

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
JULY 25, 2013

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BRAZOS §

Present:

Nancy Berry, Mayor

Council:

Blanche Brick
Jess Fields
Karl Mooney
John Nichols, absent
Julie Schultz
James Benham, absent

City Staff:

Kathy Merrill, Interim 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 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 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, July 25, 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 361st Judicial 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 361st District Court, Brazos County, Texas

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

- Property located generally northwest of the intersection of First Street and Church Avenue 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 proposed development located near the intersection of Holleman South and Rock Prairie Road West in College Station.

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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

No action was required from Executive Session.

Presentations:

Presentation to the City of College Station by Union Pacific in recognition of the City's 75th Anniversary.

This item was postponed.

Presentation by National Sojourners, Brazos Valley Chapter 378, to Bob Hole, Cemetery Sexton.

Representatives of the Brazos Valley Chapter 378, National Sojourners, honored College Station Cemetery Sexton, Bob Hole, with a Certificate of Appreciation. In attendance were: Ellen Marquis Horner, Bob Epps, Jane Cohen, Bob Cohen, Sheila May, Shawn Crompton, Tammy Tiner, Laura Harding, and Jim Jones.

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

Item 2i was pulled for discussion.

2i: Brian Piscacek, Economic and Community Development, gave an explanation regarding the Substantial Amendment to the 2012 Annual Action Plan – HOME Investment Partnership Program Grant Funds, the reason for the amendment, and the consequences of not amending.

5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding changes to the parking rates in the Northgate District.

Lance Sims, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, gave an overview of the background, process of consideration, fee structure, and fiscal projections based on changes to the parking rates in the Northgate District. Mr. Sims also addressed grace periods, economic standing, and capacity during peak seasons and events.

Jeff Kersten, Executive Director of Fiscal Services, spoke on the financial status of the parking operations.

6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding an update on the College Station Economic Development Master Plan.

Bob Cowell, Director of Planning and Development, presented an introduction to this update on the Economic Development Master Plan.

Randall Heye, Economic Development Analyst, presented an overview of the purpose, previously received Phases I and II, the upcoming Phase III, strategic initiatives, and next steps of the Economic Development Master Plan.

7. Council Calendar

- July 30** **Community Impact Awards Luncheon at Pebble Creek Country Club, 11:45 a.m.**
- July 31** **Council Transportation & Mobility Committee at Room 203 Conference Room A Municipal Court, 3:30 p.m.**
- August 1** **2013 ASA Southern National Championship Opening Ceremony at Adamson Lagoon, 9:15 a.m.**
- August 1** **P & Z Workshop/Meeting in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. (Jess Fields, Liaison)**
- August 5** **Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenways Advisory Board Meeting in Council Chambers, 3:00 p.m.**
- August 8** **Executive Session/Workshop/Regular Meeting at 4:30, 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

Council reviewed the Council calendar. It was noted that the August 5th meeting of Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenways Advisory Board Meeting in Council Chambers has been moved to August 6th at 3:00 p.m.

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.

There were no future agenda items requested.

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.

Mayor Berry gave reports on the Interfaith Dialogue Association and Audit Committee.

Councilmember Mooney reported on the Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency Committee.

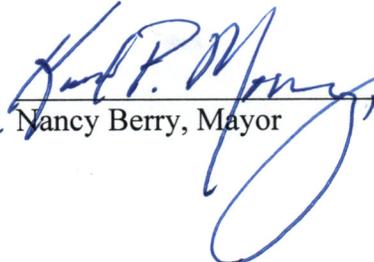
Councilmember Schultz reported on her attendance of a Joint Meeting between the City of College Station, City of Bryan and Commissioners Court regarding High Speed Rail.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2013.

ATTEST:


Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary


FOR Nancy Berry, Mayor *MAJOR PRO TEM*