



*College Station, Embracing the Past,
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MINUTES

COLLEGE STATION CITY COUNCIL

Workshop and Regular Meetings

Thursday, November 7, 2002

City Hall Council Chambers, 1101 Texas Avenue

College Station, Texas

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Silvia, Mayor Pro Tempore Massey, Council members Maloney, Hazen, Mears, Garner, and Happ

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Brymer, Assistant City Manager Brown, First Assistant City Attorney Nemcik, City Secretary Hooks, PARD Director Beachy, Budget and Strategic Planning Director Kersten, Director of OTIS Burnside, Human Resources Director O'Connell, Economic Development Director Foutz, Assistant to the City Manager Rapelye, Assistant City Secretary Casares, Fire Marshal Mies, Fiscal Services Director Cryan

Mayor Silvia called the workshop meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 1 -- Discussion of consent agenda items listed for the Regular Meeting.

No items were removed.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 2 -- Presentation, discussion, and possible action on the Bryan-College Station Economic Development Corporation's Strategic Marketing Plan and Funding.

EDC Board Chairman Tim Bryan, and Executive Director Roland Mower presented the basic components of the overall strategic marketing plan, its implementation, as well as its funding.

No official action was taken.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 3 -- Presentation, discussion, and possible action on a report regarding potential refunding of certain Utility Revenue bonds.

The city's financial advisor Drew Masterson from First Southwest presented the potential refunding of certain utility revenue bonds due to recent market conditions. Council directed staff to continue its review of the utility revenue bonds and if conditions warrant, the refunding bonds would return to council at a later date for consideration.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 4 -- Presentation, discussion, and possible action on award of bid for employee health insurance.

Human Resources Director Julie O'Connell presented information about the current health insurance coverages offered through Cigna and total health care costs paid by the City and City Employees in the amount of \$3,906,000. Preston Pomykal from McGriff, Seibels, and Williams, the city's health benefits consultants also addressed information about the bids received. Staff recommended Unicare PPO (Preferred Provider Organization) Option I and II. Council consideration of this item was placed on the regular agenda.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 5 -- Agenda Requests by Council members

Public Library in College Station, Council member Maloney

Council member Garner made a motion to place the request for future discussion of the public library on workshop agenda. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Massey, which carried unanimously, 7-0.

Restriction of On Street Parking, Council member Hazen

Council member Maloney moved to place this item and discussion of crosswalks on city streets in relation to bike paths on a future workshop agenda. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Massey, which carried unanimously, 7-0.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 6 -- Discussion, review, and possible action regarding the following meetings. Planning and Zoning Commission, Parks and Recreation Board, Wolf Pen Creek Oversight Committee, Zoning Board of Adjustments, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Brazos County Health Department, Brazos Animal Shelter, Brazos Valley Council of Governments, College Station Business Development Corporation, Historic Preservation Committee, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee, Library Committee, Façade Improvement Program Advisory Committee, Intergovernmental Committee, Sister City Association, TAMU Student Senate, Bryan-College Station Economic Development Corporation, Cemetery Committee and the Transportation Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Massey reported on the recent meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee with School Board.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 7 -- Council Calendars

Council discussed future upcoming meetings and ceremonial events.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 8 -- Executive Session

Mayor Silvia announced that the City Council would convene into executive session at 5:35 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2002 pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.087 of the Open Meetings act, to seek the advice of the attorney, to consider the purchase of real property, the evaluation of a public officer, and economic development negotiations.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 9 -- Final Action on Executive Session

Council recessed from the executive session at 6:55 p.m. to begin the regular session. No action was taken.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Silvia called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with all council members present. He led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Council member Maloney presented the proclamation to representatives from the Brazos Valley Council of Government for Texas Recycles Day, November 15, 2002.

Adam Collette and Cassie Thompson were presented with a proclamation read by Council member Garner recognizing the Annual American Cancer Society Great American Smoke Out Day on November 21, 2002.

Mayor Silvia and Council member Happ presented a proclamation for Veterans Day, November 11, 2002 to Veteran Colonel Craig Carter.

David Romei, Executive Director of the Arts Council presented the Mayor and the City

Council with a beautiful replica of the Veterans Memorial statue.

Consent Agenda

11.1 Bid No. 03-09 – Approved by common consent the purchase of an Articulated Frame Landfill Compactor to be used by the Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency, from Mustang Tractor & Equipment in the amount of \$371,215.00.

11.2 Bid No. 03-12 – Approved by common consent **Resolution No. 11-7-2002-11.2** approving a construction contract for the development of Lick Creek Park with Texcon General Contractors in the amount of \$423,515.00, including all alternates.

11.3 Approved by common consent **Resolution No. 11-7-2002-11.3** authorizing the Mayor to sign a new Municipal Maintenance Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation.

11.4 Approved by common consent the revised Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the Brazos Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau.

11.5 Approved by common consent the land purchase contract with Mary Harriet Lott Travilla to purchase 50% of undivided interest in approximately 97.60 acres of land in Grimes County for the Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency (BWSWMA).

11.6 Approved by common consent **Resolution No. 11-7-2002-11.6** authorizing publication of notice of the intention to issue certificates of obligation not to exceed \$1,200,000.

11.7 Approved by common consent the renewal with Guardian Insurance Company for the City's employee dental plan.

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Item No. 12.1 -- Public hearing, discussion and possible action on an amendment to Section 7.21 of the Zoning Ordinance, Wolf Pen Creek Development Corridor, pertaining to the Design Review Board.

Director of Development Services Kelly Templin described the ordinance amendment. The amendment as proposed modified the composition of the Design Review Board and would allow more flexibility in appointing design professionals as DRB members to review development proposals in the City's design districts.

Mayor Silvia opened the public hearing. No one spoke. He closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Massey made a motion to adopt the ordinance amendment as proposed adding a landscape architect. Motion seconded by Council member Maloney. Further discussion was held on the notice schedule required for any changes to the ordinance. Motion failed by a vote of 0-7.

FOR: None

AGAINST: Silvia, Massey, Maloney, Happ, Garner, Hazen, Mears

Council member Maloney made a motion to deny the ordinance amendment as proposed. Council member Garner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, 7-0. This item will return to the City Council as quickly as possible to appoint an additional member in order that a registered architect and landscape architect positions are fulfilled on the Board.

FOR: Silvia, Massey, Happ, Hazen, Maloney, Mears, Garner

AGAINST: None

Regular Agenda Item No. 12.2 -- Presentation, discussion and possible action on award of bid for employee health insurance.

Director of Human Resources Julie O'Connell made a brief presentation. This item was discussed at length during the workshop meeting.

Council member Garner moved to approve the bid for employee health insurance for calendar

year 2003 to Unicare, PPO, Options 1 and Option 2 as recommended by staff. Mayor Pro Tem Massey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, 7-0.

Council recessed for a short break.

Regular Agenda Item No. 12.3 -- Presentation, discussion and possible action on the City of College Station's Membership in the Texas High Speed Rail and Transportation Corridor (THSRTC) and the designation of a representative to the THSRTC from the City of College Station, and consideration of a contingency transfer in the amount of \$35,000 from the General Fund for annual membership dues in this organization.

Council returned in ten minutes to continue with the agenda.

City Manager Tom Brymer briefly explained this item. All four entities approved sharing in the cost of retaining professional services for the purpose of investigating the feasibility of developing and obtaining a designation as a high speed/rail multi-modal transportation corridor for this area. The feasibility investigation was completed and each entity has shown support to

move forward with the creation of a not-for-profit corporation.

Council member Maloney made a motion to appoint John Happ as the College Station representative to serve as a board member on the Texas High Speed Rail and Transportation Corporation and approval of \$35,000 from the General Fund contingency for annual membership dues in this organization. Motion seconded by Council member Mears seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, 7-0.

Regular Agenda Item No. 13 -- The City Council may convene the executive session following the regular meeting to discuss matters posted on the executive session agenda for 11/7/02.

At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Silvia announced that the City Council would convene into executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.087 of the Open Meetings Act to seek the advice of the city attorney, to consider the purchase of real property, the evaluation of public officer(s), economic development negotiations.

Regular Agenda Item No. 14 -- Final action on executive session, if necessary.

Council concluded the executive session at 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2002. No action was taken.

Regular Agenda Item No. 15 -- Adjourn.

Council member Maloney moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2002. Motion seconded by Council member Happ which carried unanimously, 7-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of February, 2003.

ATTEST: APPROVED:

City Secretary Connie Hooks Mayor Ron Silvia