

**BRYAN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

A workshop meeting of the Bryan City Council was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Bryan Municipal Building. A notice of the meeting was posted at least 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Mayor Jason Bienski and Councilmembers Rafael Peña, Greg Owens, Mike Southerland, Ben Hardeman and Buppy Simank were present. Councilmember Al Saenz was absent. City Manager Kean Register, City Attorney Janis Hampton and City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:23 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION BY DR. ALEX DEL CARMEN REGARDING ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT FOR BRYAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Eric Buske introduced Dr. Alex del Carmen, who presented the Police Department's required annual racial profiling report. He advised only one racial profiling complaint was reported in 2015, and that the individual officer involved was exonerated following an internal affairs investigation. He reviewed the motor vehicle contact, search and arrest data by race or ethnicity, and explained baseline measurements used in preparing the report. He reported the recommendations he made last year were implemented beyond what state law requires. He also stated an analysis of search statistics was performed. Dr. del Carmen commended the Police Department for its outstanding performance in complying with all provisions of the law. He added the Bryan Police Department stands alone as one of the best departments in being proactive relative to racial profiling laws. Dr. del Carmen answered questions for the Council and told the Councilmembers they should be very proud of their Police Department.

3. PRESENTATION BY FREESE AND NICHOLS REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Wendy Shabay, Freese and Nichols, provided an update regarding the overall comprehensive plan project, including the Small Area Plan, the Comprehensive Plan and Parks Master Plan. She discussed a series of stakeholder meetings and public hearings that were held to gather input regarding the overall vision of Bryan. She listed the focus areas that were identified as the most important issues to address. She listed public priorities regarding parks. Ms. Shabay reported her firm was beginning the draft report. She reviewed recommendations and projected growth about various geographic areas of the City, including the area around the new Blinn campus.

4. PRESENTATION BY THE BRAZOS VALLEY BOMBERS REGARDING FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT NUTRABOLT FIELD

Deputy City Manager Hugh Walker introduced this item by talking about the success of the Brazos Valley Bombers, Texas Collegiate League. Mr. Uri Geva, owner of the Brazos Valley Bombers, spoke about the history of the use of the old Travis Field, now renamed as Brazos Valley Bombers Nutrabolt Field. He gave statistics about the activities held in the facility and community

involvement the past ten years. He discussed past improvements to the field and facility and the economic impact of the Brazos Valley Bombers on the community. He listed needed improvements for continued success: grandstands - \$78,496; outfield fence - \$7,920; infield - \$25,762; sprinklers - \$22,550; LED lighting - \$100,700; parking lot - \$18,243; scoreboard and videoboard - \$149,548; for a total of \$403,219. He asked the City to pay \$302,219 of this amount, with the Bombers organization paying \$101,000 over a five-year period. Councilmember Owens left the meeting at 1:05 p.m. during discussion of this item. It was suggested Mr. Geva pursue sponsors for the scoreboard and videoboard, and that fund raisers be held to help with the improvement costs. It was suggested hotel occupancy tax monies be utilized to pay the City's proposed portion. After discussion, Council indicated no objection to the staff working with Mr. Geva to identify priorities.

5. PRESENTATION BY DOWNTOWN BRYAN ASSOCIATION REGARDING GREEN SPACE IN DOWNTOWN BRYAN

This item was not presented.

6. PRESENTATION BY STAFF PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN QUIET ZONE

Mr. Gary Schatz, the City's traffic consultant, provided a report by the Quiet Zone Advisory Committee. He described the current layout of railroad tracks owned by Union Pacific Railroad. He reported on average, 24 trains per day traveled through Bryan north of Groesbeck Street and 14 per day south of Groesbeck Street. He described the quiet zone designation process. Mr. Schatz advised the Council the sound footprint for the trains covered over 11 percent of the entire city. He spoke about quiet zone strategies, liability for the City of Bryan, partnering opportunities, mechanisms and equipment to change a crossing to a quiet zone crossing. He advised the cost to the City could range from \$2,579,194 to \$4,026,694 depending on which quiet zone options were implemented. He added there would also be annual maintenance costs to the City. Mr. Schatz told the Council an \$18,000 updated traffic count, a preliminary engineering report at a cost of \$20,000, and a railroad consultant for an estimated cost of \$22,700 were needed before proceeding with the entire project. It was mentioned Brazos County had engaged a quiet zone consultant. The consensus of the Council was to move forward with the study.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSENT/STATUTORY AGENDA ITEMS FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Councilmembers briefly discussed agenda items 8 d, 8 e, 9 b and 9 d of the consent/statutory agenda for the regular meeting of February 23, 2016. No action was taken.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers reported on recent meetings of the following committees: Student Liaison to the Texas A&M University Student Senate and the Research Valley Partnership Board.

9. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta

Mayor Jason P. Bienski