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**Agenda**  
**College Station City Council**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 2:00 PM**  
**USC Training Facilities Assembly Room - 1603 Graham Road**  
**College Station, Texas**

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the city's State Legislative Plan for the 83rd Legislature.
3. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding options and enhancements for the Utility Dispatch outage reporting and tracking system.
4. Presentation, possible action, and discussion of information about payday and auto title lending businesses, as well as efforts other cities are undertaking to bring about regulation of this industry.
5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding approval of an engagement letter between the City of College Station and Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, LLP in the amount of \$105,000 to provide services to the City in connection with the creation of two municipal management districts related to the Medical District and authorizing the City Manager to execute the engagement letter on behalf of the City Council.
6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding an amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation and Joint Development Agreement for the Joint Research Valley BioCorridor Development Project.
7. Presentation, possible action and discussion regarding Year-end budget savings distribution to eligible employees.
8. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding resolutions to create a City Council Economic Development Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Compensation and Benefits Committee, and a Transportation and Mobility Committee.
9. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the appointment of Councilmembers to boards and commissions.

10. Executive Session.

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. Chavers v. Randall Hall et al, Case No. 10 CV-3922; Thomas Chavers et al. v. Kalinec Towing Company, Inc. et al., Cause Number 201237978, In the 270 District Court of Harris County, Texas.
- c. College Station v. Star Insurance Co., Civil Action No. 4:11-CV-02023
- d. Shirley Maguire and Holly Maguire vs. City of College Station, Cause No. 11-002516-CV-272, In the 272<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Brazos County, Texas
- e. Patricia Kahlden, individ. and as rep. of the Estate of Lillie May Williams Bayless v. Laura Sue Streigler, City of College Station and James Steven Elkins, No. 11-003172-CV-272, in the 272<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Brazos County, Tx.
- f. Claim and potential litigation related to a June 24, 2011 collision with a city vehicle.
- g. State v. Carol Arnold, Cause Number 11-02697-CRF-85, In the 85<sup>th</sup> District Court, Brazos County, Texas

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 in the area north of University Drive, east of Agronomy Road, and west of Wellborn Road.

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:

- a. Discuss economic development incentive negotiations with TAMUS
- b. Economic Development prospect in the Biocorridor

11. Take action, if any, on Executive Session.

12. Adjourn.

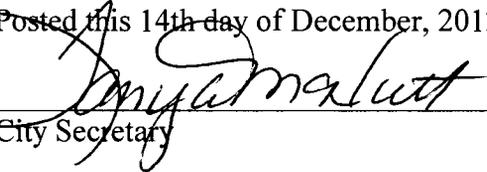
If litigation issues arise to the posted subject matter of this Council Meeting an executive session will be held.

APPROVED:

  
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City Manager

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of College Station, Texas will be held on the Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the USC Training Facilities Assembly Room - 1603 Graham Road, College Station, Texas. The following subjects will be discussed, to wit: See Agenda.

Posted this 14th day of December, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

  
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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](http://www.cstx.gov) . The Agenda and Notice are readily accessible to the general public at all times. Said Notice and Agenda were posted on December 14, 2012 at 5:00 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 posting board at the College Station City Hall on the following date and time: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 By \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public – Brazos County, Texas      My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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**December 18, 2012**  
**Special Agenda Item No. 2**  
**State Legislative Plan**

**To:** David Neeley, City Manager

**From:** City Manager's Office

**Agenda Caption:** Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the city's State Legislative Plan for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature.

**Relationship to Strategic Goals:** N/A

**Recommendation(s):** Staff recommends that Council receive the presentation and provide feedback and direction on the city's Legislative Plan.

**Summary:** At the last Council meeting, the Council received an update on the trends and expected issues facing the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature from consultants Dan Shelley and Jennifer Rodriguez. Since that time, staff has worked with the consultants to develop a Draft Legislative Plan. Ultimately, the Legislative Plan will be utilized by the consultants and staff to represent the positions of the city to legislators and their staffs throughout the session.

The Draft Legislative Plan offers position statements on issues in the following areas:

- General Administration
  - Election Law
  - Open Meetings & Open Records Law
  - Annexation
  - Appraisal & Revenue Caps
  - Municipal Authority
  - Unfunded Mandates
  - Vital Statistics and Records
  - Newspaper Notices
  - Windstorm Insurance
  - Pay Day Lending
- Economic Development
- Law Enforcement
- Public Utilities and Infrastructure
  - Water / Waste Water
  - Electric Utility
  - Sanitation
  - Transportation
- Parks and Recreation

As the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature gets underway in January, it is likely that additional issues will arise. Staff will coordinate with our consultants to monitor bills throughout the session and keep the Council informed and seek direction as necessary.

**Budget & Financial Summary:** N/A

**Reviewed and Approved by Legal:** N/A

**Attachments:** Draft Legislative Plan



City of College Station  
Legislative Plan  
83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature

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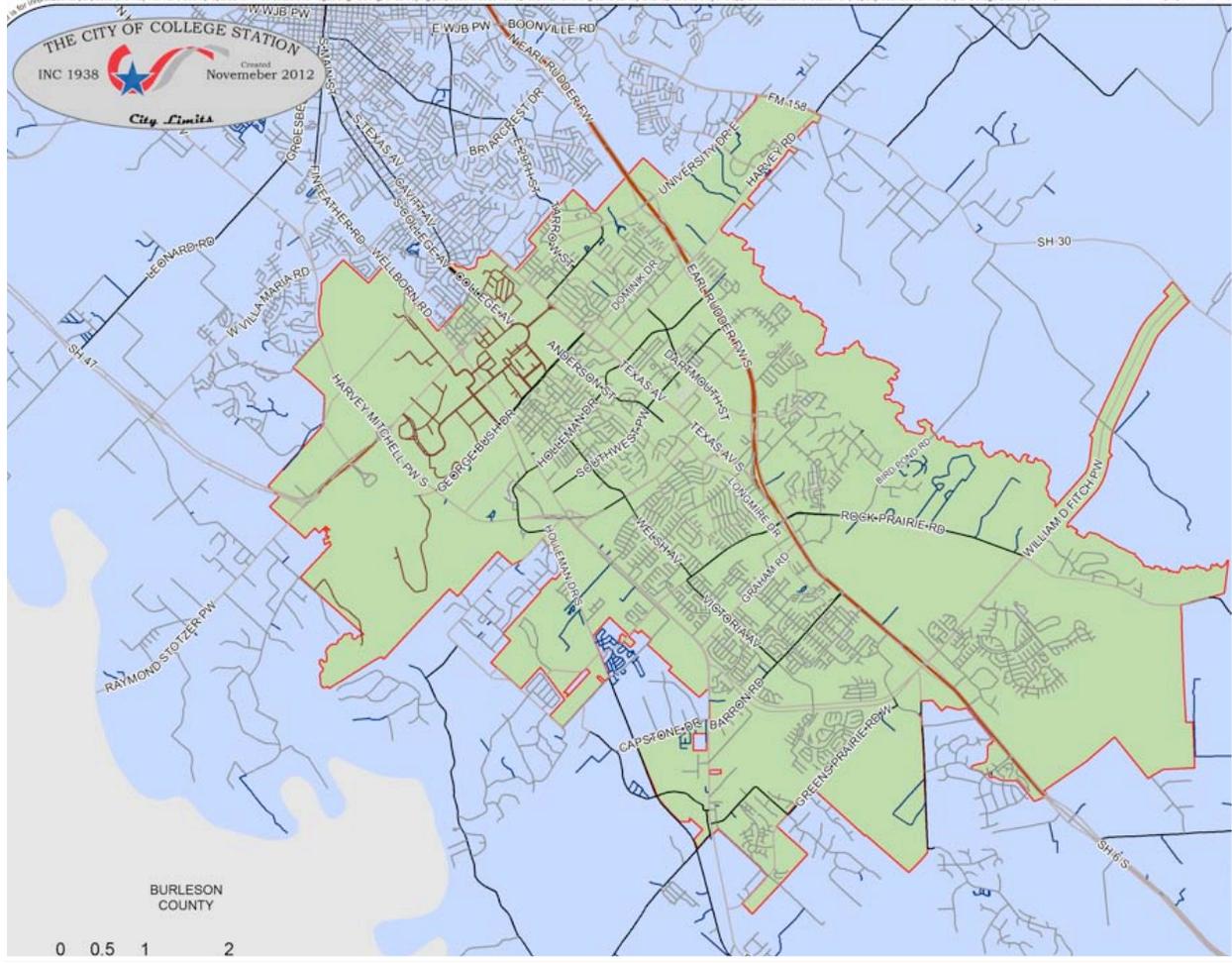
David Neeley, City Manager

City of College Station  
*DRAFT* Legislative Plan  
December 2012

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature will convene Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at the State Capitol. The membership of the legislature will include a large number of new members, especially in the Texas House of Representatives. There will be 95 Republicans and 55 Democrats in the House including 41 freshman who will join 25 second term members. The Senate retains its division of 19 Republicans and 12 Democrats.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts has reported improvements in the Texas economy largely resulting from increases in sales tax receipts. Additionally, the state's Rainy Day Fund, generated primarily by oil and gas production taxes, has replenished to an estimated \$8 billion after lawmakers dipped into it in 2011 to use more than \$3 billion to help pay for the state budget. However, lawmakers will be tasked with funding familiar big ticket items including a Medicaid program underfunded by \$4.7 billion, increases in the public education population, rising costs and client numbers in health and human services programs, transportation projects and others.

Current members of the legislature began filing the first of more than 5,000 proposals expected to be filed during the legislative session Monday, November 12, 2012. Many of these bills, if passed, will impact cities. The City will direct staff and its legislative consultants to make efforts to assist in the passage of certain bills favorable to the City and to assist in the defeat of certain bills harmful to the City.



State Senator - Dr. Charles Schwertner, Georgetown  
State Representative - John Raney, Bryan  
State Representative - Kyle Kacal, College Station

# LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE

**Tuesday, January 8, 2013** (1st day)

83rd Legislature convenes at noon

**Friday, March 8, 2013** (60th day)

Deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the governor

**Monday, May 27, 2013** (140th day)

Last day of 83rd Regular Session; corrections only in house and senate

**Sunday, June 16, 2013** (20th day following final adjournment)

Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the regular legislative session

**Monday, August 26, 2013** (91st day following final adjournment)

Date that bills without specific effective dates (that could not be effective immediately) become law

### **Proposal of Initiatives**

The City will identify a specific issue and will lead efforts to pass the related legislation. These efforts include actively supporting the drafting of the legislation, securing a bill sponsor in both chambers, providing witness testimony and other measures to actively pursue passage of the bill and approval by the Governor.

### **Joint Initiatives**

A joint initiative will be shared by the City and other stakeholders. The City will work with the other stakeholders in a partnership to actively support the passage of legislation jointly pursued. Roles and responsibilities of the City and all stakeholders will be clearly identified from the outset.

### **Support**

The City will support an issue, but will not be the primary advocate. These issues may originate with associations the City or departments within the City belong to, but are strengthened through support of the City. The City may communicate its approval of the issue through letters of support to appropriate officials, witness cards in support at committee hearings or other means as deemed necessary.

### **Opposition**

The City will oppose proposals detrimental to the City including attempts to erode municipal authority. The City will also oppose legislation that presents an unfunded mandate on local government.

# ISSUES

General Administration

Economic Development

Law Enforcement

Public Utilities and Infrastructure

Parks and Recreation

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## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

**Election Law** - Recent changes to state election law as a result of the Federal MOVE Act required the city to move its election date to November. It is anticipated that this session will feature quite a bit of backlash regarding the confusion that resulted from cities improperly changing their dates, voters not knowing when their elections were, etc. As a result the Legislature will likely respond by further limiting the number of uniform election dates to one.

City Position:

*Monitor the modification of election laws including proposals related to SB 100, 82<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session and support or oppose them as necessary.*

**Open Meetings & Open Records Law** – The city is not opposed to open government but there is concern about how restrictive the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act have become as they create an administrative and financial burden on cities. These burdens include the cost of maintaining and copying records, as well as unreasonable demands placed on public officials to avoid a conflict between the definition of a meeting and typical social activities.

City Positions:

*Support only changes to the open meetings and records requirements that do not increase the burden on cities to comply.*

**Annexation** – The Legislature has consistently proposed substantive changes harmful to cities for the last decade. These modifications included restricting development authority in the ETJ and requiring a vote prior to annexation. It is anticipated that annexation authority modifications will continue to be proposed in the coming session.

City Position:

*The City opposes legislation that would restrict current annexation law.*

**Appraisal & Revenue Caps** – Appraisal Reform has become a consistent theme in Austin over the past few sessions. There continues to be an organized effort to reduce the current revenue cap for municipalities. However, artificial appraisal caps limit local governments' ability to use property tax structures for providing adequate service levels and will likely result in a declining tax base that cannot keep up with changing economic conditions.

City Position:

*The City opposes legislation that would impose revenue or appraisal caps thereby limiting the City's ability to raise and collect revenue necessary to provide services to its citizens.*

**Municipal Authority** – The Legislature has constantly attempted to erode the authority granted to municipalities. Many legislative changes have been proposed over the last several sessions that would have adversely affected local governments as it pertains to sovereign immunity, statutes of limitation, and the freedom of city officials to communicate with state elected or appointed officials.

Additionally, in previous years, legislation has been introduced that would restrict the authority of cities to utilize zoning to regulate land uses. These restrictions included eliminating the distinction between mobile homes and single-family residences, excluding churches from zoning and building codes, and forcing cities to pay land owners for damage claims made as a result of changes in zoning classifications. In addition, legislation giving counties zoning authority in unincorporated areas, including the ETJ has been proposed in past sessions.

City Positions:

*The city opposes legislation that would diminish municipal authority including the ability to enact and enforce ordinances.*

*The city opposes any legislation that would restrict the zoning authority of cities*

**Unfunded Mandates** – The Legislature has previously placed requirements upon cities that create a financial burden without providing the necessary financial support to carry them out. This allows a legislator to say they did not raise taxes when, in fact, they did by forcing the local government and local taxpayer to pay for the unfunded mandate while also blaming local governments for out of control spending. These legislative unfunded mandates place a great strain on local taxpayers and upon the city to maintain a reasonable tax rate and quality service levels

City Position:

*The City opposes legislation that would result in an unfunded mandate on the City.*

**Vital Statistics and Records** – It is anticipated that legislation may be introduced that would reduce the number and functions of Local Registrars in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (currently the threshold is 500,000). Brazos County currently maintains three Local Registrars (Brazos County, City of Bryan, College Station).

City Position:

*Oppose any legislation that would consolidate local registrar functions and/or erode local control and maintenance of vital statistics and records.*

**Newspaper Notices** – Providing public notices in print media represents a significant cost for the city. Recently, several bills have been filed to change how municipalities provide certain notices in newspapers of record as there is growing evidence that shows hardcopy newspaper readership is declining significantly due to the prevalence of online media and city websites.

City Position:

*Support legislation that would allow municipalities to rely more on posting notices online rather than through print media.*

**Texas Windstorm Insurance Amendment** – Currently, the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) provides coverage in the 14 coastal counties along the Texas Coast. The TWIA regulates insurance companies authorized to do business throughout the state and maintains assessments on those companies to fund a pool intended to offset costs associated with major weather catastrophes. However, the pool has been historically underfunded for a variety of reasons. This has led to a proposed amendment to the Texas Insurance Code, which would create a new statewide catastrophic pool (to include hurricane, flooding, hail, tornado, and fire damage) that would be established to disburse the costs outside of the 14-county area now controlled by TWIA. Obviously, the City of College Station and other inland counties and communities would have very little exposure to the full force of a hurricane, has taken great steps through our planning and development to limit the threats from flood and other dangers, or already has adequate coverage for all other catastrophes available. It is believed that passage of such an amendment would incur additional “participation costs” that would likely be passed down to policy holders and/or possibly limit the number of insurers operating in the state.

City Position:

*Oppose legislation creating a statewide disaster pool as currently proposed.*

**Payday Lending Regulation** – Several Texas cities along with the United Way are leading the way to seek regulation on payday lending and auto title lending practices. The regulations would be intended to stop usurious lending by payday and auto title lenders and support cities’ authorities to adopt ordinances that would curtail credit access businesses’ exploitation of economically vulnerable citizens.

City Position:

*Support legislation that would stop usurious lending by payday and auto title lenders and bolster cities’ authority to adopt ordinances that would curtail the exploitation of economically vulnerable citizens.*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Economic Development** – The city is on the verge of substantial economic development activity due to the creation of the BioCorridor and the Medical District. As these development opportunities continue to evolve, it will be important to ensure the vitality of the Texas Enterprise Fund and the Emerging Technology Fund. Moreover, it will likely be necessary for enabling legislation be filed on the city’s behalf for their codification and/or creation.

Additionally, the existence of Texas A&M University and Blinn College serve as the backbone of our community and local economy. Any legislation that impacts higher education ultimately impacts the community as a whole.

City Positions:

*Actively support any locally initiated legislation for economic development purposes and seek the support of community leaders.*

*Support legislation that promotes economic development opportunities through the expansion of state economic development funds and statutes.*

*Support legislation beneficial to Texas A&M University and Blinn College.*

*Oppose attempts to restrict the use of economic development tools such as tax abatement and/or tax increment reinvestment zones.*

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

- **Law Enforcement** - Each legislative session there is an innumerable amount of bills related to public safety that could have a direct impact on our first responders. This year, Police Jeff Capps has been selected to serve on the Texas Police Chiefs Association Legislative Committee.

City Position:

*Monitor and likely support many of the initiatives proposed by the Texas Police Chiefs Association.*

## PUBLIC UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Water / Waste Water** - As the state continues to grapple with the effects of one of the worst droughts in its history, it is anticipated that there will be numerous bills filed pertaining to the State Water Plan, water rights, conservation, quality, etc. It is imperative for the continued growth of the city that any legislation that impacts our ability to secure reliable and safe water resources be monitored closely.

City Positions:

*Monitor and support as necessary legislation that protects our ability to provide an adequate water supply to our citizens and safely treat and discharge effluent; promote water conservation; maintain local authority over water management*

*Support legislation pertaining to the State Water Plan so long as it does not create any unnecessary burdens for local governments or water systems.*

- **Electric Utility** – As energy costs increase and reliability and resource adequacy becomes more important, the city will closely monitor the Texas Public Power Association's (TPPA) legislative issues as they pertain to the city's electric utility. These include:

*Support any legislation or regulation that encourages resources adequacy, reliability, market viability, and customer protection.*

*Opposition of any loss of local control for Municipally Owned Electric Utilities (MOU's).*

*Opposition of any changes to current mandated discounts to universities by extending those discounts to other entities.*

- **Sanitation** – A recent case in the City of Dallas in which a “flow control” ordinance requiring commercial trash haulers to dispose of waste in the city’s landfill was recently overturned in U.S. District Court. It is believed that this ruling could result in legislation being proposed that would limit and erode municipalities’ authority to enter into franchise agreements for the use of streets, Rights-of-Way, and easements. Franchises have long been held as an important tool for cities to protect public property, ROW, easements, etc. and ensure public safety.

The city will also monitor the initiatives of TxSWANA (Lone Star Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America).

City Position:

*Oppose legislation that would limit municipal authority to grant and maintain franchise agreements for the use of public roadways, ROW, easements, etc.*

- **Transportation** – As highlighted in the Council’s Strategic Plan, improving transportation is a critical issue for our growing community. While the city and Texas as a whole are rapidly growing, many factors impact the state’s ability to properly respond to fund transportation projects vital to our continued growth and vitality. These factors include, but are not limited to: federal funding recessions, construction inflation, use of gas tax revenues for non-transportation purposes by the legislature, etc. It is important for the state to create mechanisms to help meet the increasing transportation needs of our communities. In addition, the city will monitor the initiatives of TexITE (Texas District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers).

City Positions:

*Support state-funded and local-option funding choices to be utilized for transportation purposes*

*Support legislation that would discontinue the diversion of transportation revenues to non-transportation purposes and appropriate all revenues from highway user fees and taxes to fund transportation projects.*

## Parks & Recreation

- **Texas Parks and Wildlife Funding** – The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department administers several programs that provide matching grants and other funding mechanisms to communities throughout the state. Unfortunately, over the past few years, those funds have been cut. While we are mindful that those cuts were necessary, we do support the preservation of current funding levels.

City Position:

*Support the preservation of dedicated state funding for Parks.*

**December 18, 2012**  
**Special Agenda Item No. 3**  
**Utility Outage Reporting System**

**To:** David Neeley, City Manager

**From:** Timothy Crabb, Interim Director of Electric Utilities

**Agenda Caption:** Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding options and enhancements for the Utility Dispatch outage reporting and tracking system.

**Relationship to Strategic Goals:** Core Services and Infrastructure

**Recommendation(s):** Staff recommends the approval of the proposal to update the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) to a hosted system that keys off the customer's account number and to upgrade the Outage Management System (OMS).

**Summary:** In 2001 CSU began using an automated trouble shooting and outage reporting system. This system was put in place to accommodate the large number of calls coming into dispatch when there is an outage. The current system is no longer upgradeable in its current state and the system has issues working with the more advanced CISCO telephone system used by the City. CSU has investigated requirements needed in order to upgrade the system to one that is more technologically advanced to provide better customer service, better trouble shooting and outage information, and more accurate outage data. The results of this study have provided an option that CSU would like to pursue as a replacement and upgrade for the current IVR and OMS.

**Budget & Financial Summary:** Funds are budgeted and available in the Electrical Fund.

**Reviewed and Approved by Legal:** No

**Attachments:** N/A

**December 18, 2012**  
**Special Agenda Item No. 4**  
**Pay Day Lending Regulation**

**To:** David Neeley, City Manager

**From:** Bob Cowell, AICP, CNU-A, Executive Director of Planning & Development Services

**Agenda Caption:** Presentation, possible action, and discussion of information about payday and auto title lending businesses, as well as efforts other cities are undertaking to bring about regulation of this industry.

**Relationship to Strategic Goals:** Financially Sustainable City, Neighborhood Integrity, and Diverse Growing Economy

**Recommendation(s):** Staff recommends Council provide direction to staff regarding presentation of a Resolution in support of regulating payday and auto title lending businesses on the January 10<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda.

**Summary:** A Presentation will be given covering information about payday and auto title lending businesses, as well as efforts other cities are undertaking to bring about regulation of this industry.

Texas cities, including Austin, Dallas and San Antonio, are seeking support from the Texas Municipal League (TML) to request the Texas Legislature and the Governor of Texas to provide for regulation of payday lending and auto title lending practices. Staff works with various Community Stakeholders through the United Way's Financial Stability Committee which has drafted a Call to Action Concerning Payday and Auto Title Lending Activities. This call was created to urge both the College Station and Bryan City Council's to adopt a Resolution to request that policy makers take action to regulate payday and auto title lending in the State. The City of Bryan recently passed a Resolution in support of this effort.

If directed to proceed, a resolution requesting the Texas Legislature and the Governor of Texas to enact laws to regulate payday lending and auto title loan practices and requesting the Texas Municipal League to introduce and support such legislation and to express support of the cities of Austin, Dallas, and San Antonio toward their efforts to regulate payday lending and auto title loan practices will be presented at the January 10th meeting for approval.

**Budget & Financial Summary:** N/A

**Attachments:**

1. Sample Resolution
2. UWBV Financial Stability Committee Call to Action Concerning Payday and Auto Title Lending Activities



OF THE BRAZOS VALLEY

October 31, 2012

David Neeley  
City Manager, City of College Station  
P.O. Box 9960  
College Station, TX 77840

Dear Mr. Neeley:

On behalf of the Financial Stability Committee of United Way of the Brazos Valley, I would like to submit the enclosed statement concerning the adoption of a Payday and Auto Title Lending Resolution in College Station.

The Financial Stability Committee of the United Way of the Brazos Valley exists to promote and advocate a healthy financial environment for individuals and families in the Brazos Valley. The Financial Stability Committee has reviewed research and evidence which demonstrates that the business practices of payday and auto title lenders cause long-term financial harm to College Station residents.

The Committee urges the College Station City Council to adopt a resolution that will encourage the Texas State Legislature and the Governor of Texas to take statewide action on these practices and create a healthy financial environment for families in Texas.

Enclosed with this letter is the United Way Board Approved Financial Stability Statement on Payday and Auto Title Lending as well as a sample City Resolution for your review.

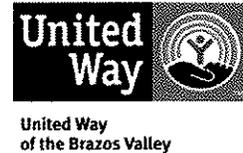
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alison Prince

Vice President Community Impact  
United Way of the Brazos Valley

*United Way of the Brazos Valley brings the community together to find solutions that change people's lives by advancing Education, Financial Stability and Health in the Brazos Valley.*



## **Financial Stability Committee Call to Action Concerning Payday and Auto Title Lending Activities**

Payday and auto title loan businesses are expanding across our community, with over 50 stores in the Bryan/College Station community. These businesses target working families, senior citizens, and military families who struggle to pay rent, bills and other basic needs. Payday and auto title loan products carry annualized percentage rates (APRs) upwards of 500%. Research has shown that payday and auto title loans trap borrowers in a cycle of debt, causing them serious financial harm.

Local community service organizations have a particular interest in seeing reform for payday and auto title lender businesses because 20% of charitable cash assistance is given to families that are financially struggling due to these loans; additionally, 76% of payday and auto title borrowers seeking charitable assistance also receive public benefits.

United Way of the Brazos Valley's Financial Stability Committee works to promote a healthy financial environment for individuals and families. Members of the committee include representatives from community service organizations, banking institutions, community and economic development offices, housing authorities, the Better Business Bureau, and Council of Governments.

**The members of the Financial Stability Committee advocate that the College Station City Council takes a stand and adopt a Resolution to request that the Texas State Legislature and the Governor of Texas take action to stop usurious lending by payday and auto title lenders and support cities' authorities to pass ordinances aimed at curtailing credit access businesses' exploitation of economically vulnerable citizens.**

**Adopted by Financial Stability Committee: *September 19, 2012***

**Approved by United Way Board of Directors: *October 25, 2012***

Sources:

*Texas Fair Lending Alliance, 2012*

*Bush School Capstone, The Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University 2011-2012*

DRAFT RESOLUTION  
OF  
THE CITY OF XXXXX  
TO REQUEST THAT THE TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS TAKE  
ACTION TO STOP USURIOUS LENDING BY PAYDAY AND AUTO TITLE LENDERS  
AND  
TO SUPPORT CITIES' AUTHORITY TO PASS ORDINANCES AIMED AT CURTAILING CREDIT  
ACCESS BUSINESSES' EXPLOITATION OF ECONOMICALLY VULNERABLE CITIZENS

WHEREAS, the Council/Board of Commissioners of the City of XXXXX, represents the citizens of the City of XXXX;

WHEREAS, citizens of the City of XXXXX are deeply concerned about the harmful effects of payday and auto title lending practices in our community and throughout Texas;

WHEREAS, in the state of Texas there are over 3,000 of these lending storefronts, operating outside of state usury laws, evading licensed consumer lending standards under Texas law, and making over \$3 billion in high-cost loans to Texas families each year;

WHEREAS, there are at least XXXX of these loan businesses in our local community promising "easy credit" only to hurt people with annual percentage rates upwards of 500% and loan terms that often pull people deeper into debt;

WHEREAS, in response to the targeting of working families, senior citizens, and military families who struggle to pay rent, bills, and provide for other basic needs, at least 16 states and the District of Columbia have adopted 36% or lower annual percentage rate cap for these small loans;

WHEREAS, upon the Department of Defense's finding that these loans, "undermine military readiness, harm the morale of troops and their families, and add to the cost of fielding an all-volunteer fighting force", the federal government enacted a rate cap of 36% for loans up to 90 days and up to \$2,000 to protect certain members of the military from exploitation; however, Texas payday lenders have found ways to evade the rate cap and continue to exploit the military community;

WHEREAS, to prevent payday and auto title lenders from trapping borrowers in a perpetual cycle of debt, other states have implemented provisions such as rate caps, fee caps, prorated fees, and limits on the total number of loans per consumer to ensure that borrowers can actually repay loans on time; and in these states, payday and auto title businesses continue to operate in compliance with these standards;

WHEREAS, we see a crisis in our community and it is vital that the Texas State Legislature take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The City of XXXX urges the Texas State Legislature and the Governor of Texas to take action in the next regular session of the State Legislature in 2013 to enact laws that will:
  - o End the exploitative practices of credit access businesses that hurt our communities and struggling Texans by charging usurious and immoral rates and fees;
  - o Affirm cities' right to promote the public welfare and prevent predatory practices by upholding local control, as permitted by current law.
2. The City of XXXX supports cities' authority to pass ordinances aimed at curtailing predatory payday and auto title business practices and ending the damaging cycle of debt and economic drain too often caused by these loans.

**December 18, 2012**  
**Special Agenda Item No. 5**

**To:** David Neeley, City Manager

**From:** Carla Robinson, City Attorney

**Agenda Caption:** Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding approval of an engagement letter between the City of College Station and Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, LLP in the amount of \$105,000 to provide services to the City in connection with the creation of two municipal management districts related to the Medical District and authorizing the City Manager to execute the engagement letter on behalf of the City Council.

**Relationship to Strategic Goals:** (Select all that apply)

1. Financially Sustainable City
2. Core Services and Infrastructure
3. Diverse Growing Economy

**Recommendation(s):** Staff recommends approval of the engagement letter and authorization for the City Manager to execute the contract.

**Summary:** Should the City Council decide to proceed with the creation of Municipal Management District No. 1 (MMD1) and Municipal Management District No. 2 (MMD2), several steps will be required to establish the Districts. These steps include drafting the legislation creating the districts; coordinating testimony at legislative hearings; working with legislators, their staff, the Texas Legislative Council, House and Senate Committees and the Governor to pass and sign the legislation; preparing and filing or publishing all required notices to the public, the County, the Governor, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ); and attending meetings of property owners and interested parties regarding the Districts' creation. Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, a law firm located in Houston, Texas, has a practice devoted solely to public law and finance and has extensive experience obtaining special legislation creating a number of municipal management districts state wide. The scope of engagement with the City includes the services outlined above. The flat fee for the provision of these services for the creation of MMD1 and MMD2 is a total of \$105,000. The engagement letter also provides that the City may, if it desires, request additional services at its option for an hourly rate. Should the City Council decide not to proceed with the special legislation the City will be responsible for paying a pro rata portion of the fee for the work already performed.

**Budget & Financial Summary:** It is anticipated that all or a portion of these costs may be reimbursed by the MMDs when development agreements are negotiated and executed. Until then, these expenses are proposed to be paid out of the Economic Development Fund. The budget appropriation for this expenditure will be included on the first budget amendment.

**Reviewed and Approved by Legal:** Yes

**Attachments:** Available at the meeting.

**December 18, 2012**  
**Special Agenda Item No. 6**  
**Approval of an Amendment to the**  
**Interlocal Cooperation and Joint Development Agreement**  
**for the Joint Research Valley BioCorridor Development Project**

**To:** David Neeley, City Manager

**From:** Frank Simpson, Deputy City Manager

**Agenda Caption:** Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding an amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation and Joint Development Agreement for the Joint Research Valley BioCorridor Development Project.

**Relationship to Strategic Goals:** Diverse Growing Economy

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the Amendment.

**Summary:** This amendment to the BioCorridor ILA changes the definition of Target Company to remove the requirement of a prospect's minimum taxable value as \$15 million. Now Revenue Sharing will be triggered by any development within the BioCorridor.

The Roadway Project section is amended to trigger construction of Phase 1B and Phase 2A upon the completion of design and acquisition or lease of property in the Project Site by a Target Company adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 million.

The Sewer Infrastructure sections are amended to trigger construction of the sewer infrastructure upon the award of the design contract for the Roadway Project and the acquisition or lease of property in the Project Site by a Target Company adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 million.

This item was approved by the Bryan City Council at their December 11, 2012 meeting.

**Budget & Financial Summary:** N/A

**Reviewed and Approved by Legal:** Yes

**Attachments:** First Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation and Joint Development Agreement

**FIRST AMENDMENT  
TO INTERLOCAL COOPERATION  
AND JOINT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT is made by and between the City of College Station, Texas (“College Station”), and the City of Bryan, Texas (“Bryan”), acting by and through their respective authorized representatives.

**WHEREAS**, on December 15, 2011, the Parties entered into an interlocal and joint development agreement (“the Agreement”) which set forth the understandings and obligations of the Parties with respect to certain infrastructure projects and a joint economic development program known as the Joint Research Valley BioCorridor Development Project (“the Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement to clarify the definition of Target Company and clarify the trigger event for the commencement of the infrastructure projects.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the parties agree as follows:

**I.**

That the definition of “Target Company” is amended by deleting “adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 Million Dollars unless the City Managers agree in writing to a lesser amount” and shall now read as follows:

“Target Company” shall mean a person, company, partnership or other legal entity that acquires and/or leases land and/or improvements, or leases and/or acquires land and constructs improvements, and locates Tangible Personal Property within the Project Site.

**II.**

That the phrase “adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 Million Dollars” shall be added in four locations in 4.02 (as shown underlined below) and 4.02 shall now read as follows:

4.02 **Timing of Roadway Project Construction.** The Parties agree that Bryan shall award a contract for the design of the Roadway Project on or before ninety (90) days after the form of the contract has been agreed upon in the manner set forth below. The design of the Roadway Project shall be completed within 200 days from the date the design contract is awarded. The Parties agree that Bryan shall cause Commencement of Construction of Phase 1B of the Roadway Project to occur upon the completion of the design of the Roadway Project and the earlier of: (i) the date of acquisition of land within the Project Site by a Target Company adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 Million Dollars, or (ii) the date of execution of a lease for land and/or improvements within the Project Site by a Target Company adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 Million Dollars, and to cause Completion of Construction thereof to occur within eighteen (18) months thereafter. Bryan shall cause Commencement of Construction of Phase 2A of the Roadway Project to occur upon the completion of the design contract and the earlier of: (i) the date of acquisition of land within the Project Site located immediately adjacent to the proposed Phase 2A by a Target Company adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 Million Dollars, or (ii) the date of execution of a lease for land and/or improvements within the Project Site located immediately adjacent to the proposed Phase 2A by a Target Company adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 Million Dollars, unless the City Managers for the Parties agree in writing to an earlier date

for Commencement of Construction of Phase 2A, and to cause Completion of Construction thereof to occur within eighteen (18) months thereafter.

The Parties also agree and understand that nothing herein shall prohibit College Station from entering into its own contract with the same person or entity selected to design the Roadway Project to also design a water line extension for College Station associated with the provision of water services to the Project Site. Such design costs shall be the sole responsibility of College Station.

### III.

That the phrase “adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 Million Dollars” shall be added in two locations in 7.08 b. (as shown underlined below) and 7.08 b. shall now read as follows:

#### 7.08 Sewer Infrastructure and Related Mains and Facilities.

- b. Subject to other provisions set forth in this Agreement, Bryan agrees to appropriate funds and award contract(s) for the design and construction, and to cause the Commencement of Construction of the lift station and related mains and facilities substantially as depicted in Exhibit “G” to provide service in the West Sewer Service Area to commence upon the award of the design contract for the Roadway Project and the earlier of (i) the date of acquisition of land within the Project Site by a Target Company adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 Million Dollars, or (ii) the date of execution of a lease for land and/or improvements within the Project Site by a Target Company adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 Million Dollars, unless the City Managers for the Parties agree in writing to an earlier date, and to cause Completion of Construction thereof to occur within eighteen (18) months thereafter. Bryan shall be the owner of such facilities and improvements serving the West Sewer Service Area and responsible for operation and maintenance thereof.

In the event acquisition of land requires eminent domain proceedings, the Party legally able to do so shall commence such proceedings with reasonable diligence. Such proceedings shall toll any timelines for completion of the West Sewer Side Improvements. Neither party shall be considered in default of this Agreement due to delays in obtaining the CCN swap or for acquisition of easements for the East and West Service Areas.

College Station agrees to appropriate funding for its share of the costs for the design and construction of the facilities for the West Sewer Service Area substantially as depicted in Exhibit “G” upon approval of the contract by the Parties and prior to the execution of the contract by Bryan. Bryan shall provide College Station with written monthly progress reports and monthly invoices (as necessary or applicable) for the share of the costs of the West Sewer Service Area due and owing by College Station, which shall be paid within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof. The Parties shall jointly approve any change orders to any contracts for the West Sewer Service Area.

### IV.

That the phrase “adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 Million Dollars” shall be added in two locations in 7.08 c. (as shown underlined below) and 7.08 c. shall now read as follows:

**7.08 Sewer Infrastructure and Related Mains and Facilities.**

- c. Subject to other provisions of this Agreement, College Station agrees to appropriate funds and award contract(s) for the design and the construction and to cause the Commencement of Construction of the lift station and related mains and facilities substantially as depicted in **Exhibit "F"**, to provide service in the East Sewer Service Area, to commence upon the award of the design contract for the Roadway Project and the earlier of (i) the date of acquisition of land within the Project Site by a Target Company adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 Million Dollars, or (ii) the date of execution of a lease for land and/or improvements within the Project Site by a Target Company adding a minimum Taxable Value of \$15 Million Dollars, unless the City Managers for the Parties agree in writing to an earlier date, and to cause Completion of Construction to occur within eighteen (18) months thereafter. College Station shall be the owner of such improvements serving the East Sewer Service Area and responsible for operation and maintenance thereof.

In the event acquisition of land requires eminent domain proceedings, the Party legally able to do so shall commence such proceedings with reasonable diligence. Such proceedings shall toll any timelines for completion of the East Sewer Side Improvements. Neither party shall be considered in default of this Agreement due to delays in obtaining the CCN swap or for acquisition of easements for the East and West Service Areas.

Bryan agrees to appropriate funding for its share of the costs for the design, land acquisition and construction of the facilities for the East Sewer Service Area substantially as depicted in **Exhibit "F"** upon approval of a contract by the Parties and prior to the execution of such contract by College Station. College Station shall provide Bryan with written monthly progress reports and monthly invoices (as necessary or applicable) for the share of the costs of the East Sewer Service Area due and owing by Bryan, which shall be paid within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof. The Parties shall jointly approve any change orders to any contracts for the East Sewer Service Area.

**IV.**

All unmodified terms of the Agreement remain in full force and effect, subject only to these mutually agreed upon adjustments contained in this Amendment.

*(Signature page to follow)*

EXECUTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

**CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Berry, Mayor

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

By: Carla A Robinson  
Carla Robinson, City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary

EXECUTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

**CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Bienski, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janis Hampton, City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Lynne Stratta, City Secretary

**City of College Station Acknowledgment**

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
  §  
COUNTY OF BRAZOS       §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, by Nancy Berry, in her capacity as Mayor of the City of College Station, a Texas home-rule municipality, on behalf of said municipality.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Texas

**City of Bryan Acknowledgment**

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
  §  
COUNTY OF BRAZOS       §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, by Jason Bienski, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Bryan, a Texas home-rule municipality, on behalf of said municipality.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Texas

**December 18, 2012**  
**Special Agenda Item No. 8**  
**Resolutions Creating City Council**  
**Standing Committees**

**To:** David Neeley, City Manager

**From:** City Manager's Office

**Agenda Caption:** Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding resolutions to create a City Council Economic Development Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Compensation and Benefits Committee, and a Transportation and Mobility Committee.

**Relationship to Strategic Goals:** I. – Financially Sustainable City  
IV. – Diverse Growing Economy  
V. – Improving Mobility

**Recommendation(s):** Staff recommends approval of the resolutions.

**Summary:** In an effort to assist staff in the implementation of Council policies and improve the efficiency of future City Council meetings, staff is recommending the creation of four new standing committees. These committees will each assist in the development of the formal staff recommendation to the full Council for items pertaining to their subject area as necessary. It is staff's recommendation that each committee be composed of at least two but no more than three Council Members.

*Economic Development Committee*

The responsibilities of the Economic Development Committee include taking an active role in economic development by working with staff to promote a thriving and diverse business-friendly community through business attraction, expansion and retention efforts. The committee may help formulate and review economic development initiatives, prospects, policies, proposals and agreements.

*Budget and Finance Committee*

The Budget and Finance Committee will review key Finance and Budget policies and may make recommendations regarding those policies to the full City Council as necessary. These policies include all Fiscal and Budgetary Policies, the city's Investment Policy and Purchasing Policies. In addition to these internal policies, the Committee may review policy matters that affect the city from the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB), state and federal government, and others that may have an impact on the financial policies of the city.

*Compensation and Benefits Committee*

The Compensation and Benefits Committee is intended to help educate Council members on various compensation and benefits strategies, outcomes and challenges related to current policies and practices on pay and benefits for city employees. The Committee may review future pay and benefit plans that will continue the city's ability to recruit and retain highly performing and engaged employees. The Committee will focus on benchmarking the city's overall compensation and benefits strategies and plans; review of the city's compensation philosophy and structure; review of the city's benefits philosophy, plans and models; and review regular updates on related general data and measurement information.

*Transportation and Mobility Committee*

The Mobility Committee will be relied upon to provide policy guidance on issues related to local transportation planning, major transportation projects and financing, and other mobility related items. The Committee may also assist in coordinating the Council's policy development as it relates to its advisory boards, such as the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board, and other governmental boards and committees, such as the MPO and RPO that are dedicated to mobility issues.

**Budget & Financial Summary:** N/A

**Reviewed and Approved by Legal:** Yes

**Attachments:**

- 1) Economic Development Committee Resolution
- 2) Budget and Finance Committee Resolution
- 3) Compensation and Benefits Committee Resolution
- 4) Transportation and Mobility Committee Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS  
CREATING A CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the City Council has deemed that a diverse and growing economy be included as a strategic initiative for the City of College Station; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to take an active role in the economic development activities of the City by working with the staff to promote a thriving and diverse business-friendly community through business attraction, expansion, and retention efforts; now therefore

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

PART 1: That a Standing Committee for Economic Development is created and shall consist of three (3) members of the College Station City Council.

PART 2: That Economic Development Committee members shall be appointed to one (1) year terms.

PART 2: That the purpose of Economic Development Committee may be to assist in the economic development efforts of the staff in reviewing economic development initiatives, prospects, policies, proposals and agreements.

PART 3: That the Economic Development Committee may offer formal recommendations on the above stated items to the full Council when necessary.

PART 4: That the Economic Development Committee may be dissolved by resolution of the City Council.

PART 5: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 2012.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

APPROVED:

*Carla A. Robinson*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS  
CREATING A CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE FOR BUDGET AND FINANCE.**

WHEREAS, the City Council has deemed that a financially sustainable city be included as a strategic initiative for the City of College Station; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to take an active role in reviewing the key finance and budget policies of the City; now therefore

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

- PART 1: That a Standing Committee for Budget and Finance (the "Committee") is created and shall consist of at least two (2) but no more than three (3) members of the College Station City Council.
- PART 2: That of the Committee Members appointed, the City Council will select the Chairperson of the Committee.
- PART 3: That Committee Members shall be appointed to one (1) year terms.
- PART 4: That the purpose of the Committee may be to review all fiscal and budgetary policies; the city investment policy; the city purchasing policies; policy matters that affect the city from the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB), state and federal government, as well as others that may have an impact on the financial policies of the city.
- PART 5: That the Committee may assist in the development of the formal staff recommendation(s) for items that require action by the City Council.
- PART 6: That the Committee shall meet only as needed or at the call of the Chair.
- PART 7: That the Budget and Finance Committee may be dissolved by resolution of the City Council.
- PART 8: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 2012.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

APPROVED:

*Carla A Robinson*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS  
CREATING A CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE FOR COMPENSATION AND  
BENEFITS.**

WHEREAS, the City Council has deemed that a financially sustainable city be included as a strategic initiative for the City of College Station; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to take an active role in the review of the city's compensation and benefits and strategies related to current policies and practices on pay and benefits for city employees to ensure that the city continues to recruit and retain highly performing and engaged employees.

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

- PART 1: That a Standing Committee for Compensation and Benefits (the "Committee") is created and shall consist of at least two (2) but no more than three (3) members of the College Station City Council.
- PART 2: That of the Committee Members appointed, the City Council will select the Chairperson of the Committee.
- PART 3: That Committee Members shall be appointed to one (1) year terms.
- PART 4: That the purpose of the Committee may be to review current and future pay and benefit plans; benchmark reports on the City's overall compensation and benefits philosophies, strategies, plans and structure; and related general data and measurement information.
- PART 5: That the Committee may assist in the development of the formal staff recommendation(s) for items that require action by the City Council.
- PART 6: That the Committee shall meet only as needed or at the call of the Chair.
- PART 7: That the Committee may be dissolved by resolution of the City Council.
- PART 8: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 2012.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

APPROVED:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS  
CREATING A CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE FOR TRANSPORTATION AND  
MOBILITY**

WHEREAS, the City Council has deemed that a improving mobility be included as a strategic initiative for the City of College Station; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to take an active role in providing policy guidance on issues related to local transportation planning, major transportation projects and financing, and other mobility related items; now therefore

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

- PART 1: That a Standing Committee for Transportation Mobility (“the Committee”) is created and shall consist of at least two (2) but no more than (3) members of the College Station City Council.
- PART 2: That of the Committee Members appointed, the City Council will select the Chairperson of the Committee.
- PART 3: That Committee members shall be appointed to one (1) year terms.
- PART 4: That the purpose of the Committee is to provide policy guidance on issues related to local transportation planning; the Committee may also assist in the coordination of the Council’s policy development as it relates to its advisory boards, the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board, and other governmental boards such as the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Rural Planning Organization that are dedicated to mobility issues.
- PART 5: That, the Committee may assist in the development of the formal staff recommendation(s) for items that require action by the City Council.
- PART 6: That the Committee shall meet only as needed or at the call of the chair.
- PART 7: That the Committee may be dissolved by resolution of the City Council.
- PART 8: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 2012.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

APPROVED:

*Carla A. Robinson*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

**December 18, 2012**  
**Special Agenda Item No. 9**  
**Council Board Appointments**

**To:** David Neeley, City Manager

**From:** Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary

**Agenda Caption:** Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the appointment of Councilmembers to boards and commissions.

**Relationship to Strategic Goals:** Not applicable

**Recommendation(s):** None

**Summary:** Below is a listing of Councilmembers currently serving on boards. Vacancies that need to be filled are indicated with a “\_\_\_\_\_”.

- Arts Council of the Brazos Valley: Jess Fields
- Audit Committee: Nancy Berry, Jess Fields, Karl Mooney
- Blinn College Brazos Valley Advisory Committee: Nancy Berry
- Brazos County Health Department: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- Brazos Valley Council of Governments: Nancy Berry
- Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce: Julie Schultz
- BVSWMA: Nancy Berry
- BVWACS: Jess Fields
- CEOC Policy Advisory Board: Nancy Berry
- Convention & Visitors Bureau: Karl Mooney, with Julie Schultz as alternate
- Historic Preservation Committee/Landmark Commission: Julie Schultz
- Interfaith Dialogue Association: Nancy Berry
- Intergovernmental Council: Nancy Berry, Blanche Brick, \_\_\_\_\_
- Metropolitan Planning Organization: Nancy Berry
- Research Valley Partnership: Nancy Berry, Julie Schultz
- RPO Transportation Committee for Council of Governments: Blanche Brick
- \* Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board: Blanche Brick
- Twin City Endowment Board: \_\_\_\_\_

**Budget & Financial Summary:** None

**Reviewed and Approved by Legal:** Not applicable

**Attachments:**

- None