

## **February 8, 2010**

The Bastrop City Council met in Special Session on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, 904 Main Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members present were Mayor Terry Orr and Council Members Bill Peterson, Julie Hart, Kay Garcia McAnally, Joe Beal and Ken Kesselus.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:30 p.m. Mayor Terry Orr called the meeting to order with all members present, with the exception of Bill Peterson who was absent.

### **2. WORKSHOP SESSION – THE BASTROP CITY COUNCIL WILL ADJOURN SPECIAL SESSION AND CONVENE INTO A WORKSHOP SESSION TO DISCUSS:**

- A. DISCUSSION, EVALUATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO THE COUNCIL’S GENERAL STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS, INCLUDING [BUT NOT LIMITED TO] MATTERS PERTAINING TO: DEVELOPING COUNCIL’S ‘STATEMENT OF PURPOSE’, ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES, ESTABLISHING METHODOLOGY FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK, ESTABLISHING PROPOSED/CONTEMPLATED PROCESS AND ORDER OF COUNCIL’S WORK, IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR FUTURE WORK, SETTING PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR COUNCIL’S FUTURE WORK ON STRATEGIC PLAN, AND IDENTIFYING/ESTABLISHING TARGET DATES.**
- B. DISCUSSION, EVALUATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING GROWTH IN THE CITY’S JURISDICTION, INCLUDING MATTERS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION, DEVELOPMENT AND ANNEXATION, AND COUNCIL’S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES RELATED TO SAME.**
- C. DISCUSSION, EVALUATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING COUNCIL’S VISION, BOTH LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM, FOR THE CITY OF BASTROP AND ITS EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AND COUNCIL’S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES RELATED TO SAME.**
- D. DISCUSSION, EVALUATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING CITY ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION, STAFFING AND COUNCIL’S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES RELATED TO SAME.**
- E. DISCUSSION, EVALUATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING CITY OPERATIONS, SERVICES, UTILITIES, FACILITIES AND PROPERTY IN THE CITY’S JURISDICTION AND COUNCIL’S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES RELATED TO SAME.**
- F. DISCUSSION, EVALUATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY’S JURISDICTION AND COUNCIL’S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES RELATED TO SAME.**
- G. DISCUSSION, EVALUATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY’S JURISDICTION AND COUNCIL’S**

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES RELATED TO SAME.

### H. DISCUSSION, EVALUATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING CURRENT AND FUTURE WATER NEEDS IN THE CITY'S JURISDICTION AND COUNCIL'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES RELATED TO SAME.

At 5:35 p.m., Mayor Orr convened the Bastrop City Council into workshop session to discuss the listed items.

Mayor Orr stated this is the third meeting for the Council Workshop Strategic Planning Sessions. Mayor Orr stated it has been mentioned that an outside facilitator could assist with these meetings. Mayor Orr stated Julie Hart and Ken Kesselus had met with a person from the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) who is qualified to facilitate such meetings.

Ken Kesselus stated he and Ms. Hart had met with Chris Holtkamp, Senior Planner for LCRA and discussed him working with the Council on the Strategic Planning.

Julie Hart stated there were no fees for his service, only reimbursement for travel and other incidentals.

Discussion was held among Council in regard to utilizing Mr. Holtkamp's services during the Strategic Planning Sessions.

Mr. Kesselus stated Mr. Holtkamp has asked that the City Manager gather all the planning documents, such as the Comprehensive Plan, and other applicable documents, and give them to him and he will prepare an executive summary for the Council.

Discussion was held among Council in regard to what each Member of Council wanted to have discussed at the Strategic Workshop Sessions.

It was the consensus of Council that separate discussion be held on long-range planning (70%) and on short-range planning issues (30%). Council Members then listed some of their 30% issues.

It was the consensus of Council for each Member to prepare a list of their short-range (30%) issues and give to the City Manager. The City Manager will then consolidate them and prepare a list for the Council.

Discussion was held among Council in regard to streamlining Council meetings.

It was the consensus of Council for the City Manager to meet with the City Attorney and discuss the process of streamlining meetings. Mr. Talbot is to then bring back a structure and formate to Council for discussion.

Tracy Bratton addressed Council. Mr. Bratton commended the Council for the job they are doing. Mr. Bratton stated he was interested in more information being placed on the City's website. He would like to see the Agenda Packet on the web-site. Mr. Bratton stated the City has a challenge- the City's center is moving to the East and how will the demographics of those citizens change Bastrop. What will the City do to appeal to younger people (jobs, lifestyle, and outdoor activities)?

Carolyn Banks handed out a copy of her vision for Bastrop. Ms. Banks stated this could be done immediately: 1) Develop a Cultural Arts District and 2) Establish a film commission.

3. THE BASTROP CITY COUNCIL WILL ADJOURN WORKSHOP SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO SPECIAL SESSION TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION(S).

At 7:20 p.m., Mayor Orr reconvened the Bastrop City Council into Special Session.

Ken Kesselus moved to engage/invite the LCRA Community & Development staff members Chris Holtkamp and Sara Wilson to lead the Council in their Strategic Planning and Visioning process, for no less than a six (6) month period with the City Manager working out the details for a Contract or Letter of Agreement. Seconded by Julie Hart and carried unanimously.

It was the consensus that the Council begin having two strategic planning meetings a month beginning in March. The March 8, 2010 meeting agenda will center on long-range planning issues/visions. The March 22, 2010 meeting agenda will center on short-term planning issues.

The next Workshop Meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Joe Jensen addressed the Council. Mr. Jensen stated the Council discussed a lot of items tonight except transportation. Mr. Jensen suggested the Council add discussion on transportation issues concerning Bastrop County and CAPCO.

4. ADJOURN

At 7:30 p.m., Joe Beal moved to adjourn. Seconded by Kay Garcia McAnally and carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Terry Orr, Mayor

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Teresa Valdez, City Secretary