

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
FEBRUARY 28, 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

City Staff:

Frank Simpson, Interim 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 4:36 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the City of College Station City Hall, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, Texas 77842.

2. Executive Session

In accordance with the Texas Government Code §551.071-Consultation with Attorney, §551.074-Personnel, §551.076-Security, and §551.087-Economic Development Negotiations, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:36 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2013 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.
- 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. Consultation with Attorney to seek advice; to wit:

- Legal Advice concerning acquisition of right-of-way located generally at Lodge Street and University Drive.

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

- Municipal Judge
- City Manager

D. Deliberation on the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices or a security audit; to wit:

- City Hall security

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

- Discuss economic development incentive negotiations with TAMUS

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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

No action was required from Executive Session.

Presentation to the Mid-East Texas Dietetic Association (METDA) proclaiming March 2013 as National Nutrition Month.

Mayor Berry presented a proclamation to Meghan Windham, President-Elect with the Mid-East Texas Dietetic Association (METDA), proclaiming March 2013 as National Nutrition Month.

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

No items were pulled for discussion.

5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion of the current state of the Police Department.

Chief Jeff Capps presented the 2013 State of the Department which detailed the CSPD Profile, City growth and call activity, and what to expect for the future. He noted the vision of the College Station Police is to be regarded by our community and our profession as a premier law enforcement agency in the nation. The goals established to attain this vision are to reduce crime, to reduce the fear of crime, to improve the overall quality of life in the community, and to build and maintain effective partnerships.

He reported that the department has one hundred twenty eight authorized sworn personnel, sixty authorized civilian personnel, and fourteen temp/seasonal employees. Of those, ninety seven employees have educational degrees – twenty one Associates, sixty nine Bachelors, and seven Advanced Degrees. Personnel received over 15,560 training hours in 2012, including 7,000 hours for Police Recruits at the Basic Police Academy. The budget for FY2012 is \$16.5 million. They have five re-accreditations in law enforcement (Flagship status) and three re-accreditations for Communications (Gold standard) from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

The Organizational Function Chart is divided into four areas: Operational Support Bureau, Field Operations Bureau, Administrative Support Bureau, and direct reports.

Chief Capps reported the number of calls handled by Police Personnel has dropped 3% from 2011 to 2012. The overall increase in the past 6 years has been 38%. Graphs were presented to demonstrate calls for service vs. self-initiated, response time, and major crime statistics. During 2012, they began seeing an increase in Aggravated Robberies involving the theft of narcotics. A brief overview of 2012 significant events was provided, including a Criminally Negligent Homicide which occurred in the 3100 block of Cain Road, a Double Fatality Crash at Holleman and Texas Avenue, the Wal-Mart Shooting Incident, and the Fidelity shooting.

Equipment needs for the department include rifles for all sworn Police Officers (67 additional rifles) and Level III Ballistic Vests for all Patrol Officers (120 additional vests needed).

A Specialized Unit is expected to be fully activated in October of 2013. It will primarily cover the Northgate area during peak call volume times and will also be utilized to address problem crime areas. A Community Enhancement Unit, with one officer per sector, will identify problems and work for solutions. It is a mission specific operation whose objective is to improve the quality of life for the residents of our community through crime disruption and reduction and neighborhood empowerment.

As for the future of the department, they will continue to monitor the effects of development and growth related to resource needs and will continue to evaluate the feasibility of adding a ninth Beat with a Beat Sergeant and six officers. They also look forward to an enhanced volunteer program, an upgraded computer automated Dispatch/Records Management System, and the continued growth of the department proportionally between sworn and civilian staff. The

timeline for modifications and implementation for the spatial needs of the department will vary and is dependent on the economy and available funds of the City.

No action was required.

At 7:15 p.m. the Workshop recessed in order to go into the Regular Meeting.

The Workshop reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

6. Council Calendar

- **March 4 Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenways Advisory Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 3:00 p.m.**
- **March 7 P&Z Workshop/Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m. (Jess Fields, Liaison)**
- **March 7 GB Foundation presents "Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy" at Annenberg Presidential Conference Center, 6:00 p.m.**
- **March 14 Executive Session/Workshop/Regular Meeting at 5:00, 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

Council reviewed the Council calendar.

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.

Councilmember Mooney asked to discuss the viable meeting space alternatives to the Conference Center.

Councilmember Nichols asked to discuss how the City could communicate with TXDOT regarding the 75 mph speed limit on Highway 6.

Councilmember Benham reminded staff that his request for a discussion on block length was three months old.

Councilmember Fields asked to discuss how Council brings up new agenda items. There was no consensus.

8. 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 Nichols reported on the Brazos County Health Department Board.

Councilmember Brick also reported on the Brazos County Health Department Board.

Mayor Berry reported on Blinn College Brazos Valley Advisory Committee.

Executive Session

In accordance with the Texas Government Code §551.074-Personnel, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 10:14 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 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:

- City Manager

The Executive Session adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Take action, if any, on Executive Session.

No action was required from Executive Session.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 10:50 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2013.


Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary