

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
APRIL 9, 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, via videoconference

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, April 9, 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, §551.074-Personnel, and §551.087-Economic Incentive Negotiations, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015 in order to continue discussing matters pertaining to:

- A. Consultation with Attorney to seek advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation; to wit:
- 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., Cause No. 13 002978 CV 361, 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
- Juliao v. City of College Station, Cause No. 14-002168-CV-272, in the 272nd District Court of Brazos County, Texas
- City of College Station, Texas, v. Embrace Brazos Valley, Inc., Cause No. 15-000804-CV-85, In the 85th Judicial District Court, Brazos County, Texas.

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

- City Manager

C. Deliberation on offer of financial or other incentives for a business prospect the City seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the City; to wit:

- Economic incentives for a proposed development located generally southeast of the intersection of Texas Avenue and Francis Drive in College Station, Texas
- Economic incentives for a proposed development located generally northeast of the intersection of William D. Fitch and State Highway 6

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:44 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.

No items were pulled for clarification.

5. Presentation and discussion on proposed Vote Centers for Brazos County.

Karen McQueen, Brazos County Clerk, briefed the Council on a proposal to implement county-wide Vote Centers for Election Day voting only in the November 2015 election. For this first year, the proposal is to utilize 25 polling locations; after one year, those can be reduced by 50%. Fewer polling locations equate to less cost due to possibly fewer machines, fewer workers, and fewer translators. The polling locations will still need a good internet connection, DREs for voting, electronic pollbooks that will check in voters system-wide in real time, and must be ADA compliant. Polling locations will also need to be placed so that voters are not "disenfranchised". For local entity elections, every race in which the voter is eligible to vote is on one ballot, and the voter can go to any polling location within the County they desire.

6. Presentation, possible action and discussion regarding an update of TAMU Transportation Services & the Brazos Transit District mass transit and public transit operations.

John McBeth, Brazos Transit District, and Peter Lange, TAMU Transportation Services, updated the Council on the TAMU Transportation Services and the Brazos Transit District mass transit and public transit operations. Sixteen counties are currently served by the District. Renderings of the routes were displayed, highlighting student population densities along the routes. The District is a public transportation system, whereas the TAMU Transportation Services is geared more toward mass transit, several million riders per year. There may be a request to the City for funding to add Saturday service to the area. Bus shelters cost about \$10,000 per shelter, uninstalled, and signage could be an additional \$12,000. Several new initiatives were presented to Council, of which one is a grant for the installation of the bus stop signs and passenger shelters. Challenges were also brought to the Council's attention. Service in South College Station, West Bryan, the Health Science Center, and the new Blinn campus is growing very quickly and requires a greater frequency of service. They want to get funding to meet these challenges without take away from the current service plan.

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.

Mayor Berry asked to discuss bringing forth an ordinance requiring surveillance cameras at convenience stores. Councilmember Schultz concurred and asked to include other facilities such as payday loan businesses.

Councilmember Aldrich asked to place the CAC Transportation presentation on the agenda on an annual or semi-annual basis.

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 COG meeting and the MPO meeting.

Councilmember Nichols reported on the Brazos County Health Department.

Councilmember Brick reported on the Civil War dedication at Veteran's Park.

Councilmember Aldrich reported on the Arts Council and the BioCorridor.

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, April 9, 2015.


Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary