

CITY COUNCIL VISION AND PLANNING SESSION

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 and FEBRUARY 20, 2017

The City Council of the City of Athens met for a Vision and Planning Session on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 3:15 p.m. and on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Hampton Inn & Suites Tyler-South 8962 S. Broadway Ave., Tyler, Texas 75703 with the following members present, to-wit:

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor
Tres Winn, Mayor Pro-Tem
Joe Whatley
Ed McCain

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary
Blake Armstrong, City Attorney

others present: Ryan Adams, Thanasis Kombos, Barbara Holly;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mayor Vaught.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

INTRODUCTION OF AGENDA

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager, introduced the agenda for the Vision and Planning Session. He explained that the City had a Council Member resign. He stated per the City of Athens' Charter, the City Council must appoint someone to fill the vacancy within 30 days. There was discussion regarding the appointment to City Council. Mr. Rodriguez stated the item will appear on the next City Council Agenda.

Council Member Ed McCain entered the room.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the City Council for attending the Vision and Planning Session. He discussed the decision making process and informed the Council, the City of Athens has a Council/Manager form of government with a separation of politics and administration. There was further discussion.

DISCUSSION, DIRECTION AND ACTION REGARDING CITY OF ATHENS INCLUDING:

ORGANIZATION CURRENT & FUTURE, QUALITY GROWTH, WATER & WASTEWATER, PUBLIC SAFETY, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ALL RELATED MATTERS

The City Council discussed Organization Current & Future, Quality Growth, Water & Wastewater, Public Safety, Development Services, Administrative Services, and Community Development, After discussion there was the consensus of the City Council to provide City Staff the following Policy Direction.

1. Grow our presence in the current ETJ
2. Look at areas to annex including preparing an Annexation Plan
3. Expansion of Services eastward
4. Refresh the Comprehensive Plan
5. Restrict livestock from residential zoning
6. Restrict barbed wire fencing in residentially zoned areas
7. Enhance Code Enforcement city-wide
8. Create growth strategy with tools
9. Investigate housing incentives for first time homebuyers
10. Fee structure for mitigation and administrative fees
11. Appraisal of City Hall and proceed with competitive sealed bid to sell excess real estate

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO BARBED WIRE FENCING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND POSSIBLE MORATORIUM

A motion was made by Councilmember Whatley, and seconded by Councilmember Winn to implement a moratorium regarding barbed wire fencing in residential districts. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

- i) SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; CLOSED MEETING) REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**
 - a. AGREEMENT WITH ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY (AMWA)

- ii) SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATIONS REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; (CLOSED MEETING; TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY)**
 - a. CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES (508 E. TYLER STREET, 202 W. SCOTT STREET, 501 N. PINKERTON STREET, AND 415 E. CORSICANA STREET)

The City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:36 p.m.

The City Council returned to the Vision and Planning Session at 6:56 p.m.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,

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This item was not discussed.

- ii) SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATIONS REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; (CLOSED MEETING: TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY)**

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No action was taken.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Winn, seconded by Councilmember Whatley authorizing the City Manager to have 508 E. Tyler and 415 E. Corsicana Street appraised and proceed with competitive seal bid. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned and is scheduled to reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 20, 2017.

Mayor Vaught called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Ryan Adams, Managing Director of Administrative Services, discussed water resources.

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The City Council returned to the Vision and Planning Session at 9:35 a.m.

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Mayor Vaught stated the City Council would adjourn into Executive Session at 9:42 a.m. Pursuant Texas Government Code 551.071 Legal Consultation with Attorney regarding Forensic Audit.

The City Council returned to the Vision and Planning Session at 10:09 a.m.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 LEGAL
CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING FORENSIC AUDIT

A motion made by Councilmember McCain, seconded by Councilmember Whatley to continue funding for the Forensic Audit. The motion carried unanimously.

Blake Armstrong, City Attorney, exited the room.

Chief Buddy Hill and Chief John McQueary entered the room.

Chief Hill discussed staffing for the Police Department. He stated the new incentive Ordinance the City Council recently passed would aide in police officer recruitment.

Chief Hill exited the room.

Chief McQueary discussed the Outdoor Emergency System not working and the need for a Notification System. He presented quotes from three (3) different vendors. He further discussed Fire Engine #2 at the North Station and explained it will have to be replaced.

Chief McQueary exited the room.

Thanasis Kombos, Managing Director of Community Services, presented information regarding the Collection Site and its operating cost vs. revenues.

Additional Policy Direction from the City Council consisted of the following:

12. Possible PR Firm to promote the City of Athens
13. Initiate Compensation Study City wide
14. RFP for Emergency Notification System
15. Replace Fire Engine #2 at the North Station
16. Collection Site will no longer take brush
17. Establish a Joint Airport Board consisting of City and County Officials, with ex- officio member from Athens Economic Development Corporation (AEDC)
18. Reconsider funding source for KAB
19. Zone 405 Lindsey Lane as Single Family -5 Residential and have property appraised
20. Take a more proactive role in the Athens Housing Authority

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 13th DAY OF MARCH, 2017.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary