



Mayor
Ron Silvia
Mayor Pro Tempore
Ben White
City Manager
Glenn Brown

Council Members
John Happ
Ron Gay
Lynn McIlhaney
Chris Scotti
David Ruesink

Minutes
City Council Workshop Meeting
Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 3:00 pm
City Hall Council Chambers, 1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Silvia, Mayor Pro Tem White, Council members, Happ, McIlhaney, Scotti, Ruesink

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: Gay

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Brown, City Attorney Cargill Jr., City Secretary Hooks, Assistant City Secretary Casares, Management Team

Mayor Silvia called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

Workshop Agenda Item No. 1 -- Presentation, possible action, and discussion on items listed on the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda Item No. 2a – Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding a resolution supporting the construction of the I-69 and the East West Corridor (I-14) and requesting the expansion of the corridors’ study areas to include Brazos County.

Council member Happ recommended the language about the east west corridor I-14 be deleted from the resolution. This area has not been discussed at the Transportation Committee meetings.

Consent Agenda Item No. 2g – Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the racial profile report required annually by Senate Bill 1074, of the Texas 77th legislative session.

Mayor Pro Tem White commended Police Chief Clancey on the report and suggested placing the information on the City of College Station Website.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 2 -- Presentation, possible action and discussion regarding Tourism and Security.

Chief of Police Michael Clancey introduced this item and Dr. Peter Tarlow. Dr. Tarlow presented an overview of his consulting work related to the Tourism and Security Industry. He consults various levels of governmental entities. He described the importance of these ongoing efforts by local officials:

- ✓ Roll Call Training for officers - observance on latest trends.
- ✓ Designate a department liaison with the Convention and Visitors Bureau – observance on upcoming events.
- ✓ Emphasizing the need to be familiar with Hotel/Motel management staff within their assigned beats.

No formal action was taken.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 3 -- Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding an update on a proposed Red Light Camera program for the City of College Station.

Assistant Director of Fiscal Services Cheryl Turney described the Red Light Photo Enforcement goals and objectives, team evaluation of five vendors, survey sites, timeline, public awareness campaign, and Legislation. She presented a video clip of various intersections within the City of College Station depicting red light violations.

Ms. Turney noted that an ordinance, contract and TxDOT amended maintenance agreement would be presented to the City Council for approval in May 2007.

No formal action was taken.

Council recessed for a short break at 4:20 p.m. and reconvened the workshop meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 4 – Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding public skateboard park facilities.

Director of Parks and Recreation Steve Beachy summarized the history of this topic. He presented photos illustrating various types of skateboard facilities, requirements, design, construction and equipment. Mr. Beachy pointed out the maintenance requirements, liability and risk. He noted that there is a demand for such a facility of this type within the City of College Station.

After a brief discussion, Council directed staff to solicit input from the Parks and Recreation Board, determine a suitable location, consider maintenance cost, etc. and bring this item back to Council at a future meeting.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 5 – Council Calendars

- Mar 24 KEOS Community Radio Ribbon Cutting and Open House – Noon – 1:30 p.m. 202 Carson Street – Bryan
- Mar 24 Persian New Year Celebration – Blinn College E Building Banquet Room 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – proclamation
- Mar 26 Reception for Director of Planning & Development Services Candidates – Council Chambers – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 28 10 Annual M.B. Zale Visionary Merchant Lecture and Awards Mays Business School – Ray Auditorium – 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Mar 29 TML Region X March Meeting – City of Kyle City Hall 100 W. Center Street 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Apr 3 Annual CSPD Awards Banquet – Pebble Creek Country Club – 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- Apr 4 Be a Good Neighbor Block Party – Gabbard Park – 5:00 p.m.
- Apr 6 Holiday – Offices Closed
- Apr 11 Steeplechase Park Open House 5:30 p.m.
- Apr 12 City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 13 Brazos Valley Troupe presents a Dual Duck Roast for Mayor Silvia and Mayor Wentrcek – Hilton – 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Apr 16 Intergovernmental Committee Meeting – Bryan ISD – Noon
- Apr 17 Council Transportation Committee Meeting – Administrative Conference Room – 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 18 Oaks Park Open House – 5:30 p.m.
- Apr 19 Wolf Pen Creek Building Dedication – 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Apr 26 18th Annual Local Govt. Seminar – Austin, Texas – 8:00 a.m.
- Apr 26 City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 27 Arbor Day Celebration and Veterans Park Phase II (American Mile) – Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Council reviewed their upcoming events.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 6 -- Presentation, possible action, and discussion on future agenda items: A Council Member may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting

Council member Happ requested a workshop agenda item to discuss the feasibility of public improvement districts. Council member Ruesink seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, 6-0.

FOR: Silvia, White, Happ, McIlhaney, Scotti, Ruesink
AGAINST: None
ABSENT: Gay

Council member Happ requested a workshop agenda item for information about the historic home projects. Council member Ruesink seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, 6-0.

FOR: Silvia, White, Happ, McIlhaney, Scotti, Ruesink
AGAINST: None
ABSENT: Gay

Council member Ruesink requested a workshop agenda item for an overview of public improvement projects. Mayor Pro Tem White seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, 6-0.

FOR: Silvia, White, Happ, McIlhaney, Scotti, Ruesink
AGAINST: None
ABSENT: Gay

Workshop Agenda Item No. 7 -- Discussion, review and possible action regarding the following meetings: Brazos County Health Dept., Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Cemetery Committee, City Center, CSISD/City Joint Meeting, Design Review Board, Fraternal Partnership, Historic Preservation

Committee, Interfaith Dialogue Association, Intergovernmental Committee and School District, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee, Library Committee, Making Cities Livable Conference, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Outside Agency Funding Review, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Sister City Association, TAMU Student Senate, Research Valley Partnership, Regional Transportation Committee for Council of Governments, Transportation Committee, Wolf Pen Creek Oversight Committee, Wolf Pen Creek TIF Board, Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Councilmember Happ reported on the recent meeting of the College Station Transportation Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem White provided an update from the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting.

Council member Scotti provided information discussed at the Research Valley Partnership meeting.

Mayor Silvia made comments from his attendance of the Metropolitan Planning Organization special meeting.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 8 -- Executive Session will immediately follow the workshop meeting in the Administrative Conference Room.

At 5:45 p.m., Mayor Silvia announced in open session that the City Council would convene into executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.087 of the Open Meetings Act to seek the advice of our attorney and to consider economic development negotiations.

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

TCEQ Docket No. 2002-1147-UCR, Applications of Brushy Water Supply and College Station (Westside/Highway 60)

TCEQ Docket No. 2003-0544MWD, Application of Nantucket, Ltd.

TXU Lone Star Gas Rate Request.

Cause No. 03-002098-CV-85, *Brazos County, College Station v. Wellborn Special Utility District*

Civil Action No. H-04-4558, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division,

College Station v. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, etc., and Wellborn Special Utility District

Civil Action No. H-04-3876, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division,

JK Development v. College Station

GUD No. 9530 – Gas Cost Prudence Review, Atmos Energy Corporation

GUD No. 9560 – Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) rate increases, Atmos Energy

Cause No. GN-502012, Travis County, *TMPA v. PUC* (College Station filed Intervention 7/6/05)

Cause No. 06-000703-CV-85, *Patricia Moore, et al. v. Ross Stores, Inc., City of College Station, et al.*

Sewer CCN request.

Legal aspects of Lease Agreements for No. 4 Water Well and possible purchase of or lease of another water site from City of Bryan

Civil Action No. H-04-3876, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, *JK Development v.*

College Station

Cause No. 06-002318-CV-272, 272nd Judicial District Court, Brazos County, Texas, *Taylor Kingsley v. City of College Station, Texas, and Does 1 through 10, inclusive.*

Cause No. 484-CC, County Court at Law No. 2, Brazos County, Texas, *City of College Station v. Canyon Creek Partners, Ltd. and First Ag Credit, FLCA.*

Cause No. 485-CC, County Court at Law No. 1, Brazos County, Texas, *City of College Station v. David Allen Weber, et al.*

Discussion of legal rights and obligations of contract with Arts Council.

Bed and Banks applications for College Station and Bryan

Economic Incentive Negotiations {Gov't Code Section 551.087}

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:

Spring Creek Business Park

Workshop Agenda Item No. 9 -- Final Action on executive session, if necessary.

At 6:55 pm, Council returned from executive session. No action was taken.

Workshop Agenda Item No. 10 -- Adjourn.

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm on Thursday, March 22, 2007.

PASSED and APPROVED on 12th day of April, 2007.

APPROVED:

Mayor Ron Silvia

ATTEST:

City Secretary Connie Hooks