

**BRYAN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

The Bryan City Council held a workshop meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Bryan Municipal Building, a notice of said meeting having been posted at least 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Mayor Jason Bienski and Councilmembers Greg Owens, Mike Southerland, Art Hughes and Chuck Konderla were present. Councilmembers Al Saenz and Rafael Peña joined the meeting at 1:42 p.m. Also in attendance were City Manager Kean Register, City Attorney Janis Hampton and City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION BY STAFF REGARDING LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT POLICY

City Engineer Paul Kaspar introduced consultant Gary Schatz, who is serving as the City's traffic engineer. He said the City had received several requests for traffic calming, or a local area traffic management policy (LATM), to address speeding, cut through traffic and safety concerns. Mr. Schatz described the objectives, critical program parameters, program challenges, mitigation devices and techniques, ranking criteria, funding request schedule and eligibility, etc. Mr. Schatz reported a traffic study was effective for two years; therefore, he advised funding requests should expire after two years. He advised public input would be sought and the staff would report back to Council in December. He suggested not beginning cut-through traffic mitigation at this time as a great deal of work was needed before the process started. Mr. Schatz answered questions posed by Councilmembers.

3. PRESENTATION BY STAFF REGARDING PARKS IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROJECTS AND FUNDING

Deputy City Manager Hugh Walker provided background information leading up to this agenda item. He asked for direction regarding the Bryan Aquatic Center repair project. He said a pilot project to try LED lighting in parks would be implemented. Mr. Walker discussed possible improvements to the Bryan Regional Athletic Complex (BRAC). Mr. Walker reported the Parks Master Plan (the plan) was a different document than the Parks Improvement Plan. He said the plan was being updated in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan update. Parks and Recreation Director Darrell Lovelette provided an overview of the plan. He described the project ranking process and criteria. He also thanked Council for the additional \$500,000 in the parks budget for Fiscal Year 2016 to be used for maintenance and operations. Mr. Lovelette then reviewed the capital projects ranking and the operation and maintenance projects ranking. He discussed needed repairs to the Bryan Aquatic Center with \$550,000 available for this project in the budget. He said cost estimates for that project ranged from \$813,000 to \$1,060,000. He also discussed the Scurry Park pilot project to compare LED lighting to traditional lighting. Mr. Lovelette showed the conceptual plan for proposed expansion and improvements to BRAC. He reported staff would be able to provide a more accurate cost estimate as project components were identified. He then listed possible funding sources for projects listed in the Parks Improvement Plan. Concern was expressed that funds to complete both BRAC expansion/improvements and a super park were not currently available. The possibility of a

super park on donated land in central Bryan was mentioned versus spending approximately \$17 million for BRAC, which is not located in the hotel/restaurant/retail areas. Complete information regarding the possibility of acquiring donated land for a super park was requested prior to any final decision relative to the BRAC expansion/improvement plan. Council discussion indicated the staff should move ahead with the Bryan Aquatic Center improvements that would cost approximately \$813,000, with the additional funding needed to be identified from various sources. One possibility mentioned was cost savings on the skate park project. It was again mentioned there was \$2 million more in the parks budget in Fiscal Year 2016, including \$550,000 for repairs to the Bryan Aquatic Center, an additional \$500,000 for operations and maintenance, and approximately \$1 million for the new Sadie Thomas pool. Staff indicated plans would proceed to hire a design engineer for the Bryan Aquatic Center project and expressed a desire that both it and the new Sadie Thomas pool be operational by summer 2016 if at all possible.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO VARIOUS ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

Council discussed the appointment of individuals to various advisory boards and committees. Council asked that the ordinance creating the Senior Advisory Committee be revised to allow up to 22 members with a drawing to determine initial terms.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSENT/STATUTORY AGENDA ITEMS FOR REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2015

Councilmembers briefly discussed agenda items 10 c, 10 e, 10 f and 10 g of the consent/statutory agenda for the regular meeting of October 13, 2015. No action was taken regarding the items discussed.

6. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta

Mayor Jason P. Bienski