

To: Bryan City Secretary
From: Councilmembers Southerland and Peña
Subject: Agenda Item Titled:



City Website to Include all Economic Development Agreements

Please place the following item on the Bryan City Council Regular Agenda for the next Bryan City Council Meeting:

Discussion, consideration, and possible action to direct staff to add to the City of Bryan's website, on the opening page of the site in the economic development section, the following agreements that are allowed to be released to the public in accordance with the Public Information Act, formerly known as the Open Records Act, located at chapter 552 of the Government Code.:

1. Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Bryan/Traditions, L.P. a Texas Limited Partnership,
2. Amended and Restated Master Economic Development Agreement (Traditions Project),
3. Second Amendment to Agreement for Delivery and Use of Reclaimed Water (pertaining to the Traditions Project),
4. Any and all economic development agreements.

Discussion:

“Our republic was founded on the principle of self-government—the idea that a free people can establish the framework and function of how they are to be governed, and then choose the individuals who will lead the government in the public’s best interest. Implicit in the idea of self-government is the notion that the public should know what their government is doing. This notion of openness is the foundation for Texas open government laws, and it was the motivation for the enactment of the Public Information Act (PIA) more than four decades ago. The PIA enshrines Texans’ right to access the information that governmental bodies produce. . . .” Greg Abbott, Attorney General of Texas.

Adding the above items will enhance open and transparent government in Bryan. It will also reduce cost, staff time and effort responding to open records requests and will allow easier accesses to the documents for citizens. It also is in concert with the “people’s right to know” about their government.

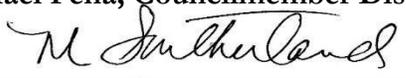
Presentations: Councilmembers Peña and Southerland

This agenda item placement is in accordance with the Bryan City Charter (j) (1) a. 2. Also the Texas Attorney General Opinion Number DM-228 (1993) states no policy can preclude a councilmember from placing an item on the agenda for public discussion.

Any changes to this agenda item must be approved in writing by both under signs prior to posting to the agenda.



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