

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON JULY 18, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

- A. The work session meeting was called to order by Mayor Hamley at 5:30 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Russell Hamley	City Manager Mike Castro
Council Member, Joyce Berube	City Secretary, Lorri Coody
Council Member, Rod Erskine	City Attorney, Bobby Gervais
Council Member, Harry Beckwith III, PE	
Council Member, Mark Maloy	
Council Member, Jill Klein	

Staff in attendance: Mark Bitz, Fire Chief; Eric Foerster, Chief of Police; Danny Segundo, Public Works Director; Isabel Kato, Finance Director; and Michael Brown, Parks Director.

B. Discussion regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act.

City Attorney, Bobby Gervais gave a presentation on the Texas Open Meeting Act. Background information on the topic is as follows:

The Open Meetings Act, codified at chapter 551 of the Government Code, provides that meetings of governmental bodies must be open to the public except for expressly authorized executive sessions. The Act also provides that the public must be given notice of the time, place, and subject matter of meetings of governmental bodies.

In his presentation, Mr. Gervais reviewed the following specific areas governed by the act:

1. Specificity of agenda items
2. Executive sessions
3. "Walking Quorums", meetings by email, and Attorney General Opinion GA-0326

In completing the review, Mr. Gervais fielded questions and answered accordingly as Council engaged in discussion about this very important topic.

C. Discuss the selection and prioritization of streets to be included in the Phase 3 of the City's Street Improvement Project.

Public Works Director, Danny Segundo presented the item. He told Council that during the work session held on June 20th, discussion was had regarding the criteria to be used in selecting streets to be considered for Phase 3 of the City's Street Improvement Project.

During that meeting, Council gave staff the following criteria:

- (1) Drainage, (2) Utility, (3) Volume of Traffic, and (4) Drivability

In addition, Council wanted traffic counts for the potential streets and a staff recommendation.

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In response staff included in the agenda packet the 2011 Street Rating and Analysis Lists, a map of the top 14 streets selected by staff and Brook & Sparks, and three options of streets for City Council to consider in connection with a Phase 3 City Street Improvement Project.

City Engineer, Frank Brooks explained the three options and the other items included in the Council packet. In completing same, he fielded various questions from Council as follows:

Question: Are the cost estimates transferrable?

Answer: YES - Mr. Brooks explained that the costs are transferrable so a street from one option can be moved to another option if desired.

Question: Do the estimates include street lights, engineering design costs, and testing?

Answer: YES - Mr. Brooks explained that the estimates should be close to costs.

Discussion was had about the Section of Welwyn Street between Chichester and Lakeview. Additionally, it was noted that Tahoe is really not in that bad of condition, but it is well traveled. Council discussed Elwood Street in detail.

There was also discussion about the information presented in the Council packet and the cost estimates presented. Council wanted to know how to get the “most bang for their buck.” This lead to discussion on how large the project should be. City Manager Castro explained that Council should focus on having \$5 to \$5.5M in reserves when Phase 3 of the Street Improvement Project is complete. Therefore, having or selecting alternate streets for the project would be a good idea.

Mr. Castro also explained that the work session agenda is to discuss the item and the action item (Resolution) is on the Regular Session agenda to take place later on in the evening.

In completing the discussion and receiving answers to questions, the following options for a Phase 3 Street Project were expressed by Council:

Option A (Council Member Berube)

In using Option A, subtract Elwood and Sue and add Yampa and Mauna Loa. Add as an alternate the section of Welwyn between Chichester and Lakeview.

Option B (Council Member Beckwith)

Add Carlsbad, Yampa, Mauna Loa and the section of Welwyn between Chichester and Lakeview.

Option C (Mayor Hamley)

Subtract Sue and Elwood. Add Carlsbad, St. Helier to St. John to DeLozier, and the section of Welwyn between Chichester and Lakeview.

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Option C (Council Member Klein)

Subtract Tahoe and Capri and add Carlsbad North of Lakeview.

Option A (Council Member Maloy)

Carlsbad North of Lakeview, All of Acapulco, All of Juneau, Capri, Tahoe, St. Helier to St. John to DeLozier, and the section of Welwyn between Chichester and Lakeview. Subtract Elwood and Sue.

In order to arrive at a consensus, Mayor Hamley reviewed the options with Council. All agree that Phase 3 of the Street Improvement Project should include all of Acapulco and all of Juneau. From there the following consensus was reached for Phase 3:

All of Acapulco, All of Juneau, All of Carlsbad up to St. Helier to St. John to DeLozier, Tahoe, Capri. Alternates to include: Yampa, Mauna Loa, and the section of Welwyn between Chichester and Lakeview. Subtract Elwood, Sue, Singapore, and Congo.

Council instructed staff to prepare an estimate for the regular council meeting item to be had later in the evening.

Adjourn

With no other items to be addressed by the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Lorri Coody, City Secretary