

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
NOVEMBER 19, 2012

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF BRAZOS §

Present:

Nancy Berry, Mayor

Council:

Blanche Brick
Jess Fields
Karl Mooney, arrived after roll call
Katy-Marie Lyles
Julie Schultz, absent
Dave Ruesink
James Benham
John Nichols

City Staff:

David Neeley, City Manager
Frank Simpson, Deputy City Manager
Kathy Merrill, Deputy City Manager
Carla Robinson, City Attorney
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary
Tanya McNutt, Deputy City Secretary

1. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum present, the Workshop of the College Station City Council was called to order by Mayor Nancy Berry at 4:03 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the City of College Station City Hall, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, Texas 77842.

2. Presentation, possible action, and discussion of Ordinance 2012-3460, of the City Council of the City of College Station, Texas, canvassing returns and declaring results of the special election, held on November 6, 2012, for the purpose of submitting proposed amendments to the City Charter to the voters. Presentación, posible acción y discusión acerca de una ordenanza del consejo de la ciudad de College Station, Texas, para escrutinar los resultados de los votos y declarando los resultados de las elecciones especiales celebradas el 6 de noviembre de 2012, para el propósito de presentarles a los votantes las enmiendas propuestas a los estatutos de la ciudad.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fields and a second by Councilmember Lyles, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed, with Councilmember Mooney not yet present, to approve Ordinance 2012-3460, canvassing returns and declaring results of the special election, held on November 6, 2012, for the purpose of submitting proposed amendments to the City Charter to the voters. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Issuance of Certificates of Election to elected City Council Member Place 4 and City Council Member Place 6; and administer Oaths of Office.

Judge Spillane administered the oath of office to John Nichols, newly elected Councilmember, Place 4, and James Benham, newly elected Councilmember, Place 6.

The Workshop recessed briefly for a reception honoring outgoing Councilmembers Lyles and Ruesink and to welcome newly elected Councilmembers Nichols and Benham.

4. Executive Session

In accordance with the Texas Government Code §551.071-Consultation with Attorney, §551.074-Personnel, and §551.087-Economic Development Negotiations, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:57 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2012 in order to continue discussing matters pertaining to:

A. Consultation with Attorney to seek advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation; to wit:

- 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.
- Chavers et al v. Tyrone Morrow et al, No. 10-20792; Chavers v. Randall Hall et al, Case No. 10 CV-3922.
- College Station v. Star Insurance Co., Civil Action No. 4:11-CV-02023.
- Shirley Maguire and Holly Maguire vs. City of College Station, Cause No. 11-0025 16-CV-272, in the 272nd District Court of Brazos County, Texas.
- 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 272nd District Court of Brazos County, TX
- Tom Jagielski v. City of College Station, Cause No. 12-002918-CU-361, In the 361st District Court of Brazos County, Texas
- State v. Carol Arnold, Cause Number 11-02697-CRF-85, In the 85th District Court, Brazos County, Texas

B. Deliberation on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer; to wit:

- Council Self-evaluation

C. Deliberation on economic development negotiations regarding an offer of financial or other incentives for a business prospect; to wit:

- Economic development incentives to prospect in West College Station.

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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

No action was required from Executive Session.

6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the election of Mayor Pro Tempore.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fields and a second by Councilmember Nichols, the City Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed, to elect Karl Mooney as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Items 2c, 2d, 2e, 2p, and 2q were pulled.

2c: Councilmember Brick stated she hoped there was some way for admission to the College Station 75th Anniversary Exhibit to be free for citizens. Jeff Kersten, Executive Director of Fiscal Services, stated the current funding agreement covers things of this nature.

2d: Councilmember Brick will be abstaining from the discussion and vote.

2e: Councilmember Brick stated the Veterans Park is a treasure to the City, and the event honoring our veterans was very well attended.

2p: Chuck Gilman, Director of Capital Projects, clarified the dollar amount is an estimate and was developed by licensed brokers and appraisers.

2q: Chuck Gilman, Director of Capital Projects, reported the speed limit will be reduced from 70 mph to 60 mph in the construction zone on SH 6.

8. Presentation, possible action and discussion regarding an update on the Brazos Valley Bowl.

Dr. Ted Raspiller, President, Blinn College Brazos County Campuses, announced the Brazos Valley Bowl, featuring Kilgore College vs. Northwest Mississippi College, will take place at noon on December 1 at Kyle Field. Teams will arrive on Thursday and will attend an evening banquet at the Expo Center. Many activities are planned for Friday including team practice, community service, and a spouse tour of the Bush Library. There will be a VIP tailgate brunch at Freedom Park on Saturday. Sponsors include Blinn College, City of College Station, Bryan/College Station Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum. Local businesses are also providing their support. Tickets are free to students with a student ID. Tickets are \$5 at the gate and are also available online.

9. Presentation and discussion regarding the update of the 2012 Christmas at the Creek event.

Amy Atkins, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, reported that Central Park will be lighted November 22 through January 1 and is designed as a drive through. Lighting at Wolf Pen Creek will be November 30 through January 1.

Kelley Kelbly, Recreation Supervisor, stated that activities at Wolf Pen Creek are scheduled for November 30, December 1, 7, and 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each night. Friday, November 30, will feature the Sounds of Christmas with local dance groups and choirs. New this year will be an original Christmas at the Creek Musical, written by local composer, Mark Taylor. It will be performed every hour, on the hour on Saturday, December 1. The theme for Friday, December 7, is a Gospel Christmas with community dance groups and local gospel choirs. Saturday, December 8, is Movie and Pet Night, featuring *How the Grinch Stole Christmas-Animated* and *Polar Express*. Santa will be available for pet photos as well.

Continuing with the holiday celebration, the Mayor's Reception is scheduled for Friday, November 30, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Attendees may come and go at their leisure. The Bryan/College Station Christmas Parade is set for Sunday, December 2, and local officials will join in on a Holiday Howdy Hayride.

10. Presentation, possible action and discussion regarding an update on the issues facing the 2013 Legislative Session and the City's Legislative Plan.

Dan Shelley and Jennifer Rodriguez, consultants, announced the 83rd Texas Legislature will convene Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Local representatives are State Senator, Dr. Charles Schwertner, Georgetown; State Representative, John Raney, Bryan; and State Representative, Kyle Kacal, Bryan. March 8 is the deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the governor.

Staff has identified legislative issues to watch for and will monitor those issues. Water will be a major issue for cities throughout Texas. The consultants will review and monitor bills filed and will provide to City staff. Staff will alert Council whenever issues directly affecting the City occur so that Council may take initiative.

Council recessed the workshop at 7:04 p.m.

Council reconvened the workshop at 8:32 p.m.

11. Council Calendar

- **Nov. 20 Chamber -Ag Breakfast at the Brazos County Expo Center, 7:00 a.m.**
- **Nov. 20 MPO Reception, Brazos County Administration Building (Atrium), 3:00 p.m.**
- **Nov. 22-23 City Offices Closed -HOLIDAY**
- **Nov. 26 Council Orientation in Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m.**

- Nov. 27-Dec. 1 National League of Cities at 8:00 a.m.
- Nov. 30 Christmas at the Creek at Wolf Pen Creek Park -1015 Colgate Drive, 6:00
- Dec. 2 BCS Christmas Parade, Meeting Location -City Hall at 12:00 p.m.
- Dec. 4 Special Council Workshop on MMD and TIRZ, 1 :00 p.m.
- Dec. 6 P&Z Workshop/Meeting in Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m. (Jess Fields, Tentative and Karl Mooney as back up, Liaison)

- Dec. 10 Annual Holiday RVP Open House at RVP, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 13 City Council Employee Recognition/Executive Session/Workshop/Regular Meeting at 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 15 Fire Station 6 Opening Ceremony, the corner of University Dr. & Tarrow Rd, 11 :00 a.m.

Council reviewed the Council calendar.

12. 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.

Councilmember Nichols asked to discuss future items for the Strategic Planning workshop. He also asked to add an item addressing the past budget cuts in Parks and Recreation and where we are going next.

Councilmember Fields asked to add to the Strategic Planning workshop an item discussing healthcare costs affected by the Healthcare Act. He also asked to look at the cost benefit of outsourcing the solid waste collection operation. There was no consensus on this item.

13. Discussion, review and possible action regarding the following meetings: Animal Shelter Board, Arts Council of the Brazos Valley, Arts Council Sub-committee, Audit Committee, Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board, Blinn College Brazos Valley Advisory Committee, Brazos County Health Dept., Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce, BVSWMA, BVWACS, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Design Review Board, Historic Preservation Committee, Interfaith Dialogue Association, Intergovernmental Committee, Joint Neighborhood Parking Taskforce, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee, Landmark Commission, Library Board, Metropolitan Planning Organization, National League of Cities, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Research Valley Partnership, Regional Transportation Committee for Council of Governments, Sister City Association, TAMU Student Senate, Texas Municipal League, Youth Advisory Council, Zoning Board of Adjustments.

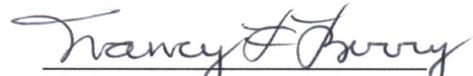
Councilmember Benham reported on sessions he attended at the TML Annual Conference: Proactive Code Enforcement and Holding Successful Community Meetings.

Mayor Berry reported on the Intergovernmental Meeting, TML Annual Conference, and the RVP.

Councilmember Mooney reported on the Executive Board meeting of the CVB.

14. Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 8:42 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2012.


Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary