

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DENTON
CITY OF CORINTH**

On this the 6th day of September 2018 the City Council of the City of Corinth, Texas met in Workshop Session at the Corinth City Hall at 5:30 P.M., located at 3300 Corinth Parkway, Corinth, Texas. The meeting date, time, place and purpose as required by Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter C, Section 551.041, Government Code, with the following members to wit:

Members Present:

Bill Heidemann, Mayor
Sam Burke, Mayor Pro-Tem
Lowell Johnson, Council Member
Scott Garber, Council Member
Tina Henderson, Council Member
Don Glockel, Council Member

Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Bob Hart, City Manager
Kimberly Pence, City Secretary
Curtis Birt, Fire Chief
Kevin Tyson, Lieutenant of Police
Brenton Copeland, Technology Services Assistant Manager
Ben Rodriguez, Planning and Development Manager
George Marshall, City Engineer
Helen-Eve Liebman, Planning and Development Director
Jason Alexander, Economic Development Corporation Director
Chris Rodriguez, Assistant Finance Director
Lee Ann Bunselmeyer, Director of Finance and Administrative Services
Lori Levy, Senior Planner
Patricia Adams, Messer, Rockefeller, & Fort

WORKSHOP BUSINESS AGENDA:

1. Discuss Regular Meeting Items on the Regular Session Agenda, including the consideration of closed session items as set forth in the Closed Session agenda items below.

Business item #8 discussion:

8. Hold a public hearing to receive community input on the FY 2018-2019 Annual Program of Services (Budget).

Bob Hart, City Manager - about 6 weeks ago we amended the budget to buy ticket writers for the officers. We are not going to be able to get those until after October 1st so I have taken that amendment we did and put it into the budget for next year. It is the same money that we have already authorized but it will show up as an addition to the budget. It has already been approved, the problem is we won't be able to access them until after October 1st.

2. Hold a discussion on the Texas Municipal League Legislative update.

Bob Hart, City Manager gave an update on the Texas Municipal League Legislative position process and summary actions.

The Texas Municipal League changed the legislative position process in anticipation of the 2019 session by consolidating the three committees (personnel, land use and utilities). The committee met on August 23 & 24. Following are the recommended positions.

Harmful Legislation in General/Preemption

The Summit delegates voted to recommend that the League:

1. oppose legislation that would erode municipal authority in any way, would impose an unfunded mandate, or would otherwise be detrimental to cities.
2. oppose legislation that would provide for state preemption of municipal authority in general.

Revenue and Finance

The Summit delegates voted to recommend that the League:

1. oppose legislation that would impose a revenue and/or tax cap of any type, including a reduced rollback rate, mandatory tax rate ratification elections, lowered rollback petition requirements, limitations on overall city expenditures, exclusion of the new property adjustment in effective rate and rollback rate calculations, or legislation that lowers the rollback rate and gives a city council the option to re-raise the rollback rate.
2. oppose legislation that would negatively expand appraisal caps but take no position on legislation that would authorize a council-option reduction in the current ten-percent cap on annual appraisal growth.
3. support legislation that would simplify the effective tax rate calculation for notice purposes only, provided the legislation would have no effect on either the underlying effective tax rate and rollback tax rate calculations themselves, or upon the hold harmless exemptions to those rates.
4. support legislation extending the sunset date for Chapter 312 tax abatement authority only if the business lobby groups whose members benefit from tax abatement agreements refrain from any support for harmful revenue and expenditure caps.
5. oppose legislation that would impose new property tax or sales tax exemptions that substantially erode the tax base.
6. support: (1) legislation that would make beneficial amendments to the equity appraisal statute; (2) legislation that would close the “dark store” theory of appraisal loophole; and (3) legislation that would require mandatory disclosure of real estate sales prices.
7. support: (1) legislation that would authorize a council-option property tax exemption of a portion of the appraised value of property damaged by a disaster, and (2) legislation that would

authorize a council-option city homestead exemption expressed as a percentage or flat-dollar amount.

8. support legislation that would convert the sales tax reallocation process from a ministerial process into a more formalized administrative process.
9. with regard to economic development: (1) take no position on legislation that would broaden the authority of Type A or Type B economic development corporations; and (2) oppose legislation that would limit the authority of Type A or Type B economic development corporations statewide, but take no position on legislation that is regional in scope and that is supported by some cities in that region.
10. oppose legislation that would erode the ability of a city to issue debt.
11. oppose legislation that would limit or eliminate the current flexibility of the Major Events Reimbursement Program as a tool for cities to attract or host major events and conventions.

Regulation of Development

The Summit delegates voted to recommend that the League:

1. oppose legislation that would erode municipal authority related to development matters, including with respect to the following issues: (1) annexation, (2) eminent domain, (3) zoning, (4) regulatory takings; (5) building codes, (6) tree preservation, and (7) short-term rentals.
2. support legislation that would expand municipal annexation authority.
3. support legislation that would authorize a city council to opt-in to requiring residential fire sprinklers in newly constructed single-family dwellings.

Utilities and Transportation

The Summit delegates voted to recommend that the League:

1. oppose state or federal legislation or rules that would erode the authority of a city to be adequately compensated for the use of its rights-of-way and/or erode municipal authority over the management and control of rights-of-way.
2. support legislation that would: (1) allow for greater flexibility by cities to fund local transportation projects; (2) amend or otherwise modify state law to help cities fund transportation projects; or (3) provide cities with additional funding options and resources to address transportation needs that the state and federal governments are unable or unwilling to address.
3. support legislation that would: (1) provide additional funding to the Texas Department of Transportation for transportation projects that would benefit cities; and (2) provide local, state, and federal transportation funding for rail as one component of transportation infrastructure.
4. oppose legislation that would erode municipal authority over billboards or place any

unfunded mandate on cities relating to billboards.

Miscellaneous (Public Safety, Personnel, Elections, Municipal Court, Member-Submitted Items):

The Summit delegates voted to recommend that the League:

1. take no position on legislation that would standardize red light photo enforcement systems, so long as the underlying authority is not eliminated. (Further, the committee recommends that TML defer to the Texas Red Light Coalition on more detailed matters relating to revisions to red light camera policy.)
2. take no position on legislation that would amend the affected provisions of the Texas Government Code relating to the Texas Municipal Retirement System to allow for greater flexibility in retiree pension increases and provide for a forgiveness provision for cities that stopped the regular repeating COLA payments without reference to a cost of living index.
3. oppose legislation that would further erode local control as it pertains to retirement issues.
4. oppose legislation that would substantively change or expand the scope of the current disease presumption law, unless doing so is supported by reputable, independent scientific research.
5. oppose legislation that would require candidates for city office to declare party affiliation in order to run for office.
6. oppose legislation that would eliminate any of the current uniform election dates.
7. in relation to municipal courts: (1) oppose legislation that would impose additional state fees or costs on municipal court convictions or require municipal courts to collect fine revenue for the state; and (2) support legislation that would allow a more equitable way of distributing court fines that would result a higher percentage of fines being kept local, where the laws are enforced, the court is held, and the fines collected.
8. oppose legislation that would: (1) require the reporting of lobbying activities beyond the requirements in current law; (2) limit or prohibit the authority of city officials to use municipal funds to communicate with legislators; and (3) limit or prohibit the authority of the Texas Municipal League to use any revenue, however derived, to communicate with legislators.
9. support additional appropriations for the Texas Veterans Commission and the Texas Workforce Commission skills for veterans initiative that dedicates state funding to address the training needs of veterans returning home and entering the Texas workforce.
10. support legislation that: (1) clarifies federal congressional intent of federal transit law to protect cities across the United States from being penalized due a to a population drop suffered as a direct result of a natural disaster, retroactive to 2000; (2) explicitly states that only presidentially declared major disasters are covered, in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 100-707); and (3) protects federal transit funding streams for urbanized areas until the execution of the next decennial census.

11. support legislation that would request that the legislature increase funding for the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System to \$3 million annually.
12. support legislation that would allow cities the option of using either an official newspaper or a website for the publication of legal notices.
13. support legislation that would allow a city to lower the prima facie speed limit from 30 to 25 miles per hour without the need for a traffic study.

Other

The Summit delegates directed League staff to seek the guidance of the TML executive committee in relation to tax abatement agreements should the “support” position included elsewhere in this program no longer encompass evolving scenarios.

The Summit delegates directed League staff to seek the guidance of the TML board of directors on issues related to sales taxes on remote sales.

The Summit delegates requested that, after the 2019 legislative session, the TML President appoint a committee to study seeking additional local option transportation funding mechanisms.

The Summit delegates requested that the TML President appoint a committee to study and make recommendations to the TML board of directors on issues related to initiative and referendum.

The Summit delegates concurred with the [legislative program](#) of the Texas Recreation and Park Society, but disapproved the provision in that program relating to prohibiting firearms at certain types of city events.

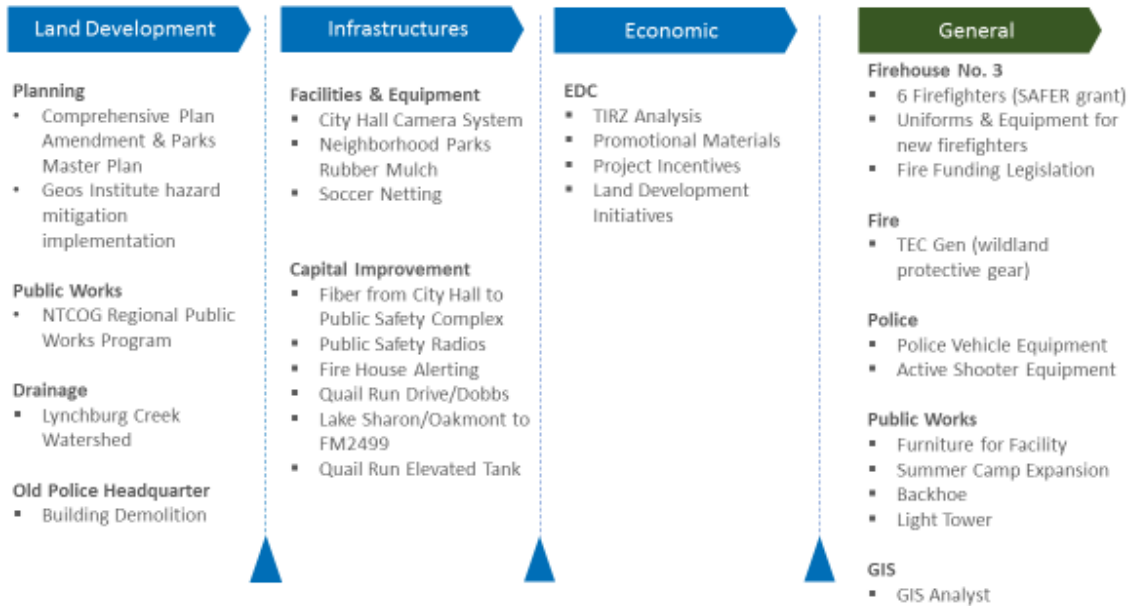
The Summit delegates directed League staff to work with the City of Leary on legislation that would reduce cost drivers for small city audits, so long as appropriate statutory safeguards remain in place.

3. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Program of Services and Capital Improvement Program.

Bob Hart, City Manager - below is the summary of what is in the budget. They are starting to make announcements for the Safer Grant and we appear to be in great shape for that.

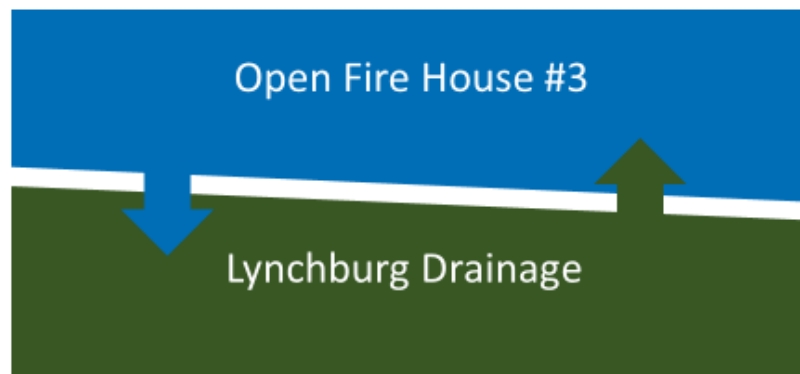
The TIRZ Analysis has two components, One is, there is \$12,000 in there just to do a lot of the analysis, get it through the County and the other is that place holder where they might need to be some funding to help kick start some of that and cash flow it until we can repay the Economic Development Corporation for that.

Summary of New Budget Packages



Bob Hart, City Manager - the biggest numbers you are going to see in the budget is the opening of fire house #3 and Lynchburg Drainage.

Primary Cost Drivers for FY2018-19 Budget



Bob Hart, City Manager - below is the proposed budget changes that we have been discussing over the last few weeks.

FY 2018-19 Proposed Budget Changes

General Fund	City Hall Lighting	\$ 100,000
Economic Development Fund	Parkridge Drive Development	\$ 1,900,000
	Tax Increment Financing District	\$ 100,000
	Parkridge/FM 2181 Wastewater Impr.	\$ 1,000,000
Court Technology Fund	Ticket Writers	\$ 25,000
Capital Improvement	Fire House 3/Sally Port Epoxy Floor	\$ 129,000

Mayor Heidemann recessed the Workshop at 6:15 p.m. * See Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council will convene in such executive or (closed session) to consider any matters regarding any of the above agenda items as well as the following matters pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Section 551.071. (1) Private consultation with its attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation; and/or settlement offer; and/or (2) a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State of Texas clearly conflicts with chapter 551.

Council met in Closed Session from 6:20 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

a. MCM Contract for the Lake Sharon Roadway Extension

Section 551.072. To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

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a. Consider acquisition of Right-of-way at 1708 Post Oak Drive.

b. Consider acquisition of Right-of-way at 2101 Lake Sharon Blvd.

Section 551.074. To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

a. City Manager evaluation.

Section 551.087. To deliberate or discuss regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

After discussion of any matters in closed session, any final action or vote taken will be in public by the City Council. City Council shall have the right at any time to seek legal advice in Closed Session from its Attorney on any agenda item, whether posted for Closed Session or not.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS.

Mayor Heidemann reconvened into Workshop Session at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Heidemann adjourned the meeting at 7:01 P.M.

AYES: All

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by Council on the 4th day of October, 2018.

Kimberly Pence
Kimberly Pence, City Secretary
City of Corinth, Texas