

**BRYAN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2016**

The Bryan City Council held a workshop meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2016, 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 Pro Tem Greg Owens and Councilmembers Al Saenz, Mike Southerland, Ben Hardeman and Buppy Simank were present. Mayor Jason Bienski joined the meeting at 3:59 p.m. Councilmember Rafael Peña was absent. Also present were City Manager Kean Register, City Attorney Janis Hampton and City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Owens called the meeting to order at 3:49 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSENT/STATUTORY AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2016

Council briefly discussed agenda item 13 c of the consent/statutory agenda for the regular meeting of November 21, 2016. No action was taken by Council regarding this item.

3. PRESENTATION BY TEXAS CENTRAL HIGH SPEED RAIL PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT

Mr. David Hagy of Texas Central Partners, L.L.C., presented information regarding the privately funded Texas High Speed Rail project. He stated ridership studies showed the most requested route was from Houston to Dallas. He showed a video of a Japanese high speed train model and listed its features and benefits, including a speed up to 205 miles per hour, making a trip from north Texas to Houston only 90 minutes. He advised trains would run every 30 minutes during peak hours and every hour during non-peak hours. He noted there would be stations in Dallas, the Brazos Valley area and Houston. He then described how a large portion of the track would be built on a viaduct system to minimize impact on the environment while maximizing safety. He noted a four-year construction phase was scheduled to begin in 2018, with a goal of being operational by 2023. He listed employment figures for the system and advised the \$10 billion investment for the infrastructure, design and construction of the project would result in approximately \$36 billion direct economic impact and \$2.5 billion in tax revenue to State, counties and school districts between now and 2040. Mr. Hagy provided numbers for projected ridership and stated ticket prices would vary based on demand. He provided a brief overview of the process to communicate with and engage stakeholders.

4. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports were provided by Councilmembers.

5. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta

Mayor Andrew Nelson