

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION  
JUNE 27, 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, absent  
James Benham

**City Staff:**

Kathy Merrill, Interim City Manager  
James "Rod" Hogan, Interim Assistant City Manager  
Carla Robinson, City Attorney  
Tanya McNutt, Deputy 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 4:29 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 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, §551.072-Real Estate, §551.074-Personnel, and §551.087-Economic Development Negotiations, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 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
- 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
- Robyn Taylor, individually and as next friend of Faith Taylor, a minor child v. Lincoln Recreation Center, Cause No. 13-001244-CV-361, in the 361 st District Court, Brazos County, Texas

B. Deliberation on the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; to wit:

- Property located at or near 204-220 Holleman Drive in College Station

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

- City Manager

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

- Economic Incentives for a project located generally in the vicinity of Barron Road and Victoria Drive in College Station

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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

No action was required from Executive Session.

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

Items 2c and 2n were pulled for discussion.

**2c:** Carla Robinson, City Attorney, and Venessa Garza, Greenways Program Manager, clarified the purchase of the 1.31 acres, some of which being in the flood plain, and the purchase price.

**2n:** Carla Robinson, City Attorney, and Randal Heye, Economic Development Analyst, clarified extending the closing date for the sale of the First Street Property to Asset Plus Realty Corporation.

### **5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding a review of the 2013 Legislative Session.**

Jennifer Shelley Rodriquez, with The Law Office of Dan Shelley, gave an overview of the increase in the state budget, political makeup of the legislature, and an overall update on the 2013 Legislative Session and Special Sessions. She highlighted bills HB 3296, which revises the

hotel occupancy tax for the purposes of renovating Kyle Field, and HB 3474 and 3475, which create the Rock Prairie Municipal Management Districts No. 1 and 2. Ms. Rodriguez highlighted the review of inquiries made by Councilmembers. She updated the Council on bills related to elections, education, open meetings\open records, taxes, transparency, and water related items. Attention was given to failed bills such as: campus carry, newspaper publication legislation, payday lending, sales and use tax exemption for college textbooks and transportation funding.

Dan Shelly gave an overview of the two special sessions including transportation funding and mandatory sentencing for capital felonies committed by a 17-year old.

**6. Presentation, possible action and discussion regarding the possible inclusion of a Natatorium in the upcoming College Station Independent School District (CSISD) Bond package, and the possible involvement by the City of College Station.**

David Schmitz, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a proposal for a College Station ISD Natatorium. The prospective budget and joint use agreement for the current College Station ISD Natatorium were reviewed along with a synopsis of similar agreements with other cities.

Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent for College Station ISD, gave additional information related to the current Natatorium and the need for the new Natatorium. He explained that the district is still exploring the options for funding in exchange for partnership with the City.

**7. Council Calendar**

- **June 28**      **CSPD Promotional Reception in Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m.**
- **July 1**        **Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenways Advisory Board Meeting In City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room 1 at 3:00 p.m.**
- **July 1**        **Candidate Orientation in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.**
- **July 4**        **City Offices Closed - HOLIDAY**
- **July 8**        **Joint Meeting - COCS, COB and Commissioners Court at BVCOG at 11:30 a.m.**
- **July 9**        **Special Council Meeting in Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m.**
- **July 11**      **Executive Session/Workshop/Regular Meeting at 4:30, 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

Council reviewed the Council calendar.

A July 2<sup>nd</sup> Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was added; Councilmember Nichols will attend.

**8. 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 Benham requested an update on the Workshop Agenda items he requested previously: UDO – Block Length Requirements and sidewalk prioritization plan of work.

**9. 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 Benham reported on the Research Valley Technology Council.

Councilmember Nichols reported on the Budget and Finance Committee.

Councilmember Nichols reported on the Transportation and Mobility Committee.

#### **10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 7:17 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2013.

  
Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary