



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION TOWN HALL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON JUNE 9, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE MEADOWS PLACE TRAINING CENTER/EOC, 11975 W AIRPORT BLVD., MEADOWS PLACE, TX 77477.**

**The purpose of the meeting was to explain the scope of the project, duration, process of construction, and to give residents an opportunity to ask questions of City Council about the Kirkwood Street Construction project.**

The Mayor called the Town Hall meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following present:

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

Staff in attendance: Parks & Recreation Director, Colene Cabezas

Mayor Jessup welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for attending. Council then allowed the residents a few minutes to review the proposed plans for the Kirkwood construction project.

There were 19 residents in attendance, one more resident showed after the meeting was over. The following signed the sign in sheet:

Robert Henderson	Bill & Lesley Smith
Sharon Easterlin	Alicia Dyer
Tracy Parks	Jonathan Marcantel
Dr. Dave Dyer	Mark & Danette Comardo
Joanna & Michael Trout	Silvia & Silverio Romano
Nadya Shelton	Deborah Braund
Donald Trask	Brenda Callow
Meghan Nolen	

Mayor Jessup explained that this project was part of the 2007 Mobility Project. And it has been reviewed and studied since then. It was recommended that a study be done by engineers and HGAC transportation planning department. The studies were done and they looked at numerous options and roundabouts were found to be the best option. The roundabouts will help slow traffic and decrease pollution due to less stopping and starting. Mayor Jessup stated that safety is the primary responsibility of City Council and was considered in this decision making.

Below is a summary of items discussed regarding the Kirkwood project:

- Kirkwood can handle up to 25,000 cars a day and current traffic counts show that approximately 11,000 cars travel Kirkwood daily.

- The current average speed on Kirkwood is 30 mph with the roundabouts the speed should reduce to approximately 20 mph.
- Kirkwood is approximately 40 years old and is at the end of its service life and needs to be replaced.
- This project is part of the 2007 mobility project and there are remaining funds to be transferred to this project.
- The bonds will only pay for the street reconstruction. The City will be responsible for the landscaping and purple pipe for the irrigation, and the street lights.
- Estimated cost for this project is approximately \$4,500,000 and the City's portion should be around \$700,000 to \$1,200,000.
- The City is working on additional funding from the County.
- The City will go out for bid to get hard cost. Once we have a cost the EDC and City will decide if the City is ready to move forward.
- The City is expecting \$3,000,000 from the County.
- The roundabouts are cheaper than going back with the current design, due to the cost of concrete.
- Studies show that roundabouts are safer for pedestrians.
- Crossing guards will remain for children.
- Due to traffic lights at each end there should be an approximate 60 second break in traffic.
- The City will work with Meadows Elementary to provide street crossing training and education.
- Kirkwood will be a 2 lane street versus the current 4 lanes.
- There will be less pollution and noise.
- The City is asking the EDC to fund the landscaping. Current landscaping may need to be scaled back to save money. EDC is funded through tax money.
- EDC has paid approximately \$400,000 in engineering cost.
- Landscaping will make Meadows Place unique and separate from Alief and Houston.
- The proposed landscaping is low maintenance and drought and freeze tolerant.
- Rocks will help with drainage and flow to the bayou.
- Fourteen live oaks will be removed, but approximately 100 trees will be replanted in their place. The City has a partnership with CenterPoint Energy for trees.

- Landscaping will create a visual barrier.
- Stamped concrete and colored concrete will be used for lower maintenance.
- Bike paths will continue from Kirkwood to the bayou and will eventually connect to the current paths in the City.
- The City will be looking into a HGAC grant for active trails.
- Bids are generally awarded to the low bidder, but they must be a responsible bid/contractor with experience in street construction.
- The sidewalks will be standard concrete. Crosswalks will be colored concrete.
- Once the final touches on the design are complete it will take approximately one week to review.
- The earliest construction is expected to start is late September.
- Current drainage bowls at Dorrance and Brighton. New design will drain directly to the bayou. The elevation will be lower towards the bayou.
- Construction time will be approximately 14 months.
- Only one intersection at a time will be closed during construction and one lane will remain open.
- New design will have less concrete, therefore allowing for better drainage.
- There will be no change in the storm sewer system.
- Sidewalks will be installed on both sides of the street.
- Drawings of the new design will be available on the City's website and in the lobby at City Hall.
- Two more public meetings will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **A. Adjourn**

There being no further questions Mayor Jessup adjourned the Special Session Town Hall Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

**These minutes were approved by City Council on Tuesday, June 26, 2018.**

  
 Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



  
 Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor