



Mayor
Ben White
Mayor Pro Tem
David Ruesink
City Manager
Glenn Brown

Councilmembers
John Crompton
James Massey
Dennis Maloney
Katy-Marie Lyles
Lawrence Stewart

Minutes
City Council Workshop Meeting
Thursday, April 08, 2010 at 3:00 pm
City Hall Council Chambers, 1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Ben White, Mayor Pro Tem Ruesink, Council members Crompton, Massey, Maloney, Lyles and Stewart

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

1. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on items listed on the consent agenda.

Item No. 2c - Carmel Place Rehabilitation – Mayor Pro Tem Ruesink inquired about the replacement of a 450 ft. section of failed pavement on Carmel Place. Mark Smith, Director of Public Works explained the street consistently failed due to moisture in the soil over the past fifteen years.

2. Presentation, possible action, and discussion of the current State of the Department - End of Year statistics, a Citizen on Patrol program and a joint discussion with Planning and Development Services as it relates to a Neighborhood Ranger program.

Police Chief Jeff Capps updated Council on current "State of the Department," a review of the 2009 crime statistics, and a look at the trends observed in the first 3 months of 2010.

Bob Cowell, Director of Planning and Development Services presented an overview of developing two new programs in the City. These programs were associated with Neighborhood Policing. Council expressed support for the programs.

No formal action was taken.

3. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding City Council review of Council Meeting Procedures.

City Secretary Connie Hooks introduced the item.

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Council directed staff to revise the Council meeting procedures to reflect a maximum three minute time limit for speakers and to not allow the deferment of time to other speakers.

4. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding City Charter review.

City Secretary Connie Hooks presented an outline of topics Council may consider for a future Charter review. These topics related to:

- Compensation for Elected Officials
- Election System
- Petition Provisions
- Other Sections of the Charter

City Attorney Harvey Cargill, Jr. briefly explained the legal issues related to the compensation for elected officials.

Council member Crompton moved to appoint an advisory charter commission comprised of former Mayors of College Station, hold two public hearings to receive public input, and make recommendations to City Council any specific language or clauses that should be revised. Council member Maloney seconded the motion. Council members emphasized the importance of the City Council to discuss any charter issues and subsequently, hear the citizens input.

Council briefly discussed the pros and cons to change the general election date from May to November. No action was made.

Council member Crompton withdrew his motion and Council member Maloney withdrew his second.

Council made a decision to designate a special workshop session in the near future to discuss charter issues.

5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding a Texas A&M Student Liaison to the City Council.

Removed from agenda to a future council meeting.

6. Council Calendar

Council discussed upcoming activities.

At 5:03 pm, Mayor White announced that the City Council would convene into executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act to seek the advice of our city attorney and personnel.

9. Executive Session will immediately follow the workshop meeting in the Administrative Conference Room.

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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 and certify City of Bryan
- b. 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
- c. Water CCN / 2002 / Annexation / Wellborn Water Supply Corporation
- d. Weingarten Realty Investors v. College Station, Ron Silvia, David Ruesink, Lynn McIlhaney, and Ben White
- e. Chavers et al v. Tyrone Morrow, Michael Ikner, City of Bryan, City of College Station, et al
- f. Clancey v. College Station, Glenn Brown, and Kathy Merrill

Legal Advice

- a. Discussion of Legal Issues Regarding: Wellborn Incorporation Request
- b. Contemplated Litigation, Legal remedies available to abate weeds, rubbish, brush and other unsanitary matter from a lot in the College Hills residential area.

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

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

- a. City Secretary

Action on executive session or any workshop agenda item not completed or discussed in today's workshop meeting may be discussed in tonight's Regular Meeting if necessary.

No formal action was taken.

Council returned from Executive Session at 6:30 pm to complete Workshop Agenda.

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.**

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Council member Stewart requested future agenda item on the establishment of a five member citizen Economic Development Advisory Committee charged with the oversight of development on Hwy 60 and Hwy 6. This committee would be assigned to Economic and Community Development Director David Gwin. Council member Lyles seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

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

AGAINST: None

8. Discussion, review and possible action regarding the following meetings: 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, Code Review Committee, Design Review Board, Historic Preservation Committee, Interfaith Dialogue Association, Intergovernmental Committee, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee, Landmark Commission, 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, Signature Event Task Force, (Notice of Agendas posted on City Hall bulletin board).

Mayor Pro Tem Ruesink reported on recent activities of the Sister City Association.

Council member Stewart reported on TAMU Senate meeting.

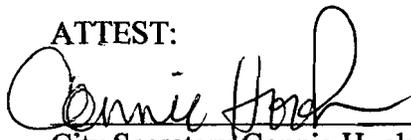
Council member Lyles reported on the recent meeting of the Health Department Board and supply of flu shots. She also reported on the recent hire of executive director of Arts Council.

11. Adjourn.

Hearing no objections, Mayor White adjourned the workshop meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2010.

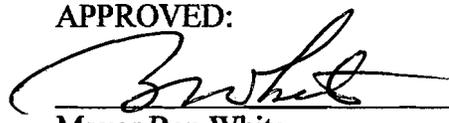
PASSED AND APPROVED this April 22, 2010

ATTEST:



City Secretary Connie Hooks

APPROVED:



Mayor Ben White