

**Belton City Council Workshop Meeting  
December 13, 2016 – 4:30 P.M.**

The Belton City Council met in workshop session in the Smith Room at the Harris Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Marion Grayson, Mayor Pro Tem David K. Leigh and Councilmembers Craig Pearson, Jerri Gauntt, Paul Sanderford, Guy O'Banion and Dan Kirkley. Staff present included Sam Listi, John Messer, Amy Casey, Brandon Bozon, Angellia Points, Paul Romer, Erin Smith, Bruce Pritchard, Cynthia Hernandez and Byron Sinclair.

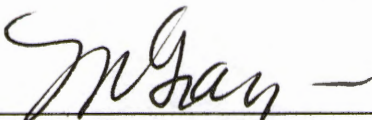
1. **Call to order.** Mayor Grayson called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
2. **Receive an update and discuss design of street improvements for Sparta Road Phase II, and improvements for the MLK/Main Street intersection and Industrial/Main Street intersection.**

Mack Parker of KPA Engineers provided an overview of the design status of Phase II of the Sparta Road improvements project, including the MLK/Main Street and Industrial/Main Street intersections that will be included in the bid package. The discussion included a possible memorial or other type of monument dedicated to the Fire Department in the center of the roundabout that is to be located at the intersection of Commerce Drive and Sparta Road. Fire Chief Bruce Pritchard showed several examples that range from the simple to the extravagant, but Staff is simply seeking Council input on the concept, not necessarily the specifics. While most Councilmembers were in favor of honoring the Fire Department in some way, some questioned whether a memorial in the center of the roundabout was a safe or appropriate location.

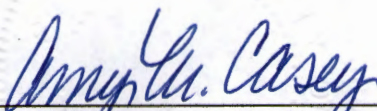
There was discussion about other types of focal points in the center of the roundabout including a large live oak tree or other landscaping that would require minimal care. Councilmember Craig Pearson asked if electricity and water would be provided. Mr. Parker said that conduit would be included to the roundabout where water and electricity could be run. Councilmember Dan Kirkley said that a firefighter memorial would be a good project, at an appropriate location. Councilmember Paul Sanderford concurred, and said that he shares the concern about safe accessibility to the memorial for visitors.

The Staff thanked Council for the input, and indicated they would take all the comments into consideration and return with one or more design alternatives for Council consideration.

3. **Adjourn.** Mayor Grayson adjourned the workshop meeting at 5:23 p.m.

  
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Marion Grayson, Mayor

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Amy M. Casey, City Clerk