

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
FEBRUARY 12, 2015

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

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 Thursday, February 12, 2015 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 §551.087-Economic Incentive Negotiations, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015 in order to continue discussing matters pertaining to:

- A. Consultation with Attorney to seek advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation; to wit:
- 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. 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 272nd District Court of Brazos County, Texas

B. Deliberation on offers of financial or other incentives for a business prospect that the Council seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city; to wit:

- Economic incentives for a proposed development located in the College Station Medical District

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:30 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 and 2e were pulled for clarification.

(2d): David Schmidt, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained the Agreement for Services with the Brazos Valley Softball Umpires Association.

(2e): David Schmidt, Director of Parks and Recreation, clarified why the bids were rejected. The cost for the new equipment will be less than the lowest bid.

5. Presentation, possible action and discussion on a proposal from the Brazos Central Appraisal District for the acquisition of land and construction of a building for the Appraisal District.

Jeff Kersten, Assistant City Manager, introduced Mark Price, Chief Appraiser; Bill Lero, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Ron Kaiser, Council appointee to the Board.

Ron Kaiser, College Station board appointee, introduced Bill Lero.

Bill Lero, Chairman of the Board of Directors, noted they are funded by the five entities. They are looking at building a new facility and began the process ten years ago. Numerous studies and site studies have been done. Their goals include: the location must be accessible; must be close to

the tax office for citizen convenience; they've been renting for 25 years, and it is time to build up equity for the entities. They have tried to be conservative in their plans. The current needs that need to be addressed include: more restrooms; public space; and the IT infrastructure is antiquated. They anticipate that the Appraisal Review Board will grow to two panels and meeting space is needed. The proposed fiscal impact to College Station would increase \$10,000-\$11,000 per year. The proposal must be approved by three fourths of the taxing units in order to move forward. The Board is removing their item from the agenda tonight, and they are going to do more work on the proposal.

6. Presentation from The Research Valley Partnership to provide an update on the evolving economic development relationship with government and industry representatives from Belgium. Following the presentation, the City Council will view a special KBTX-TV documentary that recaps the recent economic development mission trip to Belgium and the grand opening of the Texas Aggies Go to War exhibit in Bastogne.

John Clark and Todd McDaniel, with the Research Valley Partnership, presented a guided tour of the Belgium Economic Mission. The Council viewed a special KBTX-TV documentary recapping the recent economic development mission trip to Belgium and the grand opening of the Texas Aggies Go to War exhibit in Bastogne.

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.

Councilmember Mooney asked that Safety City be added to a future city.

Councilmember Schultz asked that the Arts Council and CVB provide the Council with their vision after the trip to Bastogne. Councilmember Aldrich asked that the Aggies Go To War taskforce join in and be presented when there is more substance. He also recommended that the Sister Cities organization and the City of Bryan be included.

Councilmember V=Brick asked to have an update on mass transit.

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 Twin City Endowment Fund and the Council of Governments.

Councilmember Aldrich reported on his meeting with Chris Dyer with the Arts Council.

Councilmember Brick reported on the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Committee.

Councilmember Mooney reported on the CVB.

Councilmember Schultz reported on the Austin trip with the Chamber of Commerce.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 7:26 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015.


Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary