

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
June 3, 2010

Present: Christopher Channell, Barbara Wasinger, Troy Hickman, Henry Schwaller IV, Ron Mellick, Carol Park, Toby Dougherty

2011 Budget Presentations

Representatives of the following outside agencies presented their 2011 budget requests:

Ellis County Historical Society	\$ 11,500
Downtown Hays Development Corporation	53,655
Care Council-Social Services	164,000
Care Council-Special Alcohol Tax Fund	65,200
Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development	87,550
Hays Sister Cities	4,000
Wild West Festival	9,500
Fort Hays State University	100,000
Hays Arts Council	8,200

Due to the appearance of a conflict of interest, Commissioner Hickman left the Commission Chambers during the Care Council presentation and Commissioner Schwaller left during the Fort Hays State University presentation.

King's Gate First Addition Phase I – Award of Bid

At the June 10, 2010 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to approve the bid submitted by APAC-Kansas, in the amount of \$494,869.19, for the construction of street, storm sewer, water and sanitary sewer improvements to the King's Gate Addition, Phase I.

Madison Drive

Since the mid to late 1990's, Madison Drive has been in place and has served as an alley, although officially designated as a street during the platting of adjacent property in the area. There was discussion at the April 15, 2010 Commission work session regarding the future of this right-of-way, and subsequent discussion at the May 3rd Utility Advisory Committee meeting and the May 17th Planning Commission meeting. At the April 15th work session, staff was requested to obtain cost estimates for removing the rock surface and potentially installing gates. The Utility Advisory Committee is not an official recommending body; however, they did "unofficially" make a recommendation to leave the alley as is for future necessary utility maintenance. The Planning Commission, who does have the official capacity to make recommendations to the Governing Body, did make a recommendation to physically leave Madison Dr. as is, but officially designate it as an alley, whether the name is maintained or not.

Public Works Director Brenda Herrman stated that it will cost approximately \$1,000 to install and maintain gates. It would cost approximately \$24,000 to remove the rock surface, remove the fire hydrant and plant grass. Residents in the area surrounding Madison Drive were invited to attend the May 17, 2010 Planning Commission meeting to voice their concerns regarding this issue. The recommendation from staff is that the City keep the right-of-way and make no physical changes to Madison Drive, which includes retaining the existing surface to protect existing utilities, and officially removed the designation of "Madison Drive", and classify it as an alley.

Preston Wolf, 1408 West 42nd Street, commented that he would like to have gates installed.

Arlen Flax, representing Midwest Energy, supported the recommendation made by City staff. This would make it easier for Midwest Energy to get their equipment into the area for utility maintenance.

Doug Ginther, 1412 West 43rd Street, stated he agreed with the City staff recommendation to keep the area as it is; he feels this would be safer than a paved street.

Katherine and Jeff Burnett, developers of the King's Gate Addition, stated they would like the area to remain open with no gates.

The Commissioners will be requested to consider approval of the staff recommendation at the June 10, 2010 Commission meeting.

Other Items for Discussion

Commissioner Schwaller requested that the Commissioners contemplate a 10% across-the-board cut for all outside agencies that requested more than \$10,000 from the City in their 2011 budget requests. General Fund revenue is down; the City cannot continue to fund these outside agencies at the same levels that they have been. He would also like to have the organizations provide their goals and objectives to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hickman stated he does not agree with Commissioner Schwaller. It is unfair; it did not work for the state and cannot be applied in this situation.

Commissioner Wasinger stated she agrees with Commissioner Schwaller.

Executive Session

Barbara Wasinger moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 8:05 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss confidential data related to financial affairs. 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 confidential data related to financial affairs.

Vote: Ayes: Christopher Channell

Barbara Wasinger

Troy Hickman

Henry Schwaller IV

Ron Mellick

Chairperson Channell called the work session back to order at 8:15 p.m. He stated no action was taken during executive session.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that the Governing Body return to executive session at 8:15 p.m. for an additional 5 minutes to further discuss confidential data related to financial affairs.

Vote: Ayes: Christopher Channell

Barbara Wasinger

Troy Hickman

Henry Schwaller IV

Ron Mellick

Chairperson Channell called the work session back to order. He stated no action was taken during executive session.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk