

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON MARCH 4, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Russell Hamley at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Russell Hamley

Council Member, Justin Ray

Council Member, Rod Erskine

Council Member, Harry Beckwith III, PE

Council Member, Sheri Sheppard

City Manager, Mike Castro, PhD

City Secretary, Lorri Coody

Council Member, Jill Klein was not present at this meeting.

B. Consider Resolution No. 2013-10, urging the City's State Legislative Delegation to advocate for noise mitigation measures as they relate to the expansion of US Highway 290.

Council Member, Rod Erskine introduced the item. He reminded Council that during the last Council Meeting held on February 18, 2013, Council asked that a Resolution be prepared for consideration and presentation to the City's State Legislative Delegation. This item is to consider same and to discuss how and when the Resolution will be presented.

City Manager, Mike Castro told Council of a phone call he received from State Representative Gary Elkin's Aide asking to schedule a phone meeting with Mr. Elkins and City Manager Castro to discuss the noise issues related to the US 290 expansion project. Mr. Castro expressed his concern to Council about scheduling the phone meeting in that he did not want Representative Elkins to consider this phone meeting as taking the place of any intended meeting that Council would schedule. Nonetheless, City Manager Castro told Council that he would set the phone meeting and be very careful to keep the call's focus on historical information and refrain from answering any questions concerning the desires of Council.

The consensus of Council was that the phone meeting between Representative Elkins and City Manager Castor was appropriate and should take place. Nonetheless, Council felt that it is important for them as a body to meet with the Representative and that the City's noise expert, Arno Bommer with Blackburn and Carter, must be present in order to communicate TxDOT standards concerning noise abatement on behalf of the City.

Council discussed the desires of the City in terms of noise mitigation associated with the US 290 expansion project. The desires are twofold: (1) that noise be reduced by ten (10) decibels; and (2) given the addition of overhead managed lanes to the project, that TxDOT be required to re-do the environmental impact statement.

Mayor Hamley explained his efforts to schedule meetings with State Senator Patrick and State Representative Elkins. He explained that both are in Austin, Texas during the week. Senator Patrick will only set meetings in Austin, Texas. Representative Elkins may set up a meeting on a Saturday locally.

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The consensus of Council was to try to schedule a Saturday meeting, but the main focus should be setting a meeting that can be attended by the City's noise expert and as many members of the Council as possible. Most favored a meeting locally on a Saturday.

With no further discussion, Council Member Beckwith moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-10, urging the City's State Legislative Delegation to advocate for noise mitigation measures as they relate to the expansion of US Highway 290. Council Member Ray seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Ray, Erskine, Beckwith, and Sheppard

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, URGING THE CITY'S STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO ADVOCATE FOR NOISE MITIGATION MEASURES AS THEY RELATE TO THE EXPANSION OF US HIGHWAY 290.

C. ADJOURN

There being no further business on the Agenda the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Lorri Coody, City Secretary