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Mayor Pro Tem
David Ruesink
City Manager
Glenn Brown

Councilmembers
John Crompton
James Massey
Dennis Maloney
Katy-Marie Lyles
Lawrence Stewart

# Minutes City Council Workshop Meeting Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers, 1101 Texas Avenue College Station, Texas

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Ben White, Mayor ProTem Ruesink, Council members Crompton, Massey, Maloney, Lyles, and Stewart

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Brown, Assistant City Manager Merrill, Assistant City Manager Neeley, City Attorney Cargill Jr., City Secretary Hooks, Deputy City Secretary McNutt, Management Team

- 1. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on items listed on the consent agenda.

  No discussion was held.
- 2. Presentation, possible action, and discussion a Floodplain Management best management practice (BMP) initiatives.

Alan Gibbs, City Engineer presented overview of the Floodplain Management best management practice (BMP) initiatives. This item was directed to staff to bring forward to Council for consideration. He explained the following initiatives:

Additional Freeboard - height above the Flood Elevation to which houses and building must be elevated for safety and insurance savings. Staff recommended the 2 (two) ft. freeboard. City Current requirement is 1 (one) ft. freeboard.

• Council directed staff to receive more input from stakeholders for further research and dialogue.

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Parallel Open Space - Requirement for floodplains to be bounded by parallel streets where lots are not created between streets and floodplain.

• Council directed staff to move forward.

Regional Stormwater Facility - A low land, pond type facility that serves a significant regional area and may provide several other purposes including flood control, environmental, and amenities.

• Council directed staff to receive more input from stakeholders for further research and dialogue.

No formal action was taken.

## 3. Presentation, possible action and discussion regarding the implementation and maintenance of the Thoroughfare Plan by the development of planned roadway projects.

Mark Smith, Director of Public Works presented an overview of the implementation plan and road project priorities of roadway improvements and the mechanisms for funding those improvements. Staff recommended transportation user fee to help cover the \$?00 million dollar roadway improvements and mechanisms.

Council held discussion and concluded that the staff should research additional mechanisms to fund roadway improvements and financial plan and then bring back to Council. No formal action was taken.

### 4. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding public Internet access at city facilities.

Ben Roper, Director of Information Technology presented a brief demonstration on the public access to free wireless service at City Hall and Veterans Park baseball fields.

No formal action was taken.

## 5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the establishment of a Code Coordination Sub-Committee of various Boards, Commissions, and Council involved in the implementation and enforcement of the Unified Development Ordinance and other development related regulations and standards.

Bob Cowell, ACID, Director of Planning and Development Services briefly presented an overall charge for this committee to facilitate coordination among the Council, Boards, and Commissions that use and implement City development codes and regulations resulting in an effort to keep the codes and regulation current. Staff recommended the Sub-Committee consist of the following members: (2) City Council appointees, (1) P&Z member, (1) ZBA member, (1) Design Review Board Member and (1) Landmark Commission Member.

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Council member Maloney made a motion for staff to form UDO Oversight Sub-Committee. Council member Massey seconded the motion, which carried 7 - 0.

FOR: Mayor Ben White, Mayor Pro Tem Ruesink, Council members Lyles, Crompton, Massey, Maloney, Stewart

AGAINST: None

6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the FY 2009-2010 Proposed Budget.

Jeff Kersten, Chief Financial Officer briefly commented on FY10 Proposed Budget and requested final direction regarding any changes incorporated into the budget. Budget scheduled for regular meeting.

#### 7. Council Calendar

Council reviewed Council calendar.

8. 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.

Council member Crompton requested a future item to discuss staff recommendation on taxi cab issues. Council member Lyles seconded the motion.

9. Discussion, review and possible action regarding the following meetings: Arts Council of the Brazos Valley, Audit Committee, Brazos County Health Dept., Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Brazos Valley Wide Area Communications Task Force, Cemetery Committee, Design Review Board, Historic Preservation Committee, Interfaith Dialogue Association, Intergovernmental Committee, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee, Library Committee, Metropolitan Planning Organization, National League of Cities, 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, Texas Municipal League, Transportation Committee, Wolf Pen Creek Oversight Committee, Wolf Pen Creek TIF Board, Zoning Board of Adjustments, BVSWMA, Signature Event Task Force, (Notice of Agendas posted on City Hall bulletin board).

Mayor Pro Tem Ruesink reported on his attendance at student senate meeting. He mentioned that Speaker of the Senate was Melissa Blow.

Council member Stewart reported on the Audit Committee Meeting.

Council member Lyles reported the Arts Council gratitude for funding this fiscal year.

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<u>Council member Massey</u> announced the upcoming IGC Meeting on September 21, 2009, topics of discussion, pandemic flu, animal control ordinance, and safety city education program.

Mayor White spoke on MPO meeting and their approval of 2010 Operating Budget. Also, a notice was sent from the US Dept. of Transportation to States informing them of the amount of dollars being rescinded and expected to be repaid, approximately \$740,313,000 from Texas.

At 5:30 pm, Mayor White announced that the City Council would convene into executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071, and 551.072 of the Open Meetings Act to seek the advice of our city attorney, and to consider the purchase of real property.

### 10. 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 or 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. Application with TCEQ for permits in Westside/Highway 60 area, near Brushy Water Supply Corporation
- b. Sewer CCN permit requests for Brushy & Wellborn Services Areas
- c. Water CCN permit requests for Brushy & Wellborn Services Areas
- d. Bed & Banks Water Rights Discharge Permits for College Station and Bryan
- e. Legal aspects of Water Well, permits and possible purchase of or lease of water well sites
- f. Cliff A. Skiles, DVM & C.A. Skiles Family Partnership, Ltd. Water permit applications with the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District
- g. TMPA v. PUC (College Station filed Intervention)
- h. City of Bryan suit filed against College Station, Legal issues and advise on Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency contract, on proposed methane gas contract
- i. Update on legal proceedings for Grimes County Landfill site and contracts for development of Grimes County site
- j. Weingarten Realty Investors v. College Station, Ron Silvia, David Ruesink, Lynn McIlhaney, and Ben White
- k. Chavers et al v. Tyrone Morrows, Michael Ikner, City of Bryan, City of College Station, et al

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- 1. Rogers Sheridan v. Barbara Schob & Greg Abbott
- m. Clancey v. College Station, Glenn Brown, and Kathy Merrill
- n. Legal issues related to Economic Development Agreement between City of College Station & Sahara Realty
- o. Legal issues related to the real estate contract between City of College Station and CHSC, Ltd.

Real Estate {Gov't Code Section 551.072}; possible action The City Council may deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. After executive session discussion, any final action or vote taken will be in public. The following subject(s) may be discussed:

- a. Possible Purchase or Exchange of Property near E. University and Tarrow
- 11. Action on executive session or any workshop agenda item not completed or discussed in today's workshop meeting may be discussed in tonight's Regular Meeting if necessary.

Council recessed from the executive session at 7:00 p.m. No formal action was taken.

12. Adjourn.

The workshop meeting concluded at 7:00 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this October 8, 2009

City Secretary Connie Hooks

Mayor Ben white

APPROVED: