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Agenda
College Station City Council
Workshop Meeting
Monday, November 21, 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 the Wolf Pen Creek Water Festival Area Project.
3. Presentation, and discussion regarding local preference policy in bid/contract awards in accordance with Local Government Code 271.905 and 271.9051.
4. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the general timeline regarding employee benefits and required approvals by council for the Calendar Year 2012.
5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion of a policy for Council attendance at boards and committees.
6. Council Calendar
 - November 24 City Offices Closed – HOLIDAY
 - November 25 City Offices Closed – HOLIDAY
 - December 1 THSRTC Winter Quarterly Meeting at BVCOG - 3991 E. 29th Street, 11:00 a.m.
 - December 1 THSRTC Winter Quarterly Meeting-Special Tour at BVCOG, 3991 E. 29th Street, 2:00 p.m.
 - December 1 THSRTC Winter Quarterly Meeting – Reception at La Salle Hotel, 5:30 p.m.
 - December 1 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.
 - December 2 Invitation to the Mayor's Holiday Reception at WPC Green Room - 1015 Colgate, 5:15 p.m.
 - December 2 Christmas at the Creek Celebration at WPC Green Room - 1015 Colgate, 6:00 p.m.
 - December 4 Council Invitation to ride Christmas Parade floats at City Hall, 12:00 p.m.
 - December 8 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.
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,

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Brazos County Health Dept., Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Brazos Valley Wide Area Communications Task Force, BVSWMA, BVWACS, Cemetery Committee, Code Review Committee, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Design Review Board, Historic Preservation Committee, Interfaith Dialogue Association, Intergovernmental Committee, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee, Landmark Commission, Library Board, 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, 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. Rachel Rahn v. Alma Martinez, The Arkitex Studio, Inc. et al, cause No. 09-000656-CV361
- c. Chavers et al v. Tyrone Morrow et al, No. 10-20792; Chavers v. Randall Hall et al, Case No. 10 CV-3922
- d. College Station v. Star Insurance Co., Civil Action No. 4:11-CV-02023
- e. Woodruff v. College Station, Cause No. 10-000515-CV-272
- f. Ongoing criminal investigation of municipal court missing funds

Legal Advice

- a. Legal issues regarding possible revenue sharing and legislation in bio-corridor
- b. Legal Issues regarding statutory requirements related to the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District and their impact to the City

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. Property located generally southwest of the intersection of Dartmouth Street and Holleman Drive in College Station

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

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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:

- a. Administrative services in College Station Business Park

10. Adjourn.

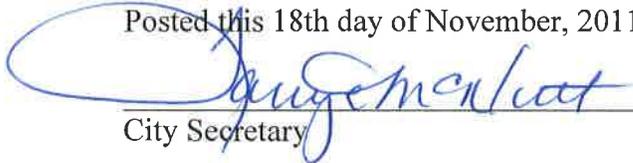
APPROVED:

 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 21st day of November, 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 18th day of November, 2011 at 3:00 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 November 18, 2011 at 3:00 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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**November 21, 2011
Workshop Agenda Item No. 2
Wolf Pen Creek Festival Area Project**

To: David Neeley, City Manager

From: Jeff Kersten, Executive Director Business Services

Agenda Caption: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the Wolf Pen Creek Water Festival Area Project.

Relationship to Strategic Goals: Goal III, Diverse Growing Economy.

Recommendation(s): Staff recommends proceeding with the bidding and construction of a project that includes only the festival area in Wolf Pen Creek Park.

Summary: On November 10, 2011, City Council rejected proposals for the construction of a water feature and festival area at Wolf Pen Creek. Staff will present some options for improvements in Wolf Pen Creek Park, and is seeking direction on the project.

Budget & Financial Summary: There is \$1,338,214 in funds available for the festival area project. Staff will provide an update on the sources of funds available for this proposed project.

Attachments: None

**November 21, 2011
Workshop Agenda Item No. 3
Local Preference**

To: David Neeley, City Manager

From: Jeff Kersten, Executive Director of Business Services

Agenda Caption: Presentation and discussion regarding local preference policy in bid/contract awards in accordance with Local Government Code 271.905 and 271.9051.

Relationship to Strategic Goals: Goal I.1. Spending taxpayer money efficiently

Recommendation(s): Staff recommends continuing to present all local preference award opportunities to Council to be considered on a case by case basis.

Summary: Local Government Code (LGC) 271.905 allows the City to give preference to a bidder whose principal place of business is in the municipality and whose bids is within 3% of the lowest bid price. However, the Council must first determine in writing that the local bidder offers the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities for the City created by the contract award. LGC 271.9051 allows the City to give a 5% local preference under the same terms and conditions for construction contracts less than \$100,000 and for other purchases/contracts less than \$500,000.

Staff made a similar presentation to City Council in May 2006 at which time the direction from the Council at that time was to present all local preference award opportunities to Council and the Council would consider them on a case-by-case basis.

Budget & Financial Summary: The financial impact for implementing a local preference policy will vary depending on the direction received from Council

Attachments:

1. Minutes from May 25, 2006 Workshop Item of Local Preference
2. Local Government Code 271.905
3. Local Government Code 271.9051

Minutes from May 25, 2006 Council Workshop

Workshop Agenda Item No. 3 -- Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding giving a local preference in bid/contract awards in accordance with Local Government Code 271.0951.

Purchasing Manager Cheryl Turney reminded the City Council of the statutory provisions governing the award of bids, exceptions, statutory requirements, definitions, and advantages and disadvantages. The local impact for implementing a local preference policy would vary depending on the guidelines established by the City Council. Ms. Turney proposed the following recommendations:

- Ø Apply to all local business
- Ø Apply to all goods and services that is competitively bid by City staff
- Ø Exclude construction contracts
- Ø Incorporate local preference language in fiscal policies found in the budget and Purchasing Manual

Mayor Pro Tem Happ left the workshop meeting at 2:52 p.m.

City Council directed staff to bring forward any local preference bids on a case by case basis, if an award might be economic benefit to the City.

Sec. 271.905. CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF BIDDER'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS. (a) In this section, "local government" means a municipality with a population of 200,000 or less, a county with a population of 400,000 or less, or another political subdivision authorized under this title to purchase real property or personal property that is not affixed to real property. The term does not include a school district.

(b) In purchasing under this title any real property or personal property that is not affixed to real property, if a local government receives one or more bids from a bidder whose principal place of business is in the local government and whose bid is within three percent of the lowest bid price received by the local government from a bidder who is not a resident of the local government, the local government may enter into a contract with:

(1) the lowest bidder; or

(2) the bidder whose principal place of business is in the local government if the governing body of the local government determines, in writing, that the local bidder offers the local government the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities for the local government created by the contract award, including the employment of residents of the local government and increased tax revenues to the local government.

(c) This section does not prohibit a local government from rejecting all bids.

Added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 996, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 30, 1999.

Amended by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 480, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 271.9051. CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF BIDDER'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies only to a municipality with a population of less than 250,000 that is authorized under this title to purchase real property or personal property that is not affixed to real property.

(b) In purchasing under this title any real property, personal property that is not affixed to real property, or services, if a municipality receives one or more competitive sealed bids from a bidder whose principal place of business is in the municipality and whose bid is within five percent of the lowest bid price received by the municipality from a bidder who is not a resident of the municipality, the municipality may enter into a contract for an expenditure of less than \$100,000 with:

(1) the lowest bidder; or

(2) the bidder whose principal place of business is in the municipality if the governing body of the municipality determines, in writing, that the local bidder offers the municipality the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities for the municipality created by the contract award, including the employment of residents of the municipality and increased tax revenues to the municipality.

(c) This section does not prohibit a municipality from rejecting all bids.

(d) This section does not apply to the purchase of telecommunications services or information services, as those terms are defined by 47 U.S.C. Section 153.

Added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. [1205](#), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2005.

Amended by:

Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. [660](#), Sec. 1, eff. June 19, 2009.

Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. [1266](#), Sec. 9, eff. June 19, 2009.

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SECTION 2.12. Section 271.9051(b), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In purchasing under this title any real property, personal property that is not affixed to real property, or services, if a municipality receives one or more competitive sealed bids from a bidder whose principal place of business is in the municipality and whose bid is within five percent of the lowest bid price received by the municipality from a bidder who is not a resident of the municipality, the municipality may enter into a contract for construction services in an amount [an expenditure] of less than \$100,000 or a contract for other purchases in an amount of less than \$500,000 with:

(1) the lowest bidder; or

(2) the bidder whose principal place of business is in the municipality if the governing body of the municipality determines, in writing, that the local bidder offers the municipality the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities for the municipality created by the contract award, including the employment of residents of the municipality and increased tax revenues to the municipality.

**November 21, 2011
Workshop Agenda Item No. 4
2012 Timeline & Process for Benefits Approvals**

To: David Neeley, City Manager

From: Alison Pond, Human Resources Director

Agenda Caption: Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the general timeline regarding employee benefits and required approvals by council for the Calendar Year 2012.

Relationship to Strategic Goals: Goal I.1. Spending taxpayer money efficiently

Recommendation(s): Staff recommends receipt of this presentation

Summary: The City's health plan is self-funded and the council will have several different elements to approve in related to employee benefits for calendar year 2012. The presentation will provide an overview of the timeline and general information related to the process in preparation for a more-detailed presentation which includes the projection of expenditures for FY2012. An item related to Administrative Fees for BC/BS Contract is on the Consent Agenda Item to request approval.

Budget and Financial Summary: Funds are available in the employee benefits fund.

Attachments: None.

November 21, 2011
City Council Workshop Item No. 5
Council Attendance Policy

To: David Neeley, City Manager

From: Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary

Agenda Caption: Presentation, possible action, and discussion of a policy for Council attendance at boards and committees.

Summary: At the October 27 meeting, Councilmember Lyles asked about having a policy for Council attendance at boards and committees. Staff has prepared draft language to be considered for inclusion in the existing Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics.

Attachments:

- Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics, with draft language in Section 1 (B)(8).



Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics

The College Station City Council is the governing body for the City of College Station; therefore, it must bear the initial responsibility for the integrity of governance. The council is responsible for its own development (both as a body and as individuals), its responsibilities, its own discipline, and its own performance. The development of this policy is designed to ensure effective and efficient governance.

This policy will address mayor and council relations, council and staff relations, and council and media relations. By adopting these guidelines for elected officials, we acknowledge our responsibility to each other, to our professional staff, and to the public. The city council will govern the city in a manner associated with a commitment to the preservation of the values and integrity of representative local government and democracy, and a dedication to the promotion of efficient and effective governing. The following statements will serve as a guide and acknowledge the commitment being made in this service to the community:

1. The council has as high priorities the continual improvement of the member's professional ability and the promotion of an atmosphere conducive to the fair exchange of ideas and policies among members.
2. The council will endeavor to keep the community informed on municipal affairs; encourage communication between the citizens and the city council; strive for strong, working relationships among College Station, Brazos County, Bryan, TAMU, and College Station Independent School District elected officials.
3. In its governance role, the council will continue to be dedicated to friendly and courteous relationships with staff, other council members, and the public, and seek to improve the quality and image of public service.
4. The council will also strive to recognize its responsibility to future generations by addressing the interrelatedness of the social, cultural, and physical characteristics of the community when making policies.
5. And finally, each council member will make a commitment to improve the quality of life for the individual and the community, and to be dedicated to the faithful stewardship of the public trust.

Statement of Mission

In order to ensure proper discharge of duties for the improvement of democratic local government, College Station City Council members should display behavior that demonstrates independent, impartial review of all matters addressed by them, and be duly responsible to the citizens of College Station and to each other in their relationships.

Section I: Mayor-City Council Relations

A. Mayor's Responsibilities

1. The mayor shall be the presiding officer at all meetings. The mayor pro-tem shall preside in his/her absence.
2. The mayor shall have a voice in all matters before the council and may vote on all agenda items requiring council action.
3. The mayor shall preserve order and decorum and shall require council members engaged in debate to limit discussion to the question under consideration.
4. The mayor is the spokesperson for the council on all matters unless absent, at which time his/her designee will assume the role.
5. The mayor will encourage all council members to participate in council discussion and give each member an opportunity to speak before any member can speak again on the same subject. The mayor may limit each speaker to five minutes to ensure efficient use of time.
6. The mayor is responsible for keeping the meetings orderly by recognizing each member for discussion, limiting speaking time, encouraging debate among members and keeping discussion on the agenda item being considered.
7. Should a conflict arise among council members, the mayor serves as mediator.
8. The mayor is responsible for the orientation of all new council members after an election. The orientation shall include council procedures, staff and media relations, current agenda items and municipal leadership training programs.

B. Council Responsibilities

1. Any council member may request the mayor to place an item on the agenda for discussion. Should staff time be required to address this item, the mayor will canvass all council members to determine the support for commitment of staff time and resources. The same action should be taken by the mayor when council concerns require staff time and budget.
2. Each council member is encouraged to attend at least one Texas Municipal League sponsored conference each year in order to stay informed on issues facing municipalities.

3. It is the responsibility of council members to be informed about previous action taken by the council in their absence. In the case of absence from a workshop session where information is given, the individual council member is responsible for obtaining this information prior to the council meeting when said item is to be voted upon.
4. When addressing an agenda item, the council member shall first be recognized by the mayor, confine himself/herself to the question under debate, avoid reference to personalities, and refrain from impugning the integrity or motives of any other council member or staff member in his/her argument or vote.
5. In the absence of a ruling by the mayor on any procedural matter, a council member may move to change the order of business or make any other procedural decision deemed appropriate. The affirmative vote of a majority of the council members present and voting shall be necessary to approve the motion.
6. Any council member may appeal to the council as a whole from a ruling by the mayor. If the appeal is seconded, the person making the appeal may make a brief statement and the mayor may explain his/her position, but no other member may speak on the motion. The mayor will then put the ruling to a vote of the council.
7. Any council member may ask the mayor to enforce the rules established by the council. Should the mayor fail to do so, a majority vote of the council members present shall require him/her to do so.
8. When a council member is appointed to serve as liaison to a board, the council member is responsible for keeping all council members informed of significant board activities; **therefore, regular attendance to the assigned board is of great importance. In the event a council member is absent from three meetings in a twelve month period that are considered unexcused, the City Secretary shall notify the council member by letter requesting an explanation for the absences. After reviewing the explanation for absences, if the City Council finds that the absences are unexcused, the City Council may choose to remove the council member from the assigned board for non-attendance at the board meetings.**

C. Code of Conduct for Mayor and Council Members

1. During the council meetings, council members shall preserve order and decorum, shall not interrupt or delay proceedings, and shall not refuse to obey the orders of the mayor or the rules of the council. Council members shall demonstrate respect and courtesy to each other, to city staff members, and to members of the public appearing before the council. Council members shall refrain from rude and derogatory remarks and shall not belittle staff members, other council members, or members of the public.
2. They should not use their position to secure special privileges and should avoid situations that could cause any person to believe that they may have brought bias or partiality to a question before the council.

3. Members of the council will not condone any unethical or illegal activity. All members of the council agree to uphold the intent of this policy and to govern their actions accordingly.

Section II: Council and Staff Relations

No single relationship is as important as that of the council and their city manager in effectively governing the City of College Station. It is for this reason that the council and the city manager must understand their respective roles in that process. The city manager is the primary link between the council and the professional staff. The council's relationship with the staff shall be through the city manager.

1. In order to ensure proper presentation of agenda items by staff, questions arising from council members after receiving their information packet should be whenever possible, presented to the city manager for staff consideration prior to the council meeting. This allows staff time to address the council member's concern and provide all council members with the additional information.
2. The city manager shall designate the appropriate staff member to address each agenda item and shall see that each presentation is prepared and presented in order to inform and educate the council on the issues which require council action. The presentation should be professional, timely, and allow for discussion of options for resolving the issue. The staff member making the presentation shall either make it clear that no Council action is required, present the staff recommendation, or present the specific options for council consideration.
3. The city manager is directly responsible for providing information to all the council concerning any inquiries by a specific council member. If the city manager or his/her staff's time is being dominated or misdirected by a council member, it is his/her responsibility to inform the mayor of the concern (any action necessary is covered under Section I A:7).
4. The city manager will be held responsible for the professional and ethical behavior of himself/herself and the discipline of his/her staff. The city manager is also responsible for seeing that his/her staff also receives the education and information necessary to address the issues facing municipal government.
5. Any conflicts arising between the city staff and the council will be addressed by the mayor and the city manager.
6. All staff members shall show each other, each council member, and the public respect and courtesy at all times. They are also responsible for making objective, professional presentations to ensure public confidence in the process.
7. The city manager, after an election, will make sure that staff has prepared information needed for the orientation of new council members and inform them of any Texas

Municipal League conferences and seminars available. The city manager will also be responsible for meeting personally with new members and informing them about city facilities and procedures.

Section III: Council and Media Relations

Since the democratic form of government is only successful when the citizens are kept informed and educated about the issues facing their municipality, it is imperative the media play an important role in the council-manager-media relations. It is through an informed public that progress is ensured and good government remains sensitive to its constituents. These guidelines are designed to help ensure fair relationships with print, radio, and television reporters. The council and the city manager recognize that the news media provide an important link between the council and the public. It is the council's desire to establish a professional working relationship to help maintain a well informed and educated citizenry.

1. During the conduct of official business, the news media shall occupy places designated for them or the general public.
2. All reporters will receive an agenda in advance and will be furnished support material needed for clarification if requested.
3. In order to preserve the decorum and professionalism of council meetings, the media are requested to refrain from conversing privately with other people in the audience and to conduct any interviews with the public outside the council chambers while council is in session.
4. Since the government body conducts business differently, it is requested that all reporters new to city council meetings meet with the city manager, mayor, or the media relations representative prior to covering their first meeting to be informed of policies and procedures to help ensure a professional working relationship between the media reporter and the city.
5. On administrative matters, the city manager is the spokesperson, unless he/she has appointed a media relations person to present staff information on the agenda.
6. The mayor, or his/her designee, is the primary spokesperson for the city on matters regarding policy decisions or any council information pertaining to issues on the agenda. In order to ensure fair treatment of an issue, any clarifications requested by the media on the issue should be addressed after the meeting. When opposing positions have been debated, regardless of the outcome, the public is better informed when all sides have adequate coverage by the media. This lets the public know that the item was seriously debated and options discussed before a vote was taken, and helps build confidence in the democratic process.
7. The College Station City Council is made up of six council members and a mayor, each elected by the citizens of College Station. In respect to each council member and his/her constituents, his/her views as presented on an issue before the council should

provide equitable representation from all seven members. Even though council members may express differing ideas, equitable representation helps promote unity of purpose by allowing the public to be informed of each member's position during his/her term of office and not only during an election campaign.

We all have the responsibility to protect the integrity of our governing process and therefore, have read and agreed to the above guidelines.

College Station City Council Code of Ethics

The office of elected officials is one of trust and service to the citizens of College Station. This position creates a special responsibility for the College Station city council member. In response to this, the College Station city council is expected to govern this city in a manner associated with a commitment to the preservation of the values and integrity of representative local government and local democracy and a dedication to the promotion of efficient and effective governing. To further these objectives, certain ethical principles shall govern the conduct of every council member, who shall:

1. Be dedicated to the highest ideals of honor and integrity in all public and personal relationships in order that the member may merit the respect and confidence of the citizens of College Station;
2. Recognize that the chief function of local government at all times is to serve the best interests of all of the people;
3. Be dedicated to public service by being cooperative and constructive, and by making the best and most efficient use of available resources;
4. Refrain from any activity or action that may hinder one's ability to be objective and impartial on any matter coming before the council. Do not seek nor accept gifts or special favors; believe that personal gain by use of confidential information or by misuse of public funds or time is dishonest;
5. Recognize that public and political policy decisions, based on established values, are ultimately the responsibility of the city council, and
6. Conduct business in open, well-publicized meetings in order to be directly accountable to the citizens of College Station. It is recognized that certain exceptions are made by the State for executive sessions; however, any action as a result of that type of meeting will be handled later in open session.