

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

On this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 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  
Tina Henderson, Council Member  
Don Glockel, Council Member

**Members Absent:**

Lowell Johnson, Council Member  
Scott Garber, Council Member

**Staff Members Present**

Bob Hart, City Manager  
Guadalupe Ruiz, Human Resource Manager  
Kimberly Pence, City Secretary  
Brenton Copeland, Technology Services Assistant Manager  
George Marshall, City Engineer  
Lori Levy, Senior Planner  
Melissa Cranford, Messer, Rockefeller, & Fort

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mayor Heidemann called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**

**WORKSHOP BUSINESS AGENDA:**

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

**BUSINESS ITEM #4 Discussion:**

Consider and act upon the adoption of a Home Builder Kiosk Sign Program and authorize the City manager to enter into a contract with National Sign Plazas to facilitate the installation of informational signs in city-owned right-of-way to direct potential customers to developments within the City.

**Councilmember Glockel** - this talks about signs being in the Right-of-way and the median. Do we ever see this in front of a house in their front yard?

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - no. It will be on the major thoroughfares such as FM 2181, Corinth Parkway.

**Councilmember Glockel** - I certainly don't want to see it in front of some ones house just because it is in the Right-of-way. It also talks about liabilities associated with this, with this being in our median and somebody runs in to it what is the liability we have for that?

**Melissa Cranford, Messer, Rockefeller, & Fort** - you would be protected by the Texas Tort Claims Act because it is not motor driven equipment creating the hazard. You or the claim would have to argue that it was some sort of a property defect and it was not operating as it was intended to. For example say the sign had been damaged in a prior accident and was unstable then you could have potential liability by virtue of property defect but I think that would be a special set of circumstances. In general you would be covered by Tort Claims Act protection.

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - that is addressed in the contract.

**Councilmember Glockel** - It doesn't talk about taking them out. Would that be where the City and the contractor gets together and decides it is not serving any purpose?

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - yes, and you just take it out. A lot of times you can put another panel in but if there is not a need for another panel then you can just take it all out.

**Councilmember Henderson** - do you ever put signs other than for homebuilders such as a park?

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - yes, you can have signs for city facilities and schools.

**Councilmember Glockel** - you can't read the signs in Lake Dallas is that the same company we are using?

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - it is a different company but same concept.

**Councilmember Glockel** - the signs in Lake Dallas are hard to read. As you are coming down towards the signs you can't read them.

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - part of it is their signs are busy. What you want to do is keep it simple, plain vanilla kind of a deal and we will have control of that.

**2. Hold a discussion and receive Council direction on the Draft Strategic Plan, *Embracing the Future Corinth 2030*.**

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - The City, Community, Stakeholders, and Staff have been diligently working on the Strategic Plan since March of this year. This Plan is the City's guide to carry out the vision statement through the identification and prioritization of goals and objectives, future trends and desired outcomes.

Recommended strategies and actions identified in the Plan include Land Development, Infrastructure Development, and Economic Development with the last step of an implementation schedule to achieve the plans direction by 2030.

Mr. Hart walked through the goals and strategies of the strategic plan with City Council.

**Councilmember Henderson** - are the pictures in the presentation pictures from Corinth or pictures we got of the internet? If we had pictures of Corinth it would be better.

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - there is probably going to be a mix but we will go back and look. I would agree with you.

**Councilmember Henderson** - on the median household income piece in this draft is way below from what the Economic Development has listed. All of the numbers Economic Development Corporation has are a lot higher than what is in here.

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - what I think is happening is they are referencing some documents that are older so these all need to be updated. We are working on this but what I need the focus on is the Goals and Strategies. If I had waited to clean it up that would have pushed me back another two months of getting it to you. When you look at this it is clear that all of this was part of the budget.

**Councilmember Burke** - if we want to convey this to the general public we need to consider some verbiage that does not sound like it came out of the seminar. Some areas are as clear as can be and I know what the City is trying to do and other areas are not. For example under Goal 1 Attracting quality residential and non-residential development, under objectives and outcomes it states "Create a contextual multimodal transportation system to attract and serve new development" what exactly is a contextual multimodal transportation system? I feel that wording needs to be revised so people will understand exactly what the city is trying to accomplish.

**Councilmember Henderson** - is there any way you could bold the goals and strategies in the document so it would be easier to follow.

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - yes, we can bold those. If you are comfortable with this summary we will get this finalized and bring it back to Council on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilmember Glockel** - I spent a lot of time going through the document in our packet and made notes and so forth. It is a waste of time for me to study this and I get something totally different the night of the meeting. I am not saying that the document is not good I just feel it is not fair to Council for us to continually get something the night of the meeting and ask us to go through it.

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - if you are willing to let us have the notes you made, staff is still working on the document catching mistakes and making changes to it.

**Mayor Heidemann** - would like to thank everyone that put this together. It really summarizes all the meetings we have had and captures the thought and processes were for everybody and a lot of this has been incorporated into this year's budget so we are moving forward and it is appreciated.

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

Mayor Heidemann convened into Closed Session at 6:17 p.m.

#### **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.** Private consultation with its attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation; and/or settlement offer:

**Council met in Closed Session from 6:17 p.m. until 7:18 p.m.**

**A. *Marcus Mote v. Debra Walthall*, Case No. 4:16-CV-00203-RC, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.**

**Section 551.071,** (1) Private consultation with its attorney to see 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 Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**Council met in Closed Session from 6:17 p.m. until 7:18 p.m.**

**A. MCM Contract for Lake Sharon Roadway Extension.**

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, pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, Consultation with City Attorney.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION** - In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will reconvene into Regular Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

**There was no action taken on Closed Session items.**

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Heidemann adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

**AYES:** All

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by Council on the 15th day of November, 2018.

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