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Agenda

College Station City Council

Workshop Meeting

Thursday, July 14, 2011 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 update to the existing ordinance regulating taxicabs operating within the city limits of College Station.
3. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding update to the existing ordinance regulating Jitneys operating within the city limits of College Station.
4. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the regulatory and compliance issues that have presented themselves to the electric utility in the last five to ten years. There are two items on the consent agenda today that are directly related to these new regulations. (SCADA Network Purchase and CSU Dispatch Construction Contract).
5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the FY 12 Budget Calendar.
6. Council Calendar
 - July 15-16 2011 Newly Elected City Officials' Orientation in Austin at 8:00 a.m.
 - July 18 IGC Meeting at BVCOG, 12:00 p.m.
 - July 19 Grand Opening/Tour - TAMHSC Medical Research and Education Building at the TAMHSC Bryan Campus - 8447 Hwy 47 at 4:00 p.m.
 - July 20 Exploring History Lunch Lecture at CS Conference Center, 11:30 a.m.
 - July 21 CS Business Council Meeting at CS City Hall - Administrative Conference Room - 1101 Texas Avenue, 12:00 p.m.
 - July 21 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.
 - July 28 City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting at 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
7. 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.

City Council Workshop Meeting

Thursday, July 14, 2011

8. Discussion, review and possible action regarding the following meetings: Animal Shelter Board, Arts Council of the Brazos Valley, Audit Committee, Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board, Brazos County Health Dept., Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Brazos Valley Wide Area Communications Task Force, BVSWMA, BVWACS. Cemetery Committee, Code Review Committee, Review Board, Historic Preservation Committee, Interfaith Dialogue Association, Intergovernmental Committee, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee, Landmark Commission, Library Board, Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness, Mayor's Development Forum, Metropolitan Planning Organization, National League of Cities, Outside Agency Funding Review, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Research Valley Partnership, Regional Transportation Committee for Council of Governments, Signature Event Task Force, Sister City Association, TAMU Student Senate, Texas Municipal League, Transportation Committee, Wolf Pen Creek Oversight Committee, Zoning Board of Adjustments, (Notice of Agendas posted on City Hall bulletin board).

9. 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:

Litigation

- a. City of Bryan's application with TCEQ for water & sewer permits in Westside/Highway 60 area, near Brushy Water Supply Corporation to decertify City of College Station and certify City of Bryan
- b. Clancey v. College Station, Glenn Brown and Kathy Merrill, Civil Action No. 09-CV-01480
- c. Rachel Rahn v. Alma Martinez, The Arkitex Studio, Inc. et al, cause No. 09-000656-CV361
- d. Chavers et al v. Tyrone Morrow et al, No. 10-20792; Chavers v. Randall Hall et al, Case No. 10 CV-3922
- e. College Station v. Star Insurance Co., Civil Action No. 4:11-CV-02023

Legal Advice

- a. Legal issues regarding possible revenue sharing and legislation in bio-corridor

Personnel {Gov't Code Section 551.074}; possible action

The City Council may deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer. After executive session discussion, any final action or vote taken will be in public. The following public officer(s) may be discussed:

- a. Council Self Evaluation

10. Adjourn.

APPROVED:

City Manager

City Council Workshop Meeting
Thursday, July 14, 2011

Notice is hereby given that a Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of College Station, Texas will be held on the 14th day of July, 2011 at 3:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, Texas. The following subjects will be discussed, to wit: See Agenda

Posted this 8th day of July, 2011 at 5:00 pm

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 July 8, 2011 at 5:00 pm 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 _____, 2011.

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: _____

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July 14, 2011
Workshop Agenda Item No. 2
Taxi Cab Ordinance Update

To: David Neely, City Manager

From: Jeff Capps, Chief of Police

Agenda Caption: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding update to the existing ordinance regulating taxicabs operating within the city limits of College Station.

Relationship to Strategic Goals: Goal III.4: Promote business-friendly attitude.

Recommendation(s): N/A

Summary: Council directed a review of the existing ordinance regulating the operation of taxicabs within the city limits of College Station. Staff has completed the review and recommends changes to the current ordinance to more adequately address operation of taxicabs within the city limits.

Budget & Financial Summary: N/A

Attachments: N/A

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, "BUSINESS REGULATIONS" BY AMENDING SECTION 6 "TAXICABS", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS:

- PART 1: That the Code of Ordinances of the City of College Station, Texas CHAPTER 4, "BUSINESS REGULATIONS" SECTION 6 "TAXICABS", be amended as set out in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.
- PART 2: That if any provisions of any section of this ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, such holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining provisions or sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- PART 3: That any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Each day such violation shall continue or be permitted to continue, shall be deemed a separate offense. Said Ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective ten (10) days after its date of passage by the City Council, as provided by Section 35 of the Charter of the City of College Station.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 26th day of May, 2011.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED:



City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"

That the Code of Ordinances of the City of College Station, Texas **CHAPTER 4, "BUSINESS REGULATIONS" SECTION 6 "TAXICABS"**, be amended and is to read as follows:

O. Miscellaneous Offenses

(9) Display of Rates and Fares

- (a)** Rates and Fares charged for passengers of the taxicab shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the inside of each taxicab for passengers in the front and back seats
- (b)** Rates and Fares charged for passengers of the taxicab shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the outside of the taxicab.
- (c)** All Rates and Fares including flat, metered, and additional fees shall be posted.

R. Central Point of Contact for Complaints

- (1)** The College Station Police Department shall be the central point of contact for any complaints or issues regarding taxicab companies located within in the City. Complainants shall call the Police Department's non emergency phone at 979-764-3600.
- (2)** The College Station Police Department's non emergency number shall be posted with the rates and fares inside and outside the taxicab.
 - (a)** The complaint posting shall state "Call the College Station Police Department for Complaints about this Taxicab at 979-764-3600."

COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES

November 17, 2009

Assistant Chief Larry Johnson spoke to the committee about the current taxi ordinance and possible revisions.

The Committee heard from some of the local taxi company owners. Topics discussed included;

1. Taxi companies should make sure their company portrayed a positive image of the community.
2. There was some discussion regarding the need to ensure the fares are posted conspicuously so that patrons could easily determine what they would be expected to pay.
3. Taxi owners were not in favor of regulating the age of a vehicle used as a taxi. As long as the vehicle passed all required safety inspections they felt that they should be allowed to use the vehicle.
4. Rates need to be posted both inside and outside of the vehicle

Chairman Maloney suggested that we discuss with John Happ about the way taxis are staged at Easterwood airport. He also asked that hoteliers and CVB representatives be invited to future meetings.

January 19,2010

Former City Manager Glenn Brown addressed the Committee. Mr. Brown asked the CTC for direction regarding the taxi ordinance. Mr. Brown requested that all local taxi cab company owners be invited to the next meeting.

March 4, 2010

Chairman Maloney opened the meeting and asked for input from stakeholders in attendance.

1. Received information from a representative from Easterwood Airport regarding their requirements for taxis. The representative stated that the Airport requires taxi operators to pay an annual fee to be allowed to pick up customers. They operate on a "first in, first out" basis, but passengers can still chose what taxi they wish to use.
2. Shannon Overby from the Convention & Visitors Bureau said they have received complaints about quality, customer service and inconsistent fares. She also stated that

hoteliers comments centered on accountability, having a clear point of contact, clear display of pricing but not necessarily price fixing.

3. Tedi Elison stated that Chamber members were directed to send comments to Hayden Migl and he stated there was only one comment that questioned if additional regulation is needed.
4. The CTC heard from several taxi company owners. The general consensus was that the fare rates should not be regulated. There was no opposition to requiring that fare rates be posted both inside and outside the vehicle.

The CTC agreed that the fare rates should be posted both inside and outside the taxi vehicle. Also proposed that the police department be designated as the central point of contact for complaints about taxis.

Agenda Item
Council Regular Session
October 19,2009

10. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding update to the existing ordinance regulating taxicabs operating within the city limits of College Station.

Larry Johnson, Assistant Chief of Police updated Council on existing taxicab ordinance and regulations and the ordinance intention to provide for and promote adequate and efficient vehicles for hire in the City of College Station. But the current City ordinance does not regulate taxi fare rates and only requires fare rate be displayed in a "conspicuous place" inside the taxi. Staff recommended fares to be displayed both inside and outside of vehicle and taxi vehicle maximum age not more than five (5) years.

Council member Crompton moved to approve displaying fares both inside and outside of vehicle and refer remainder of issues, such as maximum age and flat fare rates to Transportation Committee. Council member Lyles seconded the motion, which carried 7 - 0.

FOR: Mayor Ben White, Mayor Pro tern Ruesink, Crompton, Massey, Maloney, Lyles and Stewart

AGAINST: None

**July 14, 2011
Workshop Agenda Item No. 3
Jitney Ordinance Review**

To: David Neely, City Manager

From: Jeff Capps, Chief of Police

Agenda Caption: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding update to the existing ordinance regulating Jitneys operating within the city limits of College Station.

Relationship to Strategic Goals: Goal III.4: Promote business-friendly attitude.

Recommendation(s): N/A

Summary: Council directed a review of the existing ordinance regulating the operation of Jitneys within the city limits of College Station. Staff has completed the review and recommends changes to the current ordinance to more adequately address operation of Jitneys within the city limits.

Budget & Financial Summary: N/A

Attachments: N/A

July 14, 2011
Workshop Agenda Item No. 4
Electric Utility Regulatory and Compliance Issues

To: David Neeley, City Manager

From: David Massey, Director of College Station Electric Utilities Department
Chuck Gilman, Director of Public Works

Agenda Caption: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the regulatory and compliance issues that have presented themselves to the electric utility in the last five to ten years. There are two items on the consent agenda today that are directly related to these new regulations. (SCADA Network Purchase and CSU Dispatch Construction Contract)

Recommendation(s): This presentation is for informational purposes only. Staff is not seeking any action from Council.

Summary: This is an overview presentation on the history of regulatory and compliance mandates that are now being required of electric utilities by federal and state regulatory authorities.

Budget & Financial Summary: All of the demands being put on electric utilities are governmental unfunded mandates. The financial burden and implications are significant, and the penalties for non-compliance are exorbitant.

Attachments:

July 14, 2011
Workshop Agenda Item No. 5
FY 12 Budget Calendar

To: David Neeley, City Manager

From: Jeff Kersten, Chief Financial Officer

Agenda Caption: Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the FY 12 Budget Calendar

Recommendation(s): Staff recommends the City Council receive the report and provide any desired direction.

Summary: Staff will be presenting a proposed calendar for reviewing the FY 12 budget.

The proposed budget is scheduled to be presented to the City Council on July 28. A series of budget workshops are proposed to be held in August. Proposed dates are August 15, August 16, August 17, and August 18 from 3 – 6. The Public Hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for August 25, and budget adoption is currently scheduled for September 8.

This proposed schedule will be reviewed with the City Council, and modified as necessary.

Budget & Financial Summary:

Attachments: NA