



**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.  
FORMER SIX SHOOTER JUNCTION RESTAURANT  
820 ESCONDIDO ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119**

---

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Joe Baker  
Cindy Saenz, Mayor Pro-Tem, District 1  
Christopher Parker, District 3  
James Douglas-Meyer, District 4  
Saundra Schultz, District 5 (Joined Meeting at 6:09 p.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Johnny Rodriguez, District 2

**CITY PRESENT:**

City Manager William Linn  
City Secretary Ruby Beaven  
Police Chief Richard Ashe  
Administrative Assistant Amy Desharnais

**CITY ABSENT:**

Building Official Jaime Albiar  
Director of Public Works Jerry Higgins  
Director Parks & Streets Joe Hernandez, III

**1. Call Workshop City Council meeting to order.**

The Workshop Meeting of the City of Kenedy was called to order by Mayor Baker at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, no quorum was present, in the former Six Shooter Junction Restaurant, 820 Escondido Street. Kenedy, TX.

**2. Call Roll and establish a quorum is present.**

No quorum was present. Mayor Baker opened the meeting for open discussion since this was a workshop and no action will be taken.

**3. Prayer.**

Mayor Baker led the prayer.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

**5. Open workshop for the purpose of discussing the City of Kenedy Convention and Youth Centers. (Presenter: City Manager Linn)**

City Manager Linn addressed the Council to explain the workshop meeting was being hosted in this facility since this will be the new city convention center. He thanked the Council for their support to be able to acquire building.

Shannon Ashe addressed the Council and explained she has been an event planner for 20 years and is excited about the new convention center. Ashe stated that since this convention center was purchased with 15 acres that an important aspect to consider would be to develop green space. She went on to say this was very important for out-of-town attraction for the facility. Green space is a big part of the outdoor extension of the center and can setup a nice scenery for events such as marriages, receptions, and other services. In addition, Ashe went on to say that a good direction would be to coordinate with hotels and restaurants.

Mayor Baker stated a green space would be a great idea with some type of parking area for weddings. Mayor Baker address the City Manger to inquire if funds were to include outdoor space.

At 6:09 p.m. Saundra Schultz joined the meeting. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

Discussion held among Council, City Manager, and Citizens about the timeline for restoration, architecture, additional workshop, and design details.

William Berger with Rawley McCoy & Associates, PLLC (RMA) addressed the council. Berger stated there is no contract at this time because he needed to define the scope of work and get feedback. Berger did state that this was the very beginning of the project.

Discussion held among Council, City Manager, and William Berger about the timeline, inside and outside development, small and large venue area and potential divided building, egress/ingress, partitions, restrooms, and ADA compliance.

Discussion held among Council, City Manager, William Berger, and Citizens about separate dressing rooms, building committee, maintaining building character, kitchen catering, parking concern, history of building and location, potential video for grand opening, historic marker, cost, signs, square footage, and 4B contributing funds towards renovation.

Mayor Baker opened the discussion for the Youth Center. Mayor Baker stated the center is being considered for the Joe Gulley Park location.

City Manager Linn stated the youth center is being considered for placement parallel to Nottingham and facing towards the park. He went on to say there are eight lots equal to about two acres of land.

Citizen inquiry about trail connecting Joe Gulley Park and Escondido Creek Parkway. Mayor Baker stated maybe a six month time frame. City Manager Linn stated we are going to start with the form and sub-base and eventually will have a concrete extension.

Discussion held among Council, City Manager, and Citizens, about youth center fees, basketball league, children's museum, accessibility, community needs, internet access for homework and playtime, dual purpose to bring public library into youth center, staff for monitors, children school year times, safe place, and consider fact that children are gamers.

Mayor Baker stated he liked the idea of a library annex. Councilman Douglas stated as a reminder to talk to the County first since the library is operated by County.

Councilman Douglas suggested we poll the children to see what they want. He went on to say children are gamers and could make an area for them to bring games to play. He suggested maybe a small or sizeable room for birthday parties or events. In addition, stated more feedback from the community is a good idea.

Mayor Baker stated these are all great ideas presented but we will be limited to budget and size of land to build.

Mayor inquired with City Manager on vision process to move forward for final plans for centers. City Manager Linn stated Councilman Douglas idea to poll is a good start since we will need research to bring a state-of-the-art facility to our community. City Manger stated we will need to have another workshop, sign a PSA with Willam Berger. The idea is to start the convention center first and then start the foundation for the youth center.

Discussion held among Council, City Manager, and William Berger for next workshop in December, major items for restrooms, kitchen, parking, HVAC, technology, and budget of \$1.5M.

6. Adjourn.

Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Baker, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ruby Beaven, City Secretary