

City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes

Bixby Municipal Building
111 N. Cabaniss Ave., Bixby, OK 74008
July 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM

The agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council Work Session of the City of Bixby was posted on the bulletin board at the Bixby Municipal Building, 111 N. Cabaniss Avenue, Bixby, OK 74008 on July 10, 2025, on or before 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Girard called the Meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Roll Call

Shannon Duran, City Clerk, called the roll, and the following were present:

Members Present

Mayor Girard
Vice Mayor Schultz
Councilor Hirshey
Councilor David
Councilor Payne

Staff Present

Joey Wiedel, City Manager
JT Hammons, City Attorney
Phil Frazier, City Attorney
Shannon Duran, City Clerk
Charles Barnes, Finance Director
Bea Aamodt, Public Works Director
Todd Blish, Police Chief
Nick Flanary, Assistant Fire Chief

Agenda

- 1) Grand Opening and Tour of the new Bixby Municipal Building located at 111 North Cabaniss Ave., Bixby, Ok 74008.

The Grand Opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Bixby Municipal Building took place at 4pm prior to the formal commencement of the meeting.

No action was taken by the council and no business was discussed at the Grand Opening.

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- 2) Presentation and discussion on park improvements for Washington Irving Park, Bixby, Ok. 74008.

Mayor Girard said the presentation and discussion on park improvements for Washington Irving Park, Bixby, Ok 74008 is up for discussion and consideration.

Item presented by John Wood, Parks Director
Others who spoke: Victoria Oltmann

A handout detailing the proposed projects and future improvements was provided to Council and is attached to these minutes for reference.

Mr. Wood provided a presentation to Council outlining the scope of current projects and plans for upcoming enhancements to Washington Irving Park. A discussion ensued between Council members and staff.

No formal action was taken by Council at this time.

3) Adjournment

Adjournment was called at 5:34 pm



City Clerk





Mayor

Washington Irving Park Infrastructure Upgrades

- A master plan of infrastructure upgrades with the goal of accommodating multiple users for public events at Washington Irving Event Park.



Where Are We Today?

- Currently the only large scale event being Bixby BBQ & Blues.
- Minimal usage from other groups due to infrastructure constraints.
- Wonderful existing features providing a great foundation to build from...
 - Beautiful wooded area
 - Multiple restroom facilities
 - Dual stage options
 - Multiple benches and covered pavilions in wooded area
 - Lots of open space
 - New luxurious playground
 - Wonderful back drop of the Arkansas River and Harmony Bridge



Current Deficiencies

- Power locations
- Water hook ups
- Hard surface opportunity for vendors and events
- Sufficient lighting in wooded areas
- Parking

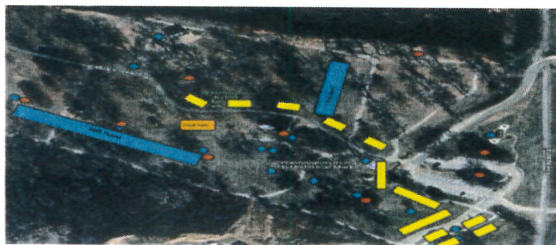


Proposed Immediate Improvements

- Place power in strategic locations to accommodate multiple different use groups.
- Place water hook ups in strategic locations to accommodate multiple different use groups.
- Add hard surface (concrete pad) connecting both parks large enough to be multi use.
- Clean up existing brush locations on East side to allow for more open space.
- Update lighting down main trail/road of Washington Irving Park (wooded area).
- Broker a plan for parking to accommodate multiple different events.



Blue Dots = 200 amp power poles
Red Dots = water spickets
Yellow = Retail Vendors



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Planned Future Improvements

- Provide covered structure over hard surface area for multi day events. This allows for events to plan for weather, multi day vendors, multi day event space, and space for citizens and families to host events/parties/functions.
- Permanent parking plan
- Permanent park entrance and exit plan



Who Benefits??

- Rotary Club – Bixby BBQ & Blues
- Optimist Club – Green Corn Festival
- Historical Society – Any Event They Choose
- Bixby Metro Chamber of Commerce – Halloween/Easter Event
- Bixby Winter Wonderland – Ice Rink and Christmas Event
- Bixby Citizens/Taxpayers – Everyday Use and Weekend Events



Questions?

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