



*College Station, Embracing the Past,
Exploring the Future*

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Ron Silvia
Mayor Pro Tempore
Anne Hazen
City Manager
Thomas E. Brymer

City Council
John Happ
Robert Wareing
Scott Mears
Dennis Maloney
James Massey

**Draft Minutes
College Station City Council
Special Meeting
Thursday, March 4, 2004 at 5:30 p.m.
Carter Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant
2200 North Forest Parkway
College Station, Texas**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Silvia, Mayor Pro Tem Hazen, Council members Massey, Happ, Maloney, Wareing, Mears

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Brymer, City Attorney Cargill, Jr., City Secretary Hooks, Assistant to City Manager Curtis, Public Relations and Marketing Director Nugent

Mayor Silvia opened the special meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 1 -- Presentation, discussion and possible action on the City Center project to include a possible community center.

Mayor Silvia presented a written report on behalf of the Structural Committee for the new City Center project. Council was also provided a notebook of information that described the previous work prepared on this project.

Council member Wareing made a motion to create a committee to be called the City Center Committee, to be composed of seven members appointed by the Mayor College Station, with the following charge: To develop a methodology by which the most beneficial and feasible means can be effected to establish a time line; to select a design team, including an architect, engineer and landscape designer; to encourage and make possible public involvement and engagement in the process; and, to submit three viable choices of a final product to the City Council for consideration. Said work shall be performed within the scope of the City Council's instructions, said committee is to work at the pleasure of the City Council and the chairman of said committee shall make quarterly progress reports to the City Council. Further, said committee shall be organized in accordance with the recommendations made by the Structural Committee as reported to this body by the Mayor in a report dated March 4, 2004. Motion seconded by Council member Maloney.

Motion passed 4-3.

FOR: Silvia, Wareing, Maloney, Hazen

AGAINST: Massey, Mears, Happ

Council member Mears made a point that the committee should have a landscape architect. Massey concurred. Much discussion was held on this matter. It was decided that the Mayor could consider these concerns as he appoints the committee.

Council member Maloney discussed his ideas for a community center, a facility for every generation with a casual atmosphere.

Council member Hazen said that a senior center was needed in the community. Discussion was held about both type of centers should be integrated.

Council member Massey emphasized the need to discuss the Council's philosophy about what we want for a city center. Council concurred.

Council member Happ stated that he did not have enough information to decide what should be located in the city center.

Council agreed that the city center should be a central gathering place for citizens to conduct city business, relax, dine, etc. It should be a signature project that the residents can say they are proud to call College Station home.

Council highlighted several areas that were critical to the City Center Outcome and Vision.

- Unique
- Signature Project
- Central Gathering Place
- Identity point (Icon)
- Reflects citizen needs
- Compliments other special districts and other projects
- Functionality

Council concluded its remarks by showing support for the project and the desire to move forward.

Councilmember Wareing moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Maloney, which carried unanimously, 7-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of March, 2004.

APPROVED:

Mayor Ron Silvia

ATTEST:

City Secretary Connie Hooks