

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION  
NOVEMBER 24, 2014

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
  §  
COUNTY OF BRAZOS       §

**Present:**

Nancy Berry, Mayor

**Council:**

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

**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 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 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, §551.074-Personnel, and §551.087-Economic Incentive Negotiations, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 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 272<sup>nd</sup> 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 361<sup>st</sup> 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 272<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Brazos County, Texas
- Bobby Trant v. BVSWMA, 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 272<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Brazos County, Texas

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

- Council Self-evaluation
- City Auditor

C. Deliberation on an offer of financial or other incentives for a business prospect the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City limits; 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 5:59 p.m.

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

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Nichols and a second by Councilmember Mooney, the City Council voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed, to elect Blanche Brick as the Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Items 2c, 2d, 2l, 2n, and 2o were pulled from the Consent Agenda for clarification.

**2c:** Donald Harmon, Director of Public Works, recapped the history of the land and the sale. The bid of \$1,550,000 was the highest offer.

**2d:** Donald Harmon, Director of Public Works, reported this is a time-sensitive project and expects completion to be timely.

**2l:** Troy Rother, Traffic Engineer, addressed concerns about traffic backing up further down Holleman. Signage will be installed to direct traffic to alternate routes.

**2n:** Troy Rother, Traffic Engineer, explained that the traffic volumes and the existing parking lot did not indicate any need for sidewalk connectivity on the north side of 2818.

**2o:** Donald Harmon, Director of Public Works, stated he was not aware of any issues with the contractor.

**5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the election of Mayor Pro Tempore.**

This action was taken from Executive Session (see item 3).

**6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding an update on recent neighborhood integrity efforts and a discussion on the possible formation of a neighborhood integrity advisory committee.**

Lance Simms, Director of Planning and Development, stated that the purpose of this item is to update Council on staff's recent progress regarding neighborhood integrity and to seek Council's direction regarding the establishment of a neighborhood advisory committee. Past efforts were reviewed. More recently, Council strengthened the rental registration ordinance.

Debbie Eller, Director of Community Services, also noted additional accomplishments, such as funds for implementation of the neighborhood plan, and additional code enforcement resources. Code enforcement's main goal is voluntary compliance.

Jay Socol, Director of Public Communications, addressed strategic communication/marketing plans. Marketing strategies include neighborhood outreach and student outreach. They partner with Aggie-Up, and others, to build deeper relationships.

Mr. Simms reported they looked at 24 communities, and only six communities had some type of program. Staff recommends a 9-12 member task force that would meet as needed. They would be appointed by Council, who would also assign specific charges. Appointees would come from HOAs, TAMU students, rental property investors, TAMU Administration, the realtors association, and the apartment association. Responsibilities could include:

- act as a sounding board on neighborhood issues;
- foster better relationships between neighborhoods and students;
- advise on visual quality issues;
- advise on code enforcement activities that affect the neighborhoods; and/or
- assist with communication among neighborhoods, students, and the City.

Staff was directed continue with what they are doing and to report back to the /Council in six months. There was also consensus to have this as a discussion item at the Council Retreat.

Mayor Berry recessed the Workshop at 7:14 p.m.

The Workshop reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

**7. Council Calendar**

Council reviewed the calendar.

**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.

**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 reported on the RVP.

Councilmember Schultz reported on the Biocorridor.

Councilmember Benham reported on the Technology Council.

Councilmember Brick reported on the Transportation Committee.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 10:30 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2014.

  
Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary