

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
MARCH 26, 2015

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BRAZOS §

Present:

Nancy Berry, Mayor

Council:

Blanche Brick
Steve Aldrich
Karl Mooney, absent
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 4:32 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 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, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:32 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015 in order to continue discussing matters pertaining to:

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

- 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
- Juliao v. City of College Station, Cause No. 14-002168-CV-272, in the 272nd District Court of Brazos County, Texas

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:10 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.

Item 2c was pulled for clarification.

(2c): Donald Harmon, Director of Public Works, clarified the rationale behind the extensions along Barron Road. They are widening that section and including a raised median to help traffic flow.

Mayor Berry referenced 2b and said the all-way stop signs at the intersection of Lincoln and Tarrow is much appreciated.

5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion relating to receiving the annual audit reports and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

Jeff Kersten, Assistant City Manager, provided a few highlights of the CAFR. The total net position is \$445,660,563.

Jimmy Ingram of Ingram, Wallis & Associates presented the results of the fiscal year 2014 audit and presented, along with staff, the 2014 CAFR.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Benham and a second by Councilmember Nichols, the City Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed, to accept the 2014 audit reports and CAFR. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the Veteran's Park and Athletic Complex Build-Out.

David Schmidt, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported that the Veteran's Park and Athletic Complex build-out consists of adding four additional full-size athletic fields, lighting, 750-plus parking spaces, and amenities throughout the park such as shade, playgrounds, and splash pads. This will be a true year-round facility. It will add to our event total with the flexibility to host

larger tournaments. Total project cost is \$14,263,301 and the intent is to utilize Hotel Occupancy Tax funds for the project. The use of HOT funds require that the project meet a two-part test. Staff estimates operations and maintenance costs of \$124,000, which includes one additional grounds worker position.

Brian Binkowski, Director of Planning and Landscape Architecture with Baker-Aicklen, briefed the Council on the Veteran's Park Build-Out Master Plan. The fields will accommodate soccer, football, lacrosse, and many other sports events that can play on these types of facilities. Various other amenities, such as a splash pad, concession area, restrooms, lockers, etc. are also included. One of the fields will be designed as a championship field with seating for approximately 1,710 spectators, with room to add portable bleachers and berms to take the capacity to almost 3,000.

Staff is looking for approval to move forward with securing a firm to fully design and engineer the Veteran's Park Build-Out.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Nichols and a second by Councilmember Schultz, the City Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed, to have staff move forward with securing a firm to fully design and engineer the Veteran's Park Build-Out. The motion carried unanimously.

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 Intergovernmental Committee.

Councilmember Schultz reported on the Community Leaders Dialog, the Research Valley Partnership, and the Biocorridor update.

Councilmember Brick reported on the Regional Transportation Committee.

Mayor Berry reported on the Chamber Transportation Committee.

Councilmember Nichols reported on Chamber Day.

Councilmember Aldrich reported on the Exploring History Luncheon and the Arts Council.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 6:54 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015.

Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary