

City of Grand Prairie
August 9th, 2016 Meeting Agenda Minutes
City Council Capital Improvement Projects Budget Meeting

Minutes Recorded by Andrew Fortune, Assistant to the City Manager

Call to Order

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

Present:

Ron Jensen, Mayor
Council Member Greg Giessner
Council Member Jeff Copeland
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Wooldridge
Council Member Tony Shotwell
Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson
Council Member Jim Swafford
Council Member Lila Thorn
Council Member Richard Fregoe
City Manager Tom Hart
Deputy City Manager Anna Doll
Deputy City Manager Tom Cox
Public Works Director Ron McCuller
City Engineer Romin Khavari
Grants Coordinator Ryan Simpson
Fire Chief Robert Fite
Police Chief Steve Dye
Parks Director Rick Herold
Finance Director Diana Ortiz
Treasurer Cheryl Davenport
Budget Director Kathleen Mercer
Airport Director Randy Byers
Library and Communications Director Amy Sprinkles
Facilities Manager Ray Riedinger
Senior Assistant to the City Manager Gina Alley
Assistant to the City Manager/Mayor Erica Paige
Assistant to the City Manager Andrew Fortune

Budget Presentation

Kathleen Mercer, Budget Director, gave a presentation on the Debt Service Per Forma Review, seen on page 2 of the packet. City Manager Tom Hart explained that a penny was moved from operating side to the debt side. Kathleen Mercer confirmed that we stayed under the rollback tax rate.

Kathleen Mercer continued her presentation on the Summary of Cash Review, seen on page 3 of the packet. Mayor Ron Jensen asked about Sports Corporation funding and was referred to page 4 by Kathleen Mercer. Mrs. Mercer also confirmed that the money given to the Epic was not reflected on the document.

Kathleen Mercer plans to add the Baseball Fund under the “Restricted Cash” section, per Council Member Tony Shotwell’s request.

Presentations on Seeton Road, Great Southwest Parkway Sara Jane to Forum Phase I

Council Member Jeff Copeland asked the number of lanes for the project. Romin Khavari, City Engineer, confirmed there are 6 lanes planned. Council Member Giessner asked for a timeline of the project. Romin Khavari responded 9 months to 1 year. Council Member Copeland expressed concerns regarding the traffic congestion as a result of the construction. Mr. Khavari plans to investigate incentives the City of Grand Prairie may be able to provide to minimize the traffic impact. Mayor Ron Jensen reiterated that the Council needs options in terms of incentivizing the project.

Esplanade South of Warrior Project

Council Member Richard Fregoe asked for confirmation of the location of the project and the plan for expansion. Romin Khavari described the plan for the road to extend from the dead end to Warrior Road and Mayfield Road.

Wildlife Parkway

Council Member Jim Swafford asked if there are any other cities where there are issues with the project similar to ours. City Manager Tom Hart is unaware of any currently, but the timeline for the project is long-term at this time. Conversations were left on a positive note.

Grandway and Arlington Webb-Britton

Council Member Jeff Wooldridge asked if the developer has come to an agreement on the road. Bill Crolley, Director of Planning, reported that Chesapeake has not come to an agreement at this time.

Camp Wisdom Road

Walter Shumac, Transportation Director, reported that 1382 will be a dedicated turn lane.

Council Member Jeff Wooldridge asked to confirm that the City has been waiting on the County to fund the project. Romin Khavari confirmed that Dallas has money in the project along with Grand Prairie.

City Bridge Rehabilitation Various Locations

Public Works Director Ron McCuller said that the Duncan Perry Bridge must be replaced. City Manager Tom Hart expressed concern about the trees in the area. Mr. McCuller confirmed that the trees would have to come out if the proposed project occurs. Mayor Jensen confirmed that we could replace the bridge without widening it.

Master Thoroughfare Plan and Comprehensive Planning Update

Presented by Romin Khavari, City Engineer.

Acosta Sidewalk and Drainage Cober to Kennedy Middle School

Council Member Shotwell expressed safety concerns for the children walking to and from school.

Camp Wisdom Fiber

Presented by Romin Khavari, City Engineer.

Arterials

Presented by Romin Khavari, City Engineer.

Street Assessment Implementation

Presented by Ron McCuller, Public Works Director.

Council Member Copeland inquired regarding the total cost, and Mr. Romin Khavari reported it will cost roughly \$610 million.

Mayor Ron Jensen and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge both inquired about the quarter cent sales tax for streets. Staff promised to follow up with more information.

Lakeridge Parkway @ Joe Pool Lake

City Manager Tom Hart expressed a desire to put together a plan to take this project to our Federal Legislators to put into a bill.

Oakdale – Roy Orr to 161 (2 Phases)

Storm Drainage Projects

Main Street/Jefferson Box Culvert

Great Southwest Parkway at Prairie Creek Bridge

Neighborhood Flooding Drainage Improvements

Seeton (Grand Peninsula to Day Miar) (Culvert at Taffee Creek)

20th and Walnut Street Drainage Erosion

Romin Khavari reported that the pond in this area is classified as wetlands.

Dalworth Street and Dalworth Creek

Fish and Cottonwood Master Plan Update

I-20 and Fish Creek Preliminary Design

City Manager Tom Hart asked if this is necessary with the CORPS deal. The CORPS said they may have some funding they are willing to include. Romin Khavari confirmed that it is still necessary.

Detention at Belt Line Road and Culvert at Platner Creek Preliminary Design

Dorchester Levee Local Match/FEMA

Voluntary Buy-Out (410 Windhurst)

Cottonwood Creek/Carrier Parkway Low Water Gates

Council Member Tony Shotwell asked for the timeframe on the Main street drainage project. Romin Khavari reported some difficulty working with the Rail Road. Staff are working to complete it before the end of the year. Council Member Tony Shotwell added that it might be a good idea to look at another traffic pattern; it is a mess. Informing people at Loop 12 to use Jefferson would be wise.

Airport Presentation – Randy Byers, Airport Director

Randy Byers expressed concern regarding erosion and drainage issues on the northwest corner of the airport. The drainage area needs to be addressed; the City is searching for available Federal funds.

Council Member Jim Swafford asked for the estimate on the construction of the drainage. Kathleen Mercer reported \$1.5 million for the whole project. Council Member Jim Swafford recommended paying for it out of the Airport gas fund, but Deputy City Manager Anna Doll reported that there is not enough in that fund.

Council Member Fregoe asked about the outside repairs for the airport tower. Mr. Byers confirmed that the money is needed annually for maintenance.

Library – Sprinkles

Expansion of the Shotwell Library

Warmack Library Enhancements

Mayor Ron Jensen inquired about parking. Amy Sprinkles, Library and Communications Director, responded, referencing the current traffic management plan. Council Member Jeff Wooldridge also expressed concerns regarding parking.

Fire Presentation – Chief Robert Fite

Fire Station Locations and Relocations

Police Presentation – Chief Steve Dye

Chief Dye mentioned that the Mobile Technology Upgrade item will be moved to the Crime Tax fund, please disregard. PSB Security Cameras will be upgraded and replaced.

Council Member Tony Shotwell inquired about what the City does with the old technology. Chief Dye recommended asking Keshnel Penny, Information Technology Director. Chief Dye said the City does donate or auction older technology items, typically.

Council Member Jeff Copeland commented that Police Associations in Dallas are losing all their good officers to the suburbs. Chief Dye responded saying that many of the laterals are going to Fort Worth and Grand Prairie.

Facilities Presentation – Ray Riedinger

Ray Riedinger, Facilities Manager : Building Infrastructure replacement and remodels.

Council Member Jim Swafford asked for the replacement reserve account balance. Kathleen Mercer reported that the fund has roughly \$500,000 in it. Council Members requested more detail on the plans for the Park and Ride Mural.

Parks Presentation – Rick Herold, Parks and Recreation Director

Adjournment

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM. The foregoing minutes were approved at the September 6th, 2016 meeting.

Andrew Fortune, Assistant to the City Manager