

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
SEPTEMBER 12, 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
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 4:32 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 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, and §551.074-Personnel, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:33 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 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 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

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

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

No action was required from Executive Session.

Presentations

- **Presentation to Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) proclaiming September as National Preparedness Month.**

Mayor Berry presented a proclamation to TEEX representatives and proclaimed September as National Preparedness Month.

- **Presentation to Deb Barton proclaiming September 12, 2013 as Deb Barton Day.**

Mayor Berry presented a proclamation to Deb Barton and proclaimed September 12, 2013 as Deb Barton Day in recognition of her accomplishments in the biking events at the Texas State Games and the National Senior Games.

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

Jay Socol, Director of Public Communications, provided a video of the generous donation (\$10,000) by Union Pacific for the City's 75th Anniversary Exhibit.

Linda Harvell, Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Committee, spoke on the activities surrounding the City's 75th Anniversary celebration and the events planned, thanking Mike Neu, Jacob Morris, and city staff for their work.

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

Items 2a, 2b, 2c, were pulled for discussion.

2a: Councilmember Mooney requested a discussion on the minutes from the Budget Workshop on August 20, 3013 regarding \$25,000 to the BCS Chamber of Commerce to be taken from CVB-Grant Funding. It was agreed that the discussion will take place under Item Six (6) of the Regular Agenda.

2b: Bob Cowell, Executive Director of Planning and Development, spoke on concerns regarding the two hour parking limit, enforcement, and equal treatment of parking in the Northgate District.

2c: Bob Cowell, Executive Director of Planning and Development, clarified the intent of this grant and any control the City retains once the contract is executed.

5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on TxDOT's Thoroughfare Transfer Program.

Chuck Gilman, Director of Public Works, gave an overview of the proposed TxDOT Thoroughfare Transfer Program, including the thoroughfares under consideration. The presentation highlighted the responsibilities the City would assume upon transfer, including capital improvements and operations and maintenance.

6. Council Calendar

<u>Sept. 16</u>	<u>IGC Meeting at BVCOG, 12:00 p.m.</u>
<u>Sept. 16</u>	<u>Celebrating the Arts Gala at the Hilton, 6:00 p.m.</u>
<u>Sept. 18</u>	<u>BVSWMA Board Meeting at 310 Krenek Tap Road - Municipal Court Building - 2nd Floor - Room 203, 11:00 a.m.</u>
<u>Sept. 18</u>	<u>RVP Board Meeting at RVP, 3:00 p.m.</u>
<u>Sept. 19</u>	<u>P & Z Workshop/Meeting in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. (Blanche Brick, Liaison)</u>
<u>Sept. 19</u>	<u>TML Region 10 in Caldwell Civic Center - Caldwell, Texas at 6:00 p.m.</u>
<u>Sept. 26</u>	<u>Executive Session/Workshop/Regular Meeting at 4:30, 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.</u>
<u>Sept. 27</u>	<u>7th Annual Texas Reds Steak & Grape Festival in Downtown Bryan at 5:00 p.m.</u>
<u>Sept. 28</u>	<u>7th Annual Texas Reds Steak & Grape Festival in Downtown Bryan at 10:30 p.m.</u>

Council reviewed the calendar.

7. 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 Brick requested a presentation on Greenway paths and trails from staff.

Councilmember Brick requested an update on the development of the Lick Creek Nature Center.

Councilmember Benham requested a presentation by staff on the elimination of the Recreation Fund, consolidating it with the Parks and Recreation budget.

Councilmember Fields requested an update on a previously requested item regarding the service contract with the Library.

8. 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 Brick reported on the Transportation and Mobility Committee.

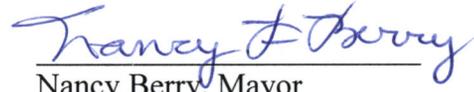
Councilmember Mooney reported on the Economic Development Committee.

Mayor Berry reported on a meeting with William Pittman of the TAMU Student Senate.

Councilmember Benham reported on the Research Valley Technology Council.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 7:10 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2013.


Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary