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**Draft Minutes
College Station City Council
Budget Workshop Meeting
Tuesday August 31, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Silvia, Mayor Pro Tem Maloney, Council members Happ, Wareing, Lancaster, Berry

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: Massey

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Brymer, Assistant City Manager Brown, City Attorney Cargill Jr., City Secretary Hooks, Assistant City Secretary Casares, Finance Director Kersten

Mayor Silvia called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Budget Workshop Agenda Item No. 1 – Presentation, discussion, and possible action on the FY 2004-2005 Proposed Budget.

Finance and Strategic Planning Director Jeff Kersten described the special revenue funds, which included hotel and motel fund, and the Wolf Pen Creek Tax Increment Financing fund. He reviewed the revenues and expenditures in all of the special revenue funds.

Mr. Kersten informed the City Council that the budget is scheduled for adoption on the September 9, 2004 regular agenda.

Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau Rowlin presented an overview of the Convention and Visitors Bureau previous year activities, current year to date activities, and goals for future.

Mr. Kersten continued his presentation.

Director of Human Resources Julie O'Connell presented a brief health plan update. Ms. O'Connell pointed out that the projected annual savings estimated for 2004 was \$540,000. The actual savings through August 27, 2004 was \$434,800. She proposed the following recommendations for FY 2005:

- No premium increase to the employee
- No increase in funding from the City of College Station

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Ms. O'Connell pointed out she is working with other local entities on future joint health proposals that would potentially save in health costs to employees and the City. She highlighted some of the areas.

- Health and Wellness Events
- On-line enrollment
- Stop Loss Insurance
- Life Insurance/Long Term Disability (LTD)
- Health Clinic

Mr. Kersten reviewed the following decision points:

- Tax Rate Options
- Utility Rates
- Outside Agency Funding

No action was taken.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 2 – Adjourn

Hearing no objections the budget workshop meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this _____ day of October, 2004.

APPROVED:

Mayor Pro Tem Maloney

ATTEST:

City Secretary Connie Hooks