

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
JANUARY 14, 2016

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

TAMU Student Liaison

Wayne Beckermann, VP/Municipal Affairs

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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2016 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 §551.074-Personnel, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2016 in order to continue discussing matters pertaining to:

- A. Consultation with Attorney to seek advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation; to wit:
- 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. Consultation with Attorney to seek legal advice; to wit:

- Legal issues related to 'open carry' law
- Legal advice regarding RFI – Affordable Housing Development
- Legal issues related to city's authority to guarantee a private loan for development

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

- City Manager
- City Attorney
- City Secretary
- Municipal Judge
- Internal Auditor

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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

There was no action required from Executive Session.

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

Consent item 2b was pulled for clarification.

2b: Dave Coleman, Director of Water Services, clarified the newly annexed areas (Wellborn) that will be served. Total cost of the expansion is \$746,000 and the City's share is 29% with a 37% increase in capacity.

5. Presentation, and discussion on a new ordinance amending Chapter 4, "Business Regulations" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of College Station, Texas, by adding section 24 "Business Security" as set out below; providing a severability clause; declaring a penalty; and providing an effective date.

Billy Couch, Assistant Police Chief, introduced Sam Maredia, with the Greater Houston Retailers Cooperative Board of Directors, and Jarvis Parsons, Brazos County District Attorney. Mr. Jarvis reported on the successful prosecution of several cases due to video surveillance. He noted this is much needed legislation.

Asst. Chief Couch stated the purpose of the proposed modification is to strengthen security for vulnerable businesses through the use of security measures, including Security Camera Surveillance. The proposed change will provide store owners with protective measures to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime. The proposed change will further provide the police and prosecutor access to material of evidentiary value that will assist in the apprehension and prosecution of offenders who may prey on the affected businesses. Training and camera equipment requirements are addressed.

Mr. Maredia stated that his association has assisted area small cities with this policy, which is reflected in the draft ordinance.

6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding an annual report on the activities of the Historic Preservation Committee.

Lou Hodges, Chair, provided Council with an annual report on the activities of the Historic Preservation Committee, including the American Mile at Veterans Park, the Civil War Loop, Boonville Days, monthly history luncheons, historic markers, a history periodical distribution, Project HOLD, a web presence on Facebook, and development of an HPC web site to assist in finding and identifying resources relating to the history of College Station. Plans for 2016 are to continue with the aforementioned activities, along with initiating a strategic long-range plan for the committee.

7. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding a City Sponsorship Policy.

David Schmitz, Director of Parks and Recreation, noted that the Sponsorship Policy is a guide for City sponsorship of its public facilities, properties, special events, and tournaments as well as requests for support from the City. It is intended to establish a standardized approach to assessing the compatibility between the City and potential sponsors, and criteria for consideration of support requests.

The proposed policy includes guidelines, definitions, criteria, approval hierarchy, restrictions, and procedures. The policy received unanimous support from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their June 9, 2015 meeting.

8. Council Calendar

Council reviewed the calendar.

9. 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.

10. Discussion, review and possible action regarding the following meetings: Animal Shelter Board, Annexation Task Force, 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, BSWMA, 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, Sister Cities Association, Transportation and Mobility Committee, TAMU Student Senate, Texas Municipal League, Twin City Endowment, Youth Advisory Council, Zoning Board of Adjustments,

Councilmember Nichols reported on the CVB.

Mayor Berry reported on the BVCOG.

Councilmember Aldrich reported on the Arts Council.

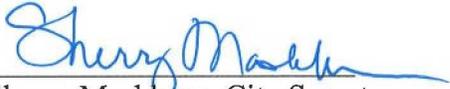
11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 6:54 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2016.



Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary