

**Workshop Meeting
June 25, 2018
6:00 p.m. or the conclusion of the Special Meeting
Council Chambers**

The Workshop Meeting of the Crestview City Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M. or the conclusion of the Special Meeting. Members present were: President J.B. Whitten, Vice President Bill Cox, Joe Blocker, Shannon Hayes and Doug Faircloth. Also present were the honorable Mayor David Cadle, City Clerk Elizabeth Roy, City Attorney Ben Holley department heads and members of the press.

WORKSHOP

1. Called to Order

This workshop was called to order by Mr. Whitten.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was led by an attending Boy Scout.

3. Open Policy making and legislative session

The Workshop was open by Mr. Whitten.

4. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Whitten asked if there were any changes to the Agenda.

There were none and Council gave consensus to present Workshop Agenda.

5. Public Opportunity on Council proposition

6. Workshop Items

a. Discussion of Homeless in Crestview- ISP Report

Mr. Whitten stated that the goal for this meeting is to review the options presented in Phase 1 of what can be done and to develop a time table to accomplish those goals.

The Phase 1 recommendations are:

1. Establishing and as hoc voluntary Homeless Affairs Coalition under the Office of the Mayor and the City Council consisting of representatives from private, nonprofit, faith based, and government stakeholders to continually monitor, report and provide advice for the management and reduction of homelessness.
2. Accepting and enhancing the city's relationship with the Homelessness and Housing Alliance (HHA) of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, welcoming its guidance and support.
3. Developing and implementing a strategic plan for homeless management with HHA's assistance.
4. Encouraging the Homeless Affairs Coalition to apply for funding related projects available through the Crestview Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Okaloosa County, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, the Coalition should establish a benevolence fund so that the Crestview Area Shelter for the Homeless (CASH), churches and other service providers can draw from the fund which will be purposed solely for the City's homeless efforts.
5. Supporting a Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) by generating necessary ordinance to aid the Police in management of the homeless.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Police Chief Grant stated the different items that his department is starting to implement to help with Phase 1 such as coordinating with other police organizations in how they handle their homeless situations, creating a database, having Officers patrol downtown, and meeting with CASH.

Discussion ensued on the recommendations in Phase 1.

Ms. Ann Sprague, 1086 HWY C 4-A, Baker Florida, representing CASH stated that from July 1, 2017 to June 1, 2018 that CASH did intakes on two hundred twenty-one different individuals. Those are individuals that come to CASH or that volunteers come across, there are many that do not. She then gave the indicators of how they assess how a person is homeless.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Faircloth asked Ms. Sprague for information for those who would like to donate items or money.

Ms. Sprague gave the address of CASH, 428 McLaughlin Road, Crestview Florida, 32536.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Whitten posed the question to Council if they had an obligation to try to form a coalition of citizens and faith-based organizations to formulate a plan to see how to help with the homeless.

Ms. Sandra Smith of Crestview Florida, stated that the coalition is a good idea and then gave her experiences as being a homeless person. She gave two ideas to Council on how they can help by providing transportation to the south-end of the County so that people can have access to agencies that can help place them in a home. She also suggested finding a way to have affordable housing in the City.

Mr. Whitten thanked Ms. Smith for her suggestions.

b. Discussion of Budget

Ms. Roy, City Clerk, she presented to Council with the Fiscal Year Budget for 2018 to include the three percent raise with one percent given in October and two percent given on the anniversary date. She also included the Employee Evaluation form to be introduced this year but to be implemented to establish raises for the 2019 Fiscal Year. Mr. Roy informed Council that the millage rate will have to be set in July. She asked that Council review this information and at the July 23rd meeting decisions regarding the budget can be made then.

Discussion ensued.

c. Sales Tax Initiative Projects

Councilmember Hayes presented Council with a Resolution from County concerning the half-cent sales tax. The City has already signed a Resolution for this but it was based on a 5-year plan and after much review it was decided that a 10-year plan would fit better. He requested a consensus from Council to agree with this change of plan. Mr. Hayes reviewed some of the projects that would benefit the City of Crestview.

A discussion ensued relative to the information presented.

Mr. Cox and Mr. Faircloth agree with change from five-year plan to the ten-year plan.

Discussion ensued.

Council gave consensus to support the change to this resolution.

7. Other Items for Discussion

Mr. Faircloth inquired of the Growth Management Director about the progress of the vacation of Maypoles between Hwy 90 and Hickory.

Ms. Gaillard, Growth Management Director answered that there was a meeting held today regarding that issue and the final documents will be presented soon.

Mr. Hayes asked for an update on Popeyes.

Ms. Gaillard stated that right now this issue is with the FDOT concerning their driveway.

Mr. Hayes announced that he will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on August 27th at Carver-Hill concerning the Charter.

Mr. Steele, Public Services Director gave his support for the resolution Mr. Hayes presented.


Fire Chief Holland announced that there will be a "Family Day" at Winn-Dixie this coming Saturday from 12-4 pm.

8. Comments from the Audience

9. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned by Mr. Whitten at 7:29 p.m.

Elizabeth M. Roy
City Clerk



J B Whitten
Council President

Minutes approve this ___ day of _____, 2018.