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City Council Special Meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 5:30 pm

Bastrop City Council Chambers, 1311 Chestnut St. Bastrop, Texas 78602

I. CALL TO ORDER – At 5:30 p.m., Mayor Kesselus called the meeting to order. A full quorum was present; Council Members Joe Beal, Dock Jackson, Kay Garcia-McAnally, Kelly Gilleland, and Mayor Pro-Tem DeLaRosa.

II. WORKSHOP SESSION - The Bastrop City Council will **adjourn** the Special Session and convene into a Workshop Session to discuss:

- A. Presentation, consideration, and discussion on a General Bond Election in November 2015 including, but not limited to information and input related to bond and finance issues, such as:
- A.1 Council, City Manager, Director and staff input on potential bond 'project lists' and hierarchy of same;
 - A.2 City operations, staffing levels, departmental and community needs, financial issues, status of historical bonding, previously bonded City projects;
 - A.3 Comprehensive Plan impact, utility issues, project requests;
 - A.4 Bond election issues; and
 - A.5 All other matters determined by the Council and City Manager to be pertinent to the Council's work, evaluation and decision making regarding future bond issuance and management of City funds/taxes, including but not limited to use of Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds, distribution of Tier Three (3); possible support for a proposed YMCA Building; and shelter to be constructed with HUD Grant.

At 5:31 pm, Mayor Kesselus adjourned the Special Meeting and convened the Bastrop City Council into a Workshop Session. Mayor Kesselus thanked everyone in attendance and welcome the City Financial Consultants who were in attendance.

Mayor invited City Manager Talbot, addressed the Council and conducted a PowerPoint Presentation on the City of Bastrop Top Priorities for 2015-2017 – Scores for Priorities by the City Council. He pointed out the priorities in Top Priority that were in Progress as:

- 1. Update of the City Comprehensive Plan
- 2. Development of a Short-Term and Long Term Water Plan Strategy for the City of Bastrop

He advised the Council the following priorities and their score:

- 3. Consideration of the City Manager's Staff/Organizational Restructuring Plan which was in progress and received 30 priority points.
- 4. Clearly Communicated, Reasonably Attainable List of City Council Priorities for the City Manager, 21
- 5. Develop a New Marketing Plan for the Convention Center, 20
- 6. Develop and Adopt Plan for Annexation/Utility Expansion, 20
- 7. Consider General Fund Level Tax Rate & Future Bonded Indebtedness for Infrastructure, 18
- 8. Develop Plan for Fire Protection, 17
- 9. Continue Benchmarking (Staffing Levels, Types of Services, Financial Matrix, Tax Rate, Indebtedness, and Succession Planning), 14
- 10. Consider Constraints Incentive for Infill Development, 14
- 11. Bastrop Marketing Corporation, 14
- 12. Enhance the Partnership between the City of Bastrop & the Bastrop EDC, 11
- 13. Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, 11
- 14. Review and Discuss the current allocation of HOT Funds, 10
- 15. Enhance Tourism Marketing in the City of Bastrop and the Lost Pines Region, 9
- 16. Explore a Plan for Affordable Housing within the City, 8
- 17. Review Police Staffing, 7
- 18. Discuss the Feasibility of creating a partnership between the City and the YMCA for the construction of a building, 6
- 19. Annual Review of City Manager's Performance, 4
- 20. Include/Emphasize the Hispanic Community, 3
- 21. Propose Process for Implementation of Task Force Initiatives present to City Council, 3

City Manager Talbot proceeded with his review of the Priority scoring provided by the City Directors, commencing with the two top priorities that are current in progress:

1. Update of the City Comprehensive Plan
2. Development of a Short-Term and Long Term Water Plan Strategy for the City of Bastrop

He proceeded with his review of the list of priorities provided by the Directors and their scores:

3. Develop Plan for Fire Protection, 63
4. Develop and Adopt Plan for Annexation/Utility Expansion, 50
5. Include/Emphasize the Hispanic Community, 48
6. Consideration of the City Manager's Staff/Organizational Restructuring Plan which was in progress and received 42 priority points
7. Continue Benchmarking (Staffing Levels, Types of Services, Financial Matrix, Tax Rate, Indebtedness, and Succession Planning), 33
8. Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, 29
9. Review Police Staffing, 28
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The City Manager pointed out the varying of the priorities and scoring, which was also reflective that there were a considerably more City Directors who were provided the same number of points for the priority listing. City Council Members held a discussion and were surprised at the ranking difference between the Priority Ranking provided by the Council and the City Directors. City Manager Talbot provided additional clarification that some of the directors opted to focus on one or two priorities instead of distributing their scores between the all or the majority of the priorities.

City Manager Talbot proceeded with the presentation of the 2015 Preliminary Bond Discussion, as follows:

- a) Preliminary and Conceptual Redevelopment area of the Northwest Sector of the City, \$2,090,000.00
- b) Preliminary and Conceptual Proposed Reconstruction/Seal Coating of Existing Streets, \$2,0750,000.00
- c) Preliminary and Conceptual Proposed New Street Projects- Streets & Drainage, \$1,950,000.00 (Construction Costs only, does not include the purchase of the Right of Way)
- d) Preliminary and Conceptual Proposed Sidewalk Program, \$750,000.00
- e) Preliminary and Conceptual Proposed Land Acquisition Project, \$1,250,000.00
- f) Preliminary and Conceptual Proposed Improve and Upgrade Street Lighting throughout the City of Bastrop, currently evaluating all street lights throughout the City.
- g) Preliminary and Conceptual Proposed Facilities/ Structures Program (YMCA, Police, Old Iron Bridge, Public Works) \$2,725,000.00
- h) Preliminary and Conceptual Suggested other Projects/Programs (Citywide Wi-Fi, Police Fleet, Skate Park), \$1,000,000.00
- i) Preliminary and Conceptual Total Cost for projects outlined \$12,515,000.00

City Manager Talbot added that a funding necessitated for these projects would equal to approximately a \$.11 ½ cent increase. City Manager invited the City Financial Advisors who confirmed the City Manager's analogy and provided a financial synopsis of the interest rates currently available. Mayor Pro-Tem DeLaRosa and Council Members Beal and McAnally and Gilleland agreed to seek other funding alternatives for the urgent. The Council elicited the City Manager's recommendation that initiated a discussion with consideration of hosting a Bond Election for funding of these projects; they concluded to postpone consideration for a Bond Election until 2016.

Mayor Kesselus invited public comments. Tammy Eden of the Bastrop County Water District expressed her eagerness to dialogue with the Council and provide that feedback to the Bastrop County Water District Board. The Mayor and Council thanked her for attending the meeting and invited her to meet with City Manager Talbot.

Mayor Kesselus thanked City Manager Talbot for the detailed presentations, and the Council Members echoed the accolade.

III. THE BASTROP CITY COUNCIL WILL ADJOURN THE WORKSHOP SESSION.

At 8:09 p.m., Mayor Kesselus adjourned the workshop session and reconvened into regular session.

IV. THE BASTROP CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO SPECIAL SESSION TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION(S) RELATED TO THE WORKSHOP SESSION PRESENTATIONS, CONSIDERATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS.

Council Member McAnally informed the Council of a Legislative Bill proposed by the City of San Marcos that would also benefit the City of Bastrop. She requested the Council's support in contacting the City of San Marcos in efforts to collaborate our efforts.

The Council held a discussion and expressed support, which was followed Mayor Kesselus' request for a motion.

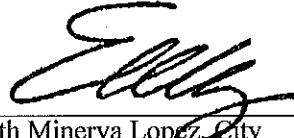
MOTION - Council Member McAnally's made the motion to authorize the City Manager to collaborate with the City Attorney and investigate the San Marcos Legislative Bill and to contact the City of San Marcos and take action as necessary. Seconded by Council Member Gilleland and motion passed unanimously 5-0.

V. ADJOURN -Mayor Pro-Tem DeLaRosa moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Gilleland and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Approved _____


Kenneth W. Kesselus, Mayor
Secretary

Attest _____


Elizabeth Minerva Lopez, City