

DATE: June 17, 2004
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Kim Foutz, Director of Economic Development
SUBJECT: Fast Track Permitting Process and Resolution

During the process of developing the proposed fast track process City staff and staff from the Research Valley Partnership met with members of the Brazos Valley Land Development Forum (BLDF) in order to receive feedback from the development community.

On June 2, 2004 staff from the Research Valley Partnership (RVP) presented a draft proposal, as included in the Council packet, to the full BLDF membership. During the meeting, no changes were requested. However, on June 15, RVP staff received written feedback from the Board/Executive Committee of the BLDF asking for the following underlined language to be added to the Resolution:

- e. In all instances, the new or expanding business shall have completed the qualifying process implemented by THE RESEARCH VALLEY PARTNERSHIP, INC. (herein RVP) on behalf of the Cities and other local governments and have been identified as a target industry pursuant to the Incentive Guidelines used in such process, such targeted industries not including businesses that would create competition within Brazos County (where Brazos County is the businesses' primary sales territory), or retail businesses.

The resolution as presented does not currently include the above referenced underlined language. The language requested already exists in the RVP/City guidelines for commercial and industrial development. Should City Council change the language in the resolution, staff would need to coordinate these changes with the City of Bryan in order to coordinate adoption of a common resolution.