

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Kyle, Texas met in Special Session on March 16, 2024 at Kyle City Hall with the following persons present:

Mayor Travis Mitchell	Lila Knight
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Rizo	Betty Conley
Council Member Bear Heiser	Yvonne Flores-Cale
Council Member Lauralee Harris	Cynthia Bentley
Council Member Daniela Parsley	Pam Gibson
Council Member Michael Tobias	
Bryan Langley, City Manager	
Amber Schmeits, Assistant City Manager	
Jesse Elizondo, Assistant City Manager	
Aimee Alcorn-Reed, City Attorney	
Grant Bowling, Audio Film Prod Manager	
Jennifer Kirkland, City Secretary	
Victoria Vargas, Director of Economic Dev.	
Perwez Moheet, Director of Finance	
Marco Forti, Director of IT	
Mariana Espinoza, Director of Parks & Rec.	
Aimee Garcia, Asst. Dir. of Parks & Rec.	
Will Atkinson, Director of Planning	

I. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Mayor Mitchell asked the city secretary to call roll.

Present were: Mayor Mitchell, Mayor Pro Tem Rizo, Council Member Heiser, Council Member Harris, Council Member Parsley, and Council Member Tobias. A quorum was present. Council Member Zuniga was absent.

II. Citizen Comment Period with City Council

Mayor Mitchell opened citizen comments at 8:06 a.m.

Lila Knight was called to speak as registered regarding Item No. 2. Her comment is on Item No. 2 and also applies to Item No. 1. She stated she will send a dissertation to Council next week. She stated that it is difficult to make a three-minute comment. She commented about the backup material being provided only yesterday. She believes it is important to have an informed citizenry, and when they don't get proper notice of the discussion it is difficult to be informed and to respond. She stated there are many people here today that are interested, but they are uniformed. She stated that the agenda items are broad. She thought the City was going to revitalize downtown, but the language says develop downtown.

Betty Conley, as the President of KASZ was called to speak as registered. She spoke about the KASZ Senior Center and Council's intention to help KASZ. She stated that seniors 50 and older currently make up 22.22% of the city's population, but also supports the middle age group that are caring for their parents and grandparents. She stated that with a larger kitchen, they can feed more people and that is proven to provide longevity of life.

Yvonne Flores-Cale was called to speak as registered. She stated that the leadership, beginning with Council and going to the Assistant City Managers, should not say things like "We shouldn't listen to the minority;" and "if we table this issue more people will come out to speak up next time." Ms. Flores-Cale stated that it is not consistent with the Oath council members take when they take their seat. She urged council to show support to the citizens that show up.

Cynthia Bentley was called to speak as registered. She spoke on the Senior Center, and it being a social committee. She stated that they have many educational programs on nutrition for seniors. She stated the group works to get seniors out of the house which alleviates depression. She spoke about health, fitness, counseling, and grief workshops. Ms. Bentley continued that seniors put in many hours of volunteering at City Hall, but they volunteer to AMVET, VFW, Kiwanis, the school district, food boxes, and they are not a social club. She spoke about educating seniors on identity fraud.

Pam Gibson spoke. She is a general member of KASZ. She stated that whether Council's parents are local or not, but if they have lost a loved one, they are lost. She stated that they need somewhere to go. She stated that their building is too small. They want to provide more meals, more programs, but they cannot expand in the current facility. She stated that if the Council provides this space, the voters will see them as caring, loyal, and loving people. She stated that each of them will be seniors one day, and the community needs this.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Mitchell closed citizen comments at 8:18 a.m.

III. Reports and Presentations

1. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding the potential construction of a multipurpose community center.
(Item Presenter: Jesse Elizondo, Assistant City Manager)

Mayor Mitchell called a recess at 9:58 a.m. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting back to order at 10:14 a.m.

It was a consensus of Council for staff to bring back an architectural firm for the design of a joint facility. No action was taken.

2. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding potential options to develop downtown.
(Item Presenter: Will Atkinson, Director of Planning)

The item was not brought forward.

IV. Adjourn

Mayor Mitchell moved to adjourn. Council Member Parsley seconded the motion. No vote was held.

With no further business to discuss, the City Council adjourned at 11:03 a.m.


Travis Mitchell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Kirkland, City Secretary