

**BRYAN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2015**

A workshop meeting of the Bryan City Council was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 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 Jason Bienski and Councilmembers Rafael Peña, Al Saenz, Greg Owens, Mike Southerland, Art Hughes and Chuck Konderla were in attendance. Also present were City Manager Kean Register, City Attorney Janis Hampton and City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

**2. STAFF PRESENTATION REGARDING AN UPDATE ON PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS**

Deputy City Manager Hugh Walker provided an update about parks and recreation projects. He listed the history of the discussions relative to a possible “super” park, or athletic field expansions, dating back to the spring of 2013. Mr. Walker showed photographs of the Bryan Regional Athletic Complex (BRAC), as well as renderings that showed concepts of expansion layouts. He reported staff recommended adding athletic fields and improving existing fields at BRAC. He also said a consultant could develop phases of expansion at BRAC with estimated costs. The possibility of working with Bryan ISD in the redevelopment of BRAC was mentioned, as well as signage and visibility. Mr. Walker mentioned that the staff was working with College Station on bracketed legislation to expand the allowed uses of hotel occupancy taxes to build new athletic facilities. He answered questions about this proposed legislation. Support was expressed about proceeding with BRAC expansion and improving accessibility to the facility, as well as other locations that would attract hotels and restaurants. It was also expressed that a comprehensive review of park amenities was needed before any decisions were made about BRAC expansion.

Mr. Walker then gave the history of the study of building skate parks in the City. He listed the possible locations as studied by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and showed slides of each area with possible skate park amenities. He added that the idea of building a skate park came about initially from citizen input. Mr. Walker reported the Parks Board reviewed four sites and recommended pursuing Sam Rayburn Middle School, Williamson Park or Sue Haswell Park as possible locations. He added staff recommended pursuing the Williamson Park or Sue Haswell Park locations. He reported only one citizen has spoken to the Parks Board and voiced concern about the Sue Haswell Park location. Discussion followed about the merits of various locations and staff was encouraged to study multiple sites for future skate park amenities.

**3. DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSENT/STATUTORY AGENDA ITEMS FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2015**

Council discussed agenda items 7 b, 7 c, 7 d, 7 e, 7 f, 8 a, 8 b, 8 c, 8 d, 8 e, 8 f, 8 g, 8 h, 8 i, 8 j and 8 l of the consent/statutory agenda for the regular meeting of January 13, 2015. No action was taken regarding the items discussed.