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Agenda
College Station City Council
Workshop Meeting
Thursday, March 22, 2007 3:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers, 1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas

1. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on items listed on the consent agenda.
2. Presentation, possible action and discussion regarding Tourism and Security.
3. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding an update on a proposed Red Light Camera program for the City of College Station.
4. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding public skateboard park facilities.
5. Council Calendars
 - a. Mar 24 KEOS Community Radio Ribbon Cutting and Open House – Noon – 1:30 p.m. – 202 Carson Street – Bryan
 - b. Mar 24 Persian New Year Celebration – Blinn College E Building Banquet Room 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – proclamation
 - c. Mar 26 Reception for Director of Planning & Development Services Candidates – Council Chambers – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - d. Mar 28 10 Annual M.B. Zale Visionary Merchant Lecture and Awards Mays Business School – Ray Auditorium – 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - e. Mar 29 TML Region X March Meeting – City of Kyle City Hall 100 W. Center Street 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - f. Apr 3 Annual CSPD Awards Banquet – Pebble Creek Country Club – 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - g. Apr 4 Be a Good Neighbor Block Party – Gabbard Park – 5:00 p.m.
 - h. Apr 6 Holiday – Offices Closed
 - i. Apr 11 Steeplechase Park Open House 5:30 p.m.
 - j. Apr 12 City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 - k. Apr 13 Brazos Valley Troupe presents a Dual Duck Roast for Mayor Silvia and Mayor Wentreck – Hilton – 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - l. Apr 16 Intergovernmental Committee Meeting – Bryan ISD – Noon
 - m. Apr 17 Council Transportation Committee Meeting – Administrative Conference Room – 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 - n. Apr 18 Oaks Park Open House – 5:30 p.m.

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- o. Apr 19 Wolf Pen Creek Building Dedication – 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
 - p. Apr 26 18th Annual Local Govt. Seminar – Austin, Texas – 8:00 a.m.
 - q. Apr 26 City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 - r. Apr 27 Arbor Day Celebration and Veterans Park Phase II (American Mile) – Noon – 2:00 p.m.
6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on future agenda items: A Council Member may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.
7. Discussion, review and possible action regarding the following meetings: Audit Committee, Brazos County Health Dept., Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Cemetery Committee, City Center, CSISD/City Joint Meeting, Design Review Board, Fraternal Partnership, Historic Preservation Committee, Interfaith Dialogue Association, Intergovernmental Committee and School District, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee, Library Committee, Making Cities Livable Conference, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Outside Agency Funding Review, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Sister City Association, TAMU Student Senate, Research Valley Partnership, Regional Transportation Committee for Council of Governments, Transportation Committee, Wolf Pen Creek Oversight Committee, Wolf Pen Creek TIF Board, Zoning Board of Adjustments, YMCA Coordinating Board(see attached posted notices for subject matters).
8. Executive Session will immediately follow the workshop meeting in the Administrative Conference Room.

Consultation with Attorney {Gov't Code Section 551.071 }; possible action the City Council may seek advice from its attorney regarding a pending and contemplated litigation subject or settlement offer or attorney-client privileged information. Litigation is an ongoing process and questions may arise as to a litigation tactic or settlement offer, which needs to be discussed with the City Council. Upon occasion the City Council may need information from its attorney as to the status of a pending or contemplated litigation subject or settlement offer or attorney-client privileged information. After executive session discussion, any final action or vote taken will be in public. The following subject(s) may be discussed:

- a. TCEQ Docket No. 2002-1147-UCR, Applications of Brushy Water Supply and College Station (Westside/Highway 60)
- b. TCEQ Docket No. 2003-0544MWD, Application of Nantucket, Ltd.
- c. TXU Lone Star Gas Rate Request.
- d. Cause No. 03-002098-CV-85, *Brazos County, College Station v. Wellborn Special Utility District*
- e. Civil Action No. H-04-4558, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, *College Station v. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, etc., and Wellborn Special Utility District*
- f. Civil Action No. H-04-3876, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, *JK Development v. College Station*
- g. GUD No. 9530 – Gas Cost Prudence Review, Atmos Energy Corporation

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- h. GUD No. 9560 – Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) rate increases, Atmos Energy Corporation
- i. Cause No. GN-502012, Travis County, *TMPA v. PUC* (College Station filed Intervention 7/6/05)
- j. Cause No. 06-000703-CV-85, *Patricia Moore, et al. v. Ross Stores, Inc., City of College Station, et al.*
- k. Sewer CCN request.
- l. Legal aspects of Lease Agreements for No. 4 Water Well and possible purchase of or lease of another water site from City of Bryan
- m. Civil Action No. H-04-3876, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, *JK Development v. College Station*
- n. Cause No. 06-002318-CV-272, 272nd Judicial District Court, Brazos County, Texas, *Taylor Kingsley v. City of College Station, Texas, and Does 1 through 10, inclusive.*
- o. Cause No. 484-CC, County Court at Law No. 2, Brazos County, Texas, *City of College Station v. Canyon Creek Partners, Ltd. and First Ag Credit, FLCA.*
- p. Cause No. 485-CC, County Court at Law No. 1, Brazos County, Texas, *City of College Station v. David Allen Weber, et al.*
- q. Discussion of legal rights and obligations of contract with Arts Council.
- r. Bed and Banks applications for College Station and Bryan

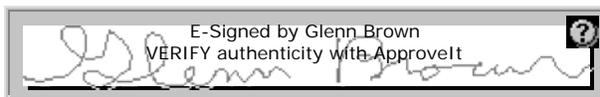
Economic Incentive Negotiations {Gov't Code Section 551.087}; possible action
The City Council may deliberate on commercial or financial information that the City Council has received from a business prospect that the City Council seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city with which the City Council in conducting economic development negotiations may deliberate on an offer of financial or other incentives for a business prospect. After executive session discussion, any final action or vote taken will be in public. The following subject(s) may be discussed:

1. Spring Creek Business Park

9. Final Action on executive session, if necessary.

10. Adjourn.

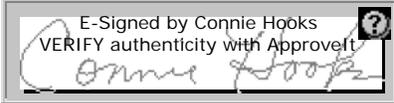
APPROVED:



City Manager

Notice is hereby given that a Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of College Station, Texas will be held on the 22nd day of March, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, Texas. The following subjects will be discussed, to wit: See Agenda

Posted this 19th day of March, at 2:45 p.m.



City Secretary

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of College Station, Texas, is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at City Hall, 1101 Texas Avenue, in College Station, Texas, and the City's website, www.cstx.gov . The Agenda and Notice are readily accessible to the general public at all times. Said Notice and Agenda were posted on March 19, 2007 at 2:45 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours proceeding the scheduled time of said meeting.

This public notice was removed from the official board at the College Station City Hall on the following date and time: _____ by _____.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2007.

CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

By _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the ____ day of _____,

Notary Public – Brazos County, Texas

My commission expires: _____

This building is wheelchair accessible. Handicap parking spaces are available. Any request for sign interpretive service must be made 48 hours before the meeting. To make arrangements call (979) 764-3517 or (TDD) 1-800-735-2989. Agendas may be viewed on www.cstx.gov. Council meetings are broadcast live on Cable Access Channel 19.

**March 22, 2007
Workshop Agenda
Tourism and Security**

To: Glenn Brown, City Manager

From: Michael Clancey, Chief of Police

Agenda Caption: Presentation, possible action and discussion regarding Tourism and Security.

Recommendation(s): No recommendations required. This item is presented per Council request for informational purposes only.

Summary: For the past year the College Station Police Department in collaboration with the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and other local law enforcement entities have participated in an effort to learn more about the effects of tourism on the local economy. Our primary focus has been in the area of providing an environment where visitors to our community feel safe and therefore desire to make subsequent visits.

In November 2006 a Tourism and Security Conference was held at the Hilton Hotel in College Station. This meeting was the first of its kind for this community. The conference was hosted by the CVB, College Station Police Department, Bryan Police Department and the Brazos County Sheriff's Office. Law enforcement officers from around the country traveled here to take part in the conference.

Ongoing efforts include:

Roll Call Training for officers to keep them updated on latest trends.

Designate a department liaison with the CVB to keep the department informed of upcoming events.

Emphasizing the need to be familiar with Hotel/Motel management staff within their assigned beats.

Budget & Financial Summary: N/A

Attachments: None

**March 22, 2007
Workshop Agenda
Red Light Camera Program**

To: Glenn Brown, City Manager

From: Jeff Kersten, Chief Financial Officer

Agenda Caption: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding an update on a proposed Red Light Camera program for the City of College Station.

Recommendation(s): Staff will update the Council on the progress made to date for implementation of a Red Light Camera program in College Station.

Summary: Staff presented the concept of a Red Light Camera program for traffic safety to Council on November 20, 2006. Council favored the idea of implementing such a program and requested staff to proceed without delay. Staff would like to present the progress made to date and a timeline for implementation.

Budget & Financial Summary: There is no financial impact at this time.

Attachments: None

**March 22, 2007
Workshop Agenda
Skateboard Park Discussion**

To: Glenn Brown, City Manager

From: Steve Beachy, Director of Parks & Recreation

Agenda Caption: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding public skateboard park facilities.

Recommendation: Discuss this issue and provide direction to staff regarding actions and priorities.

Summary: In 1988 the City Of College Station began investigating the possibility of constructing either a skateboard park or a roller hockey rink. In FY 2000, \$162,000 was approved for the construction of a roller hockey rink. After consideration and public comment, it was determined that a skateboard park was the greater need. The skate park idea became a Parks and Recreation Advisory board issue in 2000. In FY 2001, a skateboard park became ***City Council Strategic Issue 4 Strategy 5 b, (develop a feasibility report for a Skateboard Park)***

A formal public hearing was held on January 30, 2001 concerning the possible installation of a roller hockey and/or skateboard rink at an existing College Station park. Over 100 people attended this meeting in support of skateboard facilities. City staff and Board members discussed various aspects and options of a skate park and roller hockey rink, including potential sites for the facility.

The City Council received a staff presentation and report regarding a feasibility study for a skateboard facility at a workshop meeting on December 20, 2001. Council members discussed the liability and safety concerns and did not support moving forward on a skate park facility.

Budget & Financial Summary: No funds are currently budgeted for design, construction or operation of a skateboard facility.

Attachments:

1. Letter dated Feb 13, 2007

Dear Ron Gay,

I have lived in the city of College Station for some time now and I have noticed there are many people who skateboard in this town. I believe a skatepark would be a great addition to this city. In the past, I have run into trouble many times for skating where I do not belong. It's not always easy to avoid the private property unless you have your own area designated for skating. It is very dangerous for the skaters to be near the street because accidents occur frequently, and when near the road the accident can become much more severe. Any other area of sports has their own designated area to play at, so why leave out the skaters.

Many call skaters a nuisance. But we are merely trying to enjoy time with our friends while doing what we love. I can always go play tennis on public courts or baseball and basketball. I enjoy playing all of those sports as well. Studies have shown that skateboarding is no more dangerous than tennis or basketball, and certainly poses less of a liability threat than a public pool, all of which are provided for in some part by the city. But when the time comes and I feel the need to skateboard, I have no place to go. Businesses really do not enjoy skaters coming around. They make us leave or they will call the cops. This is not only a hassle for the business but cops are also very busy and do not need to waste time by telling skaters to move along. Having a skatepark would benefit the teens who skate greatly. It is a good way to stay in shape and be active while staying out of trouble. With the access of a skatepark, the next professional skater could be from College Station, but without the access of a skatepark, he/she may not become good enough to be a professional.

The expense of a skatepark to many seems high. To build a skatepark does require a good amount of money. But with the skatepark being built right, requires very little maintenance throughout the year. The price can vary greatly depending on the design of the skatepark. A concrete park is the most expensive, but requires the least amount of maintenance during the year, if any. A park with a concrete foundation but having metal ramps costs a little less, but will require more maintenance to make sure all the bolts are still in the ramps and that holes have not rusted in the metal. But is a skatepark worth the price of getting skateboarders off the street and away from businesses into a safer atmosphere? Many cities believe so. For the small towns the urge for a skatepark is not always as great. But for a city like College Station, with a large population of teenagers and young adults, a skatepark would benefit many just as the other public facilities do.

Your response would be greatly appreciated,



Russell Durr

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cc: Mayor, Glenn Brown, Kathy Merrill, + Terry Childers
original copy was sent to all council members

copy: Steve Beachy