



MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON APRIL 25, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, 1 TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TX 77477

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Jessup, at 6:02 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup, IV	City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford
Mayor Pro Tempore, Terry J. Henley	Alderman, John F. Isbell
Alderman, Steven H. Bezner	Alderman, Rick J. Staigle

Alderman, Kelle K. Mills, was absent.

2. Workshop with Economic Development Commission regarding Kirkwood landscaping.

EDC President, Bob Graf, and Commissioners Matthew Walker and Margaret Sandlin, were present for the Workshop. Mayor Jessup stated that the City had hired a landscape architect, Asakura Robinson, to help with the landscaping of the Kirkwood road project. He stated that the original design came in way over budget, but the review Committee, which consists of Mayor Jessup, Alderman Staigle and the Parks and Recreation Director, Colene Cabezas, have been working with Asakura Robinson to reduce the cost.

There was discussion regarding focal points, such as statues, which have been removed from the initial plan to help reduce cost. There was also discussion regarding the sidewalk. The original plan budgeted \$82,000 for sidewalks on either side of the street. The architect and the review committee agreed to have sidewalk on only one side. There was lengthy discussion among Council and the Commission regarding the elimination of the sidewalk one side. Some Council thought that residents would be offended if they did not have the sidewalk. Alderman Staigle explained that HDR requested only one sidewalk for drainage, but that side of the street will still be beautifully landscaped.

There was brief discussion regarding other ways to cut cost. Asakura Robinson is reworking the landscape and will report back.

3. Update on sex offender lawsuit.

Mayor Jessup gave Council a brief update regarding the current lawsuit. He stated that the case is currently in Court. He and the Police Chief went to Court on April 10, 2017. The opposing attorney was the same attorney that Mayor Jessup testified against in Austin on March 28, 2017. The defendant is in violation of both state law and the City's ordinance. The City's Attorney argued that this case needs to be heard in the Court where the defendant was originally convicted. The judge is now reviewing the case and the City will attend another court date in the future.

4. Update on sex offender legislation.

Mayor Jessup reported that he went to Austin on March 28, 2017 to give testimony regarding HB 387. There were 44 witnesses there prepared to testify on behalf of the sex offenders. The Mayor put up good arguments, but it has not come out of the Committee yet. Mayor Jessup has sent letters to the Committee and Alderman Henley has also sent emails. Mayor Jessup is reaching out to several cities across the state in hopes of getting their support.

5. Discussion regarding chickens.

Mayor Jessup asked Council if he needs to release a public statement regarding chickens or leave it as is. Council agreed to leave it alone for now and let residents handle it through their deed restrictions if an issue comes up.

6. Review items on the April 25, 2017 Agenda

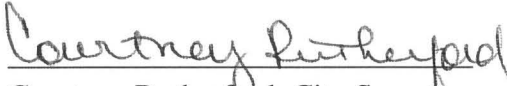
Council briefly reviewed the upcoming agenda items scheduled to be discussed at tonight's meeting.

7. Adjourn

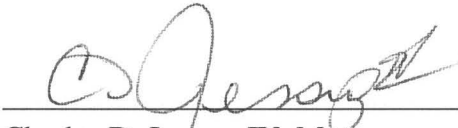
There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Staigle moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bezner and with unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the City Council on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

ATTEST:



Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

