ITEM #1
Mayor Reed Greer called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

ITEM #2
Those present were: Julie Anderson, Nicco Warren, Jason Kaiser, Dave Kasson and Dick Hayden. Sharon Weideman was absent.

ITEM #3
City Engineer Bob Helmberger invited Gerald Perrin, Area Manager ONCOR to provide some additional information about his experience with LED lighting and answer any questions the Council may have to aid in making a decision regarding the Residential Lighting Standards. Mr. Perrin shared that ONCOR has been studying LEDs for about 5 years and really cost is the only reason they have not made the move to change Schedule A to include the option of ONCOR fully maintaining these structures. Additionally ONCOR is studying to see if LEDs outside circuitry will hold up to the Texas heat in the summer as well as the cold in the winter. He also stated that the Metal Halide (MH) is the closest light to LED in that it offers a whiter light than the High Pressure Sodium (HPS) lights. Mr. Perrin also shared that the City of Allen has installed some LEDs and the City of Fort Worth is actively looking at installing LEDs up to 400 watts. ONCOR’s Schedule D does allow for clients to be charged for usage of up to 100 watt LED fixtures but anything above that they are not setup to do. The City would be responsible for installation and maintenance of any LED light fixtures that were purchased in the City limits. ONCOR would continue to bill usage as they do for the other fixtures. He shared that the real difference in cost is based on the fixture and that LED cost upfront is expensive but minimal cost overtime as they are expected to last a long time; again stating that the initial cost is the issue for ONCOR but that he anticipates that in the event ONCOR has to so another rate case LEDs will be addressed in some form.

Dick Hayden asked Mr. Helmberger what his preference would be going forward. Mr. Helmberger indicated that LED is the direction things are moving. Mr. Perrin also stated that it will be very likely that the state will move to require LEDs in the future. Mr. Helmberger stated that the City has already installed LEDs along the trail system and the initial cost was not that significantly different than the cost of MH, but that the real savings is seen in the delivery cost of electricity. Mr. Perrin said that a 100 watt HPS is equivalent to a 100 watt LED so there is some cost savings. Mr. Helmberger indicated that there are six developers that are waiting for an answer from him on lighting standards and how to proceed. Additionally LEDs offer night sky protection in addition to the energy savings – both of which are very green concepts to embrace.

Mayor Greer asked Mr. Perrin if there had been anything ONCOR had seen that might be cause for concern. Mr. Perrin reiterated that the issue really comes down to cost of the lights and the need to add to the Schedule A and add to rate base. He did note again that they are still testing the heat and cold impact on the circuitry and that there does appear to be a difference in quality among vendors to be aware of as well.

Mr. Kaiser asked about how many knockdowns or dig-ins ONCOR deals with and costs associated. Mr. Perrin said it really depends on location – intersections are the most susceptible to issues. He also reminded the Council that “Acts of God” are the only thing that is 100% cost back to the City if something should happen. City Manager Jason Little added that the City had not had any problems with
those along the trail system but would need to engage a contractor when and if something did arise. Mr. Perrin added that median lights would be the most likely to have an issue and that neighborhood lights are not usually a problem.

Mr. Little asked Mr. Perrin if there was a planned timeframe for the next rate case. Mr. Perrin answered that it was not for sure that street lights would be included but there would likely be one scheduled for next year. He added that enough cities are talking about LED so ONCOR may raise the wattage but not likely to add to the schedule for maintenance etc.

Mr. Kaiser asked if ONCOR would ever consider picking up LED system the City installed and maintained. Mr. Perrin stated not likely based on previous experience with other cities looking to do something similar and the fact that ONCOR did not oversee the initial installation etc.

Nicco Warren voiced his preference for LED lighting particularly as it relates to effect on drivers. Mr. Little indicated to see the real difference between LED lighting and HPS lighting to look at the intersection of Cardinal Drive and where it meets the Villages of Melissa on the trail system. Both technologies are used at the intersection and you can see the clear difference in color of light.

Mr. Kaiser asked if it was possible to tie the lighting standard to the street classification. That way the highest risk areas such as medians could be kept on the other standards on ONCOR schedule and be retrofitted later when/if ONCOR moves forward with LED. Mr. Helmberger said that the City could leave option for either LED or HPS/MH for all other streets outside of residential subdivisions. He stated that he is including a minimum wire size in the standard to ensure that they could accommodate the proper level of wattage.

_Council recessed at 6:01 p.m. for the Regular City Council Meeting._

_Council reconvened the worksession at 7:12 p.m. following the adjournment of the Regular Council Meeting._

**ITEM #4**

Mr. Little presented the purpose and options for the Melissa Park Advisory Board and the Melissa Community and Economic Development Corporation Board (4B Board). The concept proposed would be to consolidate 4B and Park Boards with the focus on implementation of Parks and Open Space projects. He asked Council for direction on how they would like to proceed.

Julie Anderson suggested that Council meet with the members of both boards and share the direction that the Council wants to go and confirm if they are interested in being a part of that direction. Mr. Little stated that the direction from the Council to the Boards needs to be clear that the 4B funds should be used for Park CIP first and then weigh any other requests against that plan.

Mr. Kaiser asked if there was any concern on how cohesive the two groups would be if merged. Mayor Greer stated that Council may need to assess the membership and then seek buy-in upfront if the members wish to continue to serve. He shared that the issue is that the Park Board cannot get anything done with our funding and the 4B Board has not had any request or focus to fund over the past couple years. The focus needs to come from the Council now that the 4B is going to start generating cash flow once again.
Mr. Kaiser asked if the City was legally required to have a Park Board or would the City miss out on any grants etc. not having a specific named Park Board. Mr. Little said that if Council was interested in pursuing this merger he would discuss with the City Attorney to be sure there were not any legal concerns or issues with state law or the Charter. Council indicated that they would like to pursue the merger concept and each member would bring back any questions or thoughts to discuss at the upcoming special meeting on July 17th.

**ITEM #5**
Mr. Little and Finance Director Gail Dansby presented the proposed General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2014. Council was asked to review the presentation and the budget binders and follow up with Mr. Little or Mrs. Dansby with any questions. Further discussion will be held at a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, July 17th.

*Mayor Greer left early at 8:28 p.m. and Council member Nicco Warren presided in his absence.*

**ITEM #6**
Motion made by Julie Anderson and seconded by Dave Kasson to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.  
Vote: 5/0/0

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Reed Greer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Erin Mynatt, Acting City Secretary