

Special Work Session Minutes

Dawes Conference Room
113 West Dawes Avenue, Bixby, Oklahoma 74008
March 13, 2017 5:00 p.m.

The Special Work Session agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Bixby was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, 116 W. Needles Avenue, Bixby, Oklahoma on March 10, 2017, on or before 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Easton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Deputy City Clerk Gladys Gill called the roll and all members were present.

Members Present

Decatur
Guthrie
Stewart
Blair
Easton

Staff Present

Jared Cottle, City Manager
Phil Frazier, City Attorney
Marcae Hilton, City Planner
Bryan Wood, Fire Chief
Andy Choate, Asst. Police Chief
Bea Aamodt, PW Director
Charles Barnes, Finance Director
Gladys Gill, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Easton said item #1 on the Special Work Session agenda is:

Update from and discussion with the Bixby Metro Chamber of Commerce on economic development initiatives in Bixby.

Presented by: Jared Cottle

Others that spoke: Krystal Crockett Bixby Metro Chamber of Commerce President

City Manager Jared Cottle asked Krystal Crockett to start her presentation, Krystal handed out the report from February for Council to review with also the contract that they have, and Krystal stated that I will be talking about the job recruitment and retention, Krystal stated that we are the Chamber and the main contact for any proposals whether its' from the Department of Commerce or the Tulsa Regional Chamber right now other than direct request all have come through the Regional Chamber and we do have large possibility for the region that is out there now which is a headquarter relocations. Krystal stated that there are two sites in the project, and the rest of them we have got direct contact with beverage companies and a meeting with them this month, Krystal stated that they did get a request for 500 acres with solar access and this is something we do not have at this time. Krystal continued to give council more updates on economic development initiatives, questions were asked by Council for some clarification on these initiatives.

Discussion only. No action taken.

Mayor Easton said item #2 on the Special Work Session agenda is:

Updated from the discussion with Mr. Rickey Hayes, CEO of Retail Attraction, LLC on economic development initiatives in Bixby.

Presented by: Jared Cottle

Others that spoke: Ricky Hayes, CEO of Retail Attractions

Ricky Hayes CEO of Retail Attractions stated that it's good to finally meet everyone and we have very actively talking to developers about Bixby retail creation for about a year, we had set up meetings at the ISC conference last May with some groups and they are actively pursuing sites here in Bixby as we speak. Ricky stated that he has shared with the City Manager Jared Cottle and Jason Mohler Developmental Services Director is the highest and best thing that could happen for sales taxes in Bixby it to create a site or sites where multiple tenants can be assembled in space, Rickey stated that 121st and even further south has been scrutinized for about the last 120 days looking at being able to put multiple tracts of land to create enough real estate to be able to assemble. Rickey stated that he would like to go into more detail but it should be in more of an executive session setting at this point because we are very close to those type of discussions for potential deals. Council has some question and clarifications for the economic development initiatives in Bixby.

Discussion only. No action taken.

Mayor Easton said item #3 on the Special Work Session agenda is:

Discussion on proposed adjustments to the City's comprehensive fee schedule.

Presented by: Jared Cottle

City Manager Jared Cottle stated that he will hand out the fee schedule because we looked at this one time before and from the feedback from you and there were a couple of things we would like to take a look at. Jared stated that most of the comparison for these fees put us to the surrounding communities and we used Broken Arrow for residential and commercial comparison with the help of Marcae our City Planner, Jared continued to explain some of the fees that were some concerns from this last time we looked at this schedule. Charles Barnes Finance Director explained the impact of the fees from the budget side and these fees would just cover the cost of the service we provide will pay for itself. Council would like for more information from other surrounding cities for more comparison to the fee schedule.

Discussion only. No action taken.

Adjournment was called at 5:49 p.m.

MAYOR

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CITY CLERK