

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION  
NOVEMBER 14, 2013

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF BRAZOS       §

**Present:**

Nancy Berry, Mayor

**Council:**

Blanche Brick  
Jess Fields  
Karl Mooney  
John Nichols  
Julie Schultz  
James Benham  
Steve Aldrich

**City Staff:**

Kelly Templin, City Manager  
Carla Robinson, City Attorney  
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary  
Ian Whittenton, Records Management Coordinator

**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 Berry at 4:11 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2013 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 2013-3534, of the City Council of the City of College Station, Texas, canvassing returns and declaring results of the general election, held on November 5, 2013, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and one Councilmember, Place 2. Presentación, posible acción y discusión de una Ordenanza del Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de College Station, Texas, sondeando los resultados electorales y declarando los resultados de las elecciones generales celebradas el 5 de noviembre de 2013, con el propósito de elegir a un Alcalde y a un Miembro del Consejo Municipal Puesto 2.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Nichols and a second by Councilmember Fields, the City Council voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed, to adopt Ordinance 2013-

3534, canvassing returns and declaring results of the general election, held on November 5, 2013, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and one Councilmember, Place 2. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Issuance of Certificates of Election to elected Mayor and City Council Member Place 2; and administer Oaths of Office.**

Judge Spillane administered the oath of office to Nancy Berry, newly elected Mayor, and Steve Aldrich, newly elected Councilmember, Place 2.

The Workshop recessed briefly for a reception honoring outgoing Councilmember Fields and to welcome newly elected Mayor Berry and Councilmember Aldrich.

**4. Executive Session**

In accordance with the Texas Government Code §551.071-Consultation with Attorney, §551.074-Personnel, and §551.087-Economic Development, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:48 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2013 in order to continue discussing matters pertaining to:

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

- College Station v. Star Insurance Co., Civil Action No. 4:11-CV-02023.
- 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
- Cause No. 12-002918-CV-361; Tom Jagielski v. City of College Station; In the 361 st Judicial District Court, Brazos County, Texas

B. Consultation with Attorney to seek legal advice; to wit:

- Legal advice related to the College Station power supply contract

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

- Interim City Manager
- Municipal Court Judge

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

- Economic incentives for a proposed development located generally near the intersection of University Drive and College Avenue.

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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

No action was required from Executive Session.

**6. Presentation and discussion regarding the Texas Central Railway by its President, Robert Eckels.**

Robert Eckels, President, Texas Central Railway, provided a project update on the Texas Central High-Speed Railway. They are promoting the development and operation of a for-profit, high-speed passenger rail system connecting the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and Houston in less than 90 minutes. They evaluated 97 city-pairs to determine the best place to locate the system, and the Dallas/Fort Worth-to-Houston corridor ranked highest in innate financeability. They are examining the issues regarding rights-of-way. There are three primary existing rights-of-way: I-45, Union Pacific Railroad, and the BNSF Railroad. Using existing rights-of-way facilitates faster environmental review, lowers the environmental impact, has a minimal landowner impact, and provides easier access and acquisition. They have a market-led approach and believe this approach will succeed because of Texas' unique business culture and pro-business climate; the unique characteristics of the Houston-to-Dallas/Fort Worth corridor; and the capabilities of the total system approach. They are sensitive to alignment, development/construction delays, station location, ticket cost, and connectivity with other modes of transportation. The evaluation of possible locations includes cost vs. revenue; compatibility with regional plans; convenient access to the most customers; sufficient land for station and development; and environmental, social and commercial impact.

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

No items were pulled for discussion.

**8. Council Calendar**

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| <u>Nov. 15</u>    | <u>COCS 75th Anniversary - Homecoming Event at Southwood Community Center - Brian Bachmann Park, 6:00 p.m.</u>  |
| <u>Nov. 16</u>    | <u>COCS 75th Anniversary - Community Celebration at George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, 10:00 a.m.</u> |
| <u>Nov. 18</u>    | <u>IGC Meeting at the BVCOG, 12:00 p.m.</u>   |
| <u>Nov. 20</u>    | <u>BVSWMA Board Meeting at 310 Krenk Tap Road - Municipal Court Building - 2nd Floor - Room 203, 11:00 a.m.</u> |
| <u>Nov. 20</u>    | <u>RVP Board Meeting at RVP, 3:00 p.m.</u>  |
| <u>Nov. 20</u>    | <u>MMD West Stakeholder Meeting at Utility Training Facility (Assembly Room) 1603 Graham Road, 4:30 p.m.</u>    |
| <u>Nov. 20</u>    | <u>MMD West Stakeholder Meeting at Utility Training Facility (Assembly Room) 1603 Graham Road, 6:30 p.m.</u>    |
| <u>Nov. 21</u>    | <u>P &amp; Z Workshop/Meeting in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. (Blanche Brick, Liaison)</u>                     |
| <u>Nov. 25</u>    | <u>Executive Session/Workshop/Regular Meeting at 4:30, 6:00 &amp; 7:00 p.m.</u>                                 |
| <u>Nov. 26</u>    | <u>14th Annual Taste of BV Ag Breakfast at Brazos County Expo Center, 7:00 a.m.</u>                             |
| <u>Nov. 28-29</u> | <u>City Offices Closed - HOLIDAY</u>  |

Council reviewed the calendar. It was also noted there will be a CVB Executive Board meeting on November 20.

**9. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on future agenda items: a Councilmember 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 Schultz asked to see an update on the library expansion.

**10. Discussion, review and possible action regarding the following meetings: Animal Shelter Board, Arts Council of Brazos Valley, Arts Council Sub-committee, Audit Committee, Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board, Bio-Corridor Board of Adjustments, Blinn College Brazos Valley Advisory Committee, Brazos County Health Dept., Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce, Budget and Finance Committee, BVSWMA, BVWACS, Compensation and Benefits Committee, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Design Review Board, Economic Development Committee, Gigabit Broadband Initiative, Historic Preservation Committee, Interfaith Dialogue Association, Intergovernmental Committee, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee, Landmark Commission, Library Board, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Research Valley Partnership, Research Valley Technology Council, Regional Transportation Committee for Council of Governments, Transportation and Mobility Committee, TAMU Student Senate, Texas Municipal League, Twin City Endowment, Youth Advisory Council, Zoning Board of Adjustments.**

Councilmember Schultz reported on the RVP.

Councilmembers Nichols and Brick reported on the sub-committee on mobility.

Councilmember Brick reported on the opening of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibit.

Councilmember Mooney reported on the Audit Committee.

At 7:05 the Council recessed.

At 10:13 the Council reconvened the Workshop.

In accordance with the Texas Government Code §551.074-Personnel, the College Station City Council re-convened into Executive Session at 10:13 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2013 in order to continue discussing matters pertaining to:

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

- Interim City Manager

- Municipal Court Judge

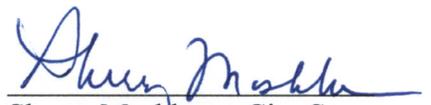
The Executive Session adjourned at 11:01p.m. No action was required.

**11. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 11:02 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2013.

  
Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary