

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
April 1, 2010

Present: Ron Mellick, Barbara Wasinger, Henry Schwaller IV, John Bird, Toby Dougherty

Absent: Christopher Channell, Troy Hickman

Review of Part-time Police Officer Program

Police Chief James Braun provided a review of the Part-time Police Officer Program, which was implemented early in 2009. This program was created as an alternative to paying officers overtime for staffing during high demand hours, primarily on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings from 11 pm to 3 am., and during the Wild West Fest and Oktoberfest celebrations for parade duty and crowd monitoring. The three part-time officers worked a total of 565 hours from May through November of 2009.

The Police Chief estimated that not only did this program save an estimated \$5,729 in potential overtime wages, but also created an applicant pool to be used for hiring full-time officers. Two of the three officers have been hired into full-time positions with the Police Department.

King's Gate First Addition Phase I Resolution to Establish Benefit District

The Commissioners will be requested to approve a resolution at the April 8, 2010 Commission meeting to establish a benefit district for street, storm sewer, water, and sanitary sewer improvements in the King's Gate First Addition, Phase I.

King's Gate First Addition Engineering Services Agreement

At the April 8, 2010 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to authorize the Mayor to sign the Engineering Services Agreement with Ruder Engineering & Surveying for professional services related to improvements in King's Gate First Addition.

KDOT Triangle – Green Space

Several years ago the City began exploring the possibility of acquiring a remnant tract of property located south of I-70 near the Golden Belt Estates Development north of 41st Street. The property is comprised of approximately 7 acres. KDOT has control and owns the right-of-way, but does not hold title to the property. This tract would be contiguous with additional green space to be dedicated by Golden Belt within their development, making for a large area of green space with street access.

KDOT has agreed to relinquish their right-of-way to the City for the purpose of open green space use. The property owners, the Edgar J. Arnhold family and their surviving 12 heirs have verbally agreed to sign over title under one condition – the park space must be named Arnhold Park.

The Commissioners will be requested to formally state their intent to name the green space the Arnhold Park at the April 8, 2010 Commission meeting.

Economic Development Policy – Community Improvement District (CID) Amendment

At the March 18, 2010 work session, the Commissioners discussed proposed additions to the Community Improvement District policy. City Attorney John Bird has drafted additional language within the project eligible/ineligible sections to address the purchase of consumables, and items or property considered to be operating expenses. Mr. Bird reviewed those changes.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve the amendment at the April 8, 2010 Commission meeting.

City Commission Rules of Procedure

The Commissioners will be requested to approve a resolution adopting the Rules of Procedure at the April 8, 2010 Commission meeting. This is an annual procedure which occurs after the reorganization of the City Commission.

Executive Session

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 6:44 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss possible property acquisition. The executive session included the City Commissioners, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, and the City Attorney. K.S. A. 25-4319 authorizes the use of executive session to discuss property acquisition.

Vote: Ayes: Ron Mellick
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV

Chairperson Mellick called the work session back to order at 6:54 p.m. He stated no action was taken during executive session.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk