.

**GAS DRILLING ORDINANCE COMPARISON**

	Argyle	Arlington	Colleyville	Eules	Fort Worth	Granbury	Grapevine	Hurst	N. Richland Hills
Distance from a vent flame or burning gases to any building	n/a	300 ft	n/a	300 ft	300 ft	n/a	n/a	300 ft	n/a
Distance from a storage tank to a residence or place of public assembly	n/a	n/a	n/a	300 ft	100 ft	n/a	1,000 ft	100 ft	n/a
Distance from a waste disposal tank to a residence or place of public assembly	n/a	100 ft	n/a	300 ft	100 ft	n/a	n/a	100 ft	n/a
Distance from a residence or place of public assembly	600 ft (300 ft with approval from property owners)	600 ft (300 ft with approval from 60% of property owners within 600 ft radius & a super majority vote of city council)	1,000 ft	600 ft (never less than 200 ft with signed waivers from property owners & 3/4 vote of city council)	600 ft for high impact drilling (never less than 200 ft with signed waivers from property owners )	600 ft (300 ft with approval from property owners)	1,000 ft	600 ft (never less than 200 ft with signed waivers from property owners & 3/4 vote of city council)	600 ft (board can reduce to 300 ft, can be reduced to 150 ft with approval of all property owners)

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The special session will be held in the Conference Room at City Hall. This meeting will be open to the public.

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Other activities at the Commission's meeting last week included approval of a tree walk brochure and, following specified changes, of a door hanger that will be distributed to advertise collection of household hazardous waste. BBC members also discussed planting gardens in the city.

The commission agreed unanimously to have no meetings next month. The meeting was attended by six BBC members, three visitors and James Hughes, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events.

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When the Texas Department of Transportation, through eminent domain, acquired property near their home for the widening of State Highway 121, the couple was left with virtually no backyard and a nonconformity with the zoning requirements for the R-7500, single residential detached district. The approved variance will allow them to retain the property as is, despite its noncompliance with the general standards set by City code.