

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Burkburnett, Texas, met in a Special-Called Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021 at noon at City Hall-Council Chambers, 501 Sheppard Road, Burkburnett, Texas. The meeting was open to the public, with notice being given in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. The following Commissioners were present:

Carl Law	Mayor
Ted Kwas	Commissioner, Place 1
Mike Tugman	Commissioner, Place 3
John Beard	Commissioner, Place 4
Marguerite Love	Mayor Pro-Tem, Commissioner, Place 5
Bill Lindenborn	Commissioner, Place 6

Commissioner Brewster was absent.

Others present were: Ron Hobbs, President, Wadona Stich, Partner, Ron Hobbs Architecture & Interior Design; Lawrence Cutrone, City Manager; and Margie Poole, City Clerk.

Present in the City Hall Lobby were: Mike Whaley, Director of Public Works; Brent Battista, Director of Parks and Recreation; Richard Gordon, Executive Director of Burkburnett Development Corporation (BDC); Harold Watkins, Fire Chief; Fred Tillman, Chief of Police; and Sarah Culp, Community Planning.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: MAYOR CARL LAW

Mayor Law called the meeting to order at noon.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION

Commissioner Kwas gave the invocation.

ITEM 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lindenborn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 4. Discuss and take any action necessary on the proposed new Events Center downtown, including the design and planning of the building, land, and any new city events to be held downtown.

Mr. Lawrence Cutrone, City Manager, introduced Mr. Ron Hobbs and Ms. Wadona Stich from Ron Hobbs Architecture and addressed the Mayor and Commissioners, stating that this kick-off meeting was called to hear the public comments regarding the design of the building and any future events to be held downtown.

Mr. Ron Hobbs addressed the Mayor and Commissioners with a briefing on the pre-design process and the importance of understanding what the community needs for the Events Center. Mr. Hobbs provided the Board a sample questionnaire that could be posted for the citizens to complete.

In response to Mayor Carl Law's question whether anyone on the phone had asked to speak, the City Clerk stated that no one on the phone had asked to speak, except for having received a

previous text from a citizen unable to attend the meeting. Additionally, the City Clerk had received an email from Mr. Mel Feller, who is currently on the phone.

Mr. Mel Feller addressed the Mayor and Commissioners, stating that his email addressed his comments. There were no further comments from the conference bridge. Mayor Law noted that the Board had copies of the three inputs received. Discussion among the Commissioners then ensued regarding the design and function of the Events Center.

Commissioner Tugman:

- expressed concern about having two kitchens (Culinary Arts Center) close in proximity – coordination with BISD?
- favored moving the Council Chambers to the Events Center and using this current space for City Hall needs.
- suggested hosting an evening meeting in the current Community Center to allow for more public input. Mayor Pro-Tem and Commissioner Kwas agreed.
- commented that restaurants and entertainment facilities bring the public to the area.

Mayor Pro Tem Love:

- noted that versatility is the key and favored a utilitarian concept.
- expressed the need to garner the business owners' support currently in the Downtown District.
- suggested sending a survey to garner public feedback.

ITEM 5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mayor Law noted that Mr. Lawrence Cutrone would speak at the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday (1/13) regarding downtown revitalization.

ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Tugman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kwas, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Carl Law, Mayor

ATTEST:

Margie Poole, City Clerk