



Mayor
Ben White
Mayor Pro Tem
Lynn McIlhaney
City Manager
Glenn Brown

Councilmembers
John Crompton
James Massey
Dennis Maloney
Lawrence Stewart
David Ruesink

MINUTES
College Station City Council
Workshop Meeting
Thursday, December 11, 2008 2:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers, 1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor White, Mayor Pro Tem McIlhaney, Council members Stewart, Massey, Maloney, Ruesink, Crompton

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Brown, Assistant City Manager Neeley, Assistant City Manager Merrill, City Attorney Cargill, City Secretary Hooks, Management Team

Mayor White opened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

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

Council member Crompton removed Items 2e and 2k, funding agreement for the George Bush Presidential Library, and funding agreement for Veterans Memorial. He stated that the Council has a general policy of not supporting non-profit organizations.

Staff explained Consent Item 2g – Assistant Fire Chief Jon Mies described the item regarding purchase of Custom Pumper.

Workshop Item No. 2 -- Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding results of the management review conducted by Carroll Buracker & Associates and an overview of future plans for the Police Department.

City Manager Glenn Brown introduced the item. The City hired Carroll Buracker and Associates, Inc. to conduct the management study of the Police Department.

Mr. Buracker presented an indepth overview of the management study and recommendations. He acknowledged the department's service as highly commendable in many areas of operations.

Police Chief Michael Ikner indicated his satisfaction with the report and planned to implement several of the recommendations in accordance with his plans for the Department.

No official action was taken.

Workshop Item No. 3 – Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding parking in Northgate including possible revisions to the UDO and parking plan for Northgate.

Three Directors on the City's Management Team presented this item. Bob Cowell, Director of Planning and Development Services, David Gwin, Economic and Community Development Director, and Chuck Gilman, Director of Capital Projects.

Mr. Cowell provided brief introduction of UDO requirements regarding parking removal plan in Northgate as redevelopment occurs, specifically "head in" parking spaces.

Mr. Gilman described an overview of street rehabilitation requirements within the UDO. He presented a status of Tauber and Stasney street rehabilitation project that includes removal of all on street parking spaces on Tauber and Stasney, and Lodge and Church street. Concerns have been raised regarding public safety in certain areas of Northgate related to on-street parking, vehicular traffic and pedestrian movement conflicts.

Mr. Gwin addressed the current parking capacity in Northgate corridor. He added that surface parking in Northgate is not effective. The main focus now is to stabilize the current parking capacity. Ultimately, multi-level parking will be necessary.

Council expressed comments as well as concerns related to parking for Northgate merchants and customers.

Council member Maloney made a motion to move forward with the UDO requirements established for Northgate plan for parking removal and direct staff to return within ninety days with options and further explanations of parking issues in Northgate area. Council member Crompton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Mr. Gwin discussed a possible solution for removal of parking on Lodge Street on certain days and certain times. This hybrid solution would provide for installation of retractable traffic bollard system on various streets in Northgate.

Council member Crompton directed staff to move forward with the hybrid plan described by Mr. Gwin which allows for two-way traffic between 9-3 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and one-way traffic the remaining times and days. Council member Ruesink seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 7-0.

At 5:04 pm, Mayor White announced that the City Council would convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Open Meetings Act to confer with City Attorney on matters of pending and contemplated litigation.

Workshop Item No. 10 -- Executive Session will immediately follow the workshop meeting in the Administrative Conference Room.

Consultation with Attorney {Gov't Code Section 551.071}; possible action. The City Council may seek advice from its attorney regarding a pending or contemplated litigation subject or settlement offer or attorney-client privileged information. Litigation is an ongoing process and questions may arise as to a litigation tactic or settlement offer, which needs to be discussed with the City Council. Upon occasion the City Council may need information from its attorney as to the status of a pending or contemplated litigation subject or settlement offer

or attorney-client privileged information. After executive session discussion, any final action or vote taken will be in public. The following subject(s) may be discussed:

- a. Application with TCEQ for permits in Westside/Highway 60 area, near Brushy Water Supply Corporation.
- b. Sewer CCN permit requests.
- c. Water CCN permit requests.
- d. Water service application with regard to Wellborn Special Utility District.
- e. Bed & Banks Water Rights Discharge Permits for College Station and Bryan
- f. Attorney-client privileged information and possible contemplated litigation of prior expenditures of College Station funds made by Paul Urso to Texcon.
- g. Legal aspects of Water Well, permits and possible purchase of or lease of water well sites.
- h. Cliff A. Skiles, DVM & C.A. Skiles Family Partnership, Ltd. Water permit applications with the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District.
- i. JK Development v. College Station.
- j. Taylor Kingsley v. College Station.
- k. State Farm Lloyds as Subrogee of Mikal Klumpp v. College Station.
- l. TMPA v. PUC (College Station filed Intervention).
- m. City of Bryan suit filed against College Station, Legal issues and advise on Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency contract, on proposed methane gas contract. Update on legal proceedings for Grimes County Landfill site and contracts for development of Grimes County site.
- n. Weingarten Realty Investors v. College Station, Ron Silvia, David Ruesink, Lynn McIlhaney, and Ben White.

Workshop Item 11 -- Action on executive session, or any workshop agenda item not completed or discussed in today's workshop meeting will be discussed in tonight's Regular Meeting if necessary.

Council returned to open session at 6:47 pm. No action was taken.

Following the conclusion of the regular meeting, City Council returned to complete workshop meeting.

Workshop Item No. 4 -- Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the FY 2009-2010 Budget Review Process.

City Manager Brown pointed out that the staff received direction from Council at a previous Council meeting regarding change in schedule of budget workshops to include adequate review by Council.

Workshop Item No. 5 -- Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding possible items to be discussed at the City Council's retreat scheduled for January 12, 2009.

City Manager Brown presented a tentative agenda for the January 12th Council retreat. Council members suggested additional topics for discussion, including conference center, "branding" identity for College Station,

Workshop Item No. 6 -- Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the Council Transportation Committee's work plan and a proposed transportation funding options resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem McIlhaney provided summary of the Council's Transportation Committee work plan for 2009 including funding options, community signage and wayfinding, transportation infrastructure projects, and Bryan

College Station mobility plan, including high speed rail. Council member Crompton made a motion to accept the Committee's 2009 work plan. Motion seconded by Council member Stewart. Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Workshop Item No. 7 -- Council Calendar

No discussion was held.

Workshop Item No. 8 -- Presentation, possible action, and discussion on future agenda items.

No discussion was held.

Workshop Item No. 9 – Committee Reports: Arts Council of the Brazos Valley, Audit Committee, Brazos County Health Dept., Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Brazos Valley Wide Area Communications Task Force, Cemetery Committee, Design Review Board, Historic Preservation Committee, Interfaith Dialogue Association, Intergovernmental Committee, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee, Library Committee, Metropolitan Planning Organization, National League of Cities, Outside Agency Funding Review, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Sister City Association, TAMU Student Senate, Research Valley Partnership, Regional Transportation Committee for Council of Governments, Texas Municipal League, Transportation Committee, Wolf Pen Creek Oversight Committee, Wolf Pen Creek TIF Board, Zoning Board of Adjustments, BVSWMA, (Notice of Agendas posted on City Hall bulletin board).

No discussion was held.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of December 2008.

APPROVED:

Mayor Ben White

ATTEST:

City Secretary Connie Hooks