

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BRAZOS §

Present:

Nancy Berry, Mayor

Council:

Blanche Brick
Steve Aldrich
Karl Mooney
John Nichols
Julie Schultz
James Benham, arrived after roll call

City Staff:

Kelly Templin, City Manager
Chuck Gilman, 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 Berry at 4:04 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the City of College Station City Hall, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, Texas 77840.

2. Executive Session

In accordance with the Texas Government Code §551.071-Consultation with Attorney, and §551.072-Real Estate, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:04 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2014 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. 13-002978-CV-361, Deluxe Burger Bar of College Station, Inc. D/B/A Café Eccell v. Asset Plus Realty Corporation, City of College Station, Texas and the Research Valley Partnership, Inc., In the 361st Judicial District Court, Brazos County, Texas
- Margaret L. Cannon v. Deputy Melvin Bowser, Officer Bobby Williams, Officer Tristan Lopez, Mr. Mike Formicella, Ms. Connie Spence, Cause No. 13 002189 CV 272, In the 272nd District Court of Brazos County, Texas
- Bobby Trant v. BVSWM, Inc., Cause No. 33014, In the District Court, Grimes County, Texas, 12th Judicial District
- Robyn Taylor, et al vs. Boomfit, Carlos Lima and Alicia Lima and Lincoln Recreational Center, Cause No. 13 003118 CV 85, In the 85th District Court of Brazos County, Texas
- Juliao v. City of College Station, Cause No. 14-002168-CV-272, in the 272nd District Court of Brazos County, Texas

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

- Legal advice regarding acquisition of property located generally east of State Highway 6 in College Station for a City water project

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

- Property located generally northeast of the intersection of University Drive and Boyett Street
- Property located generally east of State Highway 6 in the vicinity of North Forest Parkway in College Station, Texas
- Property located generally east of State Highway 6 and in the vicinity of Appomattox Drive in College Station, Texas
- Property located generally along Rock Prairie Road, west of Lick Creek Park in College Station

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:14 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 2d, 2m, 2p, and 2o were pulled for clarification.

(2d): Alan Gibbs, Planning and Development, reported there have been several meetings over the past nine months. This was an expedited effort with the school district and the developer.

(2m): Donald Harmon, Director of Public Works, the link between Texas Avenue and Tarrow does not have a raised median. TXDOT has available funds, and we are working on the design of a raised median for this area. This would increase safety and improve the traffic flow.

(2p): Billy Couch, Assistant Police Chief, clarified that this came about when the Northgate unit was implemented. They work off bicycles; and therefore, they do not have cameras. Officer

Chris Perkins explained how the equipment is mounted and how it works. The advantage to having a body camera is that it is simple to use, can be used for first-person evidence gathering, and can be used as a training tool. It also increases accountability.

(20): Troy Rother, Traffic Engineer, clarified that the Plan will not be abandoned. They will lease the equipment for the first two games. They will go out for bids next year to purchase equipment.

5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion concerning the City Auditor's City Facilities Risk Assessment.

Ty Elliott, Internal Auditor, reported that he conducted a review of the following:

- Thirty-six facility condition assessments performed by Faithful & Gould
- Facility-related general liability claims
- The 2012 ADA Facility Inspection report
- The results of the 2013 job satisfaction/workplace employee survey.
- Utility facility usage for the last three fiscal years for the five largest City facilities.

Discussion centered on City Hall. He reviewed safety, security, and ADA mitigation. Every City Hall employee was interviewed; photos were taken for documentation. He looked at work orders and capital expenditures from the past ten years. The top health and safety concern was air quality at 65%. The top security concerns was citizen access at 52%. Space is also a major concern at 57%. The HVAC system is not efficient. There have been fifty-one total recommendations, but only sixteen have been implemented.

A financial analysis was performed to assess three options available to Council: (1) the costs associated with accepting the current risks identified in his review, (2) the cost associated with investing in the current facility to mitigate the identifiable risks, or (3) the costs associated with funding a new facility.

6. Council Calendar

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 Schultz asked to see an item to discuss gateway signage.

Councilmember Benham asked to look at an open data initiative similar to one being used in Houston.

Councilmember Nichols asked for an update on the Animal Shelter and their services.

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 Benham reported on the Gigabit Broadband initiative.

Councilmember Schultz reported on the RVP.

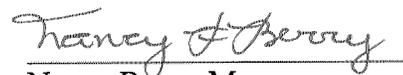
Councilmember Brick reported on the Transportation Committees and the Brazos County Health Department.

Councilmember Nichols reported on the TML Region 10 meeting.

Councilmember Mooney reported on the CVB.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 6:23 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2014.


Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary