

Minutes of Planning Workshop held September 27, 2010

Planning workshop with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Ward Sanders, Kevin Keith, Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest; Director of Public Works James McGrath; Fire Marshal Matt Dear.

Visitor: Hector Barrera, Jr.

Mayor Bowen opened the planning workshop at 7:15 p.m. He told Council that he had asked the engineers to work on a 5-year plan for the city. He then introduced Eddie Bogard to Council and asked him to review TRC's plans for city utilities and streets. Mr. Bogard explained TRC's recommendations and their thoughts on each.

Mayor Bowen told Council that he feels the HEB waterline and the road at the sewer plant should be priorities.

Alderman Keith asked Public Works Director James McGrath to give Council his thoughts. Mr. McGrath told Council that well #3 needs to be fixed and the sewer plant road rebuilt.

Police Chief Richard Priest told Council that over the next twelve months his department needs to fill the seventh position, then staffing and organizing the department needs to be looked at when city grows more.

Alderman Keith asked department heads to list priorities for the next five (5) years.

Mayor Bowen asked each of the Aldermen their thoughts for their priorities for this 5-year plan.

Alderman Sanders told Council that the new sports complex and the park by the carwash are on his list.

Alderman Cortez said he feels streets and drainage are a priority.

Alderman Stone told Council he agreed with Mr. Sanders that the sports complex is a priority.

Alderman Keith told Council street lighting on Norvell Street needs attention.

Mayor Bowen asked the City Secretary her views for the 5-year plan.

The City Secretary said if the City grows more, a new city hall and additional staff would be needed.

Fire Marshal/Fire Chief Matt Dear told Council the Fire Department is also needing more space at the fire station.

Visitor Hector Barrera, Jr. told Council that he feels the present City Ordinances need to be enforced.

Council agreed to meet again on October 18th.

Planning session was closed at 9:20 p.m.