

The City Commission of the City of Canyon met in special session at 10:30 a.m. in the Mack Dick Pavilion in Palo Duro Canyon. Mayor Gary Hinders presided over the meeting with the following Commissioners in attendance, Mayor Pro-Tem Justin Richardson, Cordell Jones, Roger Remlinger and Paul R. Lyons. Also present was City Manager Randy Criswell and City Attorney Chuck Hester.

At 1 pm, the meeting was joined by the following City Staff: Assistant City Manager Chris Sharp, Police Captain Ray Resendez, Public Works Director Dan Reese, Code Enforcement Director Danny Cornelius, Parks Director Brian Noel, BCD Director Evelyn Ecker, and Safety Director Tony Lawson.

Item 1. Call to Order.

Mayor Hinders called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Item 2. Team Building, Devotional and Lunch.

The Commissioners were led in a short devotional and prayer period by Pastor Rick Enns of the First Methodist Church and Pastor David Gadberry of the Summit Church. The Commissioners then spent until about 12:30 in casual interaction, and continued through lunch until about 1 pm. No City business was discussed. A short recess occurred between 1 pm and 1:15 pm.

Item 3. 1:00 PM – Strategic Planning Session.

Mayor Hinders called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Each Commissioner was given the opportunity to express what he felt was important to him as a City Commissioner and as a citizen of Canyon, and to express what he felt could be improved or changed. The following is a summary in bullet format of the major items that were listed:

- Address growth and maintain growth, both residential and retail/commercial.
- Event/convention/conference center of some kind should be explored.
- Maintain and strengthen ties with WTAMU, work with them, assist the University in every way possible.
- Enhance potential for Canyon to be a Sports Destination
- Create and develop more media awareness of Canyon and events in Canyon.
- Take care of our employees. Show appreciation. Provide good salaries, good benefits, and let them know they are the backbone of the City.
- Brick Streets. Must develop a plan of action
- Communication. Projects, staff, each other. Possible work sessions prior to Commission meetings.
- Water Supply
- Parks
- Youth/young people/young families

Other things discussed:

- Trust our processes, our staff, and our Boards/Commissions.

- Make Canyon more noticed by the media in every way possible; highlight our events and what makes Canyon special
- Possible full-time accountant on staff
- Tax inequity with Randall County vs. services provided.

At that point, City Manager Criswell was asked if he had anything to add. Mr. Criswell stated he felt there were some things that needed to remain as a future focus of some kind. Those items were:

- Yard Parking Ordinance
- AMR System
- City Hall/Civic Complex expansion
- Russell Long Blvd partnership with TxDOT and WTAMU
- Traffic Study for the downtown Square
- Consideration of amending Ordinance prohibiting alcohol in City facilities and City parks

Item 4. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mayor Hinders thanked everyone for their time and efforts, and Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson moved this meeting be adjourned at 4:10 pm.

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Gary Hinders, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gretchen Mercer, City Secretary