

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER MEETING ROOM, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

A. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Erskine at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Rod Erskine	City Manager, Mike Castro, PhD
Council Member, Justin Ray	City Secretary, Lorri Coody
Council Member, Greg Holden	
Council Member, Harry Beckwith III, PE	
Council Member, Sheri Sheppard	
Council Member, Tom Eustace	

Staff in attendance: Mark Bitz, Fire Chief; Eric Foerster, Chief of Police; Isabel Kato, Finance Director; Michael Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Frank Brooks, City Engineer.

Danny Segundo, Director of Public Works, and Bobby Gervais, City Attorney, were not present at this meeting.

B. Receive and discuss a presentation regarding the adoption and implementation of a Speed Cushion Program for the City of Jersey Village.

Michael Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a presentation about the Speed Cushion Program. The presentation included information about the following:

- Speed Cushions
- The Speed Cushion Program
 - Program Design
 - Research – programs from other cities
 - Specifics on the proposed Jersey Village Program
 - Overview
 - Eligibility Requirements
 - Request Process
 - Funding
 - Implementation & Design
 - Removal Parameters
- Issues to be Considered

Council engaged in discussion about the speed cushion process. They had questions about the removal process. Staff explained that this would be handled in the same manner as the initial request with the exception that it would be a different petition and possibly a different contact person.

There was considerable discussion about the meaning of the 85th percentile speed and the possibility of setting the speed limit for Seattle to 20 mph in order to accommodate the 85th percentile speed.

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Council also explored the idea that the volume of traffic on Seattle may be the issue as opposed to travelers exceeding the speed limit. There is a good deal of traffic volume on that street.

Cost sharing was discussed in terms of the criteria and also why there is a need to include cost sharing into the policy. Staff explained that the cost sharing criteria is included in order to eliminate frivolous requests and demonstrate commitment on behalf of the residents.

Some Council Members had a concern with including cost sharing into the program and felt that the City should fund the implementation of speed cushions for those streets meeting the criteria. Additionally, some members felt that Jersey Village would not receive frivolous requests.

Council discussed the sunset provisions as well as having a provision for a pilot program wherein speed cushions would be installed on two of the City's streets for two years in order to learn the pros and cons of such devices.

Council also discussed that the criteria for implementing a speed cushion may be too stringent. However, basing the decision to install a speed cushion on certain criteria is good. In discussing the criteria, some members of the Council wondered if we even need speed cushions. Some felt that the City spends many dollars making sure our streets smooth for travel, and installing a speed cushions seems to defeats this effort.

Council discussed the petition process. Some wondered if it would not be better to, in place of the petition process, have City Staff write a letter to all residents on the affected street asking for a response in connection with the request to install the device. If 67% respond in favor of the speed cushions, then the City would install same. Nonetheless, others felt that the criteria establishing the need for a speed cushion is essential and only qualifying streets should be considered.

There was further discussion about the 85th percentile speed and the criteria surrounding same. The proposed program establishes need for a speed cushion once the 85th percentile speed exceeds the posted speed by greater than four (4) mph. Some members felt that this requirement should be set at four (4) mph or greater for studies performed after an approved petition.

Council discussed further the need for a pilot program to learn more about the effects of these devices. In considering same, it was the consensus of Council that additional discussion was needed and asked that another meeting be scheduled for such discussion.

C. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Lorri Coody, City Secretary