

**CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2016**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jessup at 6:04 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup, IV
Alderman, John F. Isbell
Alderman, Steven H. Bezner
Alderman, Rick J. Staigle

Mayor Pro Tempore, Terry J. Henley
City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford

Alderman, Kelle K. Mills was not present at this meeting.

2. Discuss lease agreements with Center Point Energy for Parking Lot and Hike and Bike Trail.

Mayor Jessup stated that the City is waiting on the new agreement for the CenterPoint parking lot lease. When the City contacted CenterPoint they stated that they are issuing the agreement due to the Hike and Bike Trail that the City built. Mayor Jessup stated the City is working with legal and CenterPoint to come to agreement with the Hike and Bike Trail and get the parking lease agreement renewed.

3. Budget Overview

Mayor Jessup gave an update on the current budget. He recently met with each Department Head to review each of their budgets. He staff that he is very pleased with current staff. Staff knows how to read, use, and understand budget and how to look ahead and plan for the future. Mayor Jessup feels that this is the strongest group of Department Heads the City has had. Mayor Jessup also reported that sales tax are currently up.

4. Update Council on new personnel

Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary, explained that the City received over 50 applications for the Utility Clerk position. Both, she and Danny Segundo, Public Works Director, reviewed the applications and chose the top five for interview. Interviews were performed the last two weeks of February and they have narrowed their decision to two candidates. Staff is waiting on background checks to be complete before making a final decision and making an offer.

5. Update on Dorrance Lane

Mayor Jessup reported that the new utility clerk, Y'Mica Caesar, started on March 14, 2016. She is learning the software quickly, has a nice presence, and has experience in Court as well.

Patty Spade was able to work with her for a couple weeks before retiring and was pleased with her and said she felt good about leaving. The Police Department has also hired a new police officer who will be introduced during the regular Council meeting.

6. Review items on the March 22, 2016 Regular Agenda

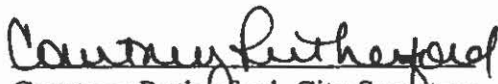
Council briefly reviewed upcoming agenda items scheduled to be discussed at tonight's regular meeting.

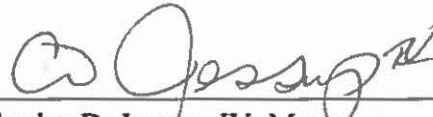
7. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Steven Bezner made a motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Terry Henley and with unanimous approval the workshop and special session meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the City Council on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

ATTEST:


Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary


Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

