

**MINUTES OF THE
KAUFMAN CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION
SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011 — 8:30 A.M.
CEDAR CREEK COUNTRY CLUB
18392 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE
KEMP, TEXAS 75143**

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

MAYOR	WILLIAM FORTNER
MAYOR PRO-TEM	JEFF COUNCIL
COUNCILMEMBER	CHARLES GILLENWATER
COUNCILMEMBER	KENNETH MUNDEN
COUNCILMEMBER	TONY RADER
COUNCILMEMBER	BARRY RATCLIFFE
COUNCILMEMBER	LOUIS TIJERINA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Fortner called the Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. All Councilmembers were present. Mayor Fortner declared a quorum present. Also present were City Manager Curtis Snow and ACM/City Secretary Jo Ann Talbot.

1. The Kaufman City Council will hold a Strategic Planning Work Session for the City of Kaufman.

The discussion for Goals continued.

City Manager Curtis Snow mentioned that with the issuance of Certificate of Obligations for the debt of Highway 34 By-Pass could be quite significant and the Council needed to realize the Tax Rate could increase at least ten cents (\$0.10) or better.

Mayor Fortner mentioned that a gentleman from Terrell has a replica model of the old County Court House. It was discussed placing it in the Heritage Park on the Square. An old clock tower was also discussed.

Entrance sign coming into Kaufman from Highway 175 and Highway 243 was discussed.

Taking a tour of different towns for improved downtowns and brownstone housing.

Discussed parking meters around square.

Improve the infrastructure before improvements to roadways.

Discussed Water Corporations increased rates up to 125%.

Commercial Development.

Council wants a Whataburger. Designate Economic Director to rally this business.

Tax abatement for Ed Hall Drive and Mulberry Street.

Work on the design of a Big Box. Economic Director to work on this project.

KEDC

Invite/Attend KEDC Director to City Meetings.

PARKS

The Council suggested planting trees or shade sail covers near the ball fields.

Mayor Fortner suggested planting Cedar Elm trees. They grow fast and multiply.

See if Staff can get a traffic count at City Lake Park.

Restrooms need to be upgraded at City Lake Park.

Use water off the lakes to water?

Establish a summer Recreation Program.

Update on lily pads at City Lake Park.

RESIDENTIAL

Incentives for quality housing development

Annex Residential land

Mayor Pro-Tem Council mentioned that Code Enforcement needed to pay more attention to north Kaufman area by Grove Street and Altom Street. Look at abandoned vehicles all over the city. Look at junky yards and vacant lots, the back of Cordell feed store need attention.

STREETS

Mayor Pro-Tem Council reported that Royal Drive, Circle Drive, Crestview and Houston Street need attention.

Council commented not to fix a street until the water and sewer lines are replaced.

Receive a map of repairs on sewer and water lines monthly.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A new fire truck will be required soon.

Staff is working on an Emergency Preparedness Plan for the City. The City still works under the County Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Councilmember Munden reported that the City and County should have an emergency drill together.

We need a location to send citizens to upon threatening weather.

Lots of fast vehicles on Houston Street.

ANNEXATION

City Manager Curtis Snow informed the Council the Annexation Plan will be reviewed in June with the Planning and Zoning Commission at a Joint Meeting.

He discussed the steps of annexation and service plans. The City needs control of the frontage roads. The City will invite Brown/Hofmeister Attorneys to educate the Council on annexation process and procedures.

PERSONNEL

City Manager Curtis Snow informed the Council that the employees have not received a raise in two (2) years.

Other items discussed before lunch were:

Location of water and sewer lines on East Highway 175, north and south side.

Wastewater Treatment repairs.

City has to conduct an I & I Study.

Cottage Heights has drainage problems.

Underground water storage facility has to change out a flow meter, estimated cost \$90,000.00.

Break for Lunch at 11:50 a.m.

Return from Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

The Council then prioritized the goals for items discussed during the Work Session as follows:

DOWNTOWN

Sidewalks for Improved Properties	(5)
Budget \$25,000 for Incentives for Downtown	(5)
Lighting Downtown	(4)
Locate new City Hall downtown	(3)
Trade Days – support and offer help	
Bus Ride to other downtowns	
Stop improvements to a property owners building	

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Big Box Design	(5)
Incentives for Mulberry & Ed Hall Drive	(4)

RESIDENTIAL

Incentive program for Quality Housing	(4)
Annex Residential Land	

PARKS

Shading around Ball Fields	(3)
Recreation Program	(3)
Work Session with Park & Recreation Board	(1)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Emergency Preparedness	(4)
Fire Truck	(1)

ANNEXATION

Annex 175 (7)
Annex Residential Land (3)

PERSONNEL

Raises for Employees (4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER.

City Manager made no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

**WILLIAM FORTNER
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**JO ANN TALBOT
CITY SECRETARY**