



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION TOWN HALL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON JUNE 26, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, 1 TROYAN DRIVE, 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 6:00 p.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, Rick J. Staigle	Alderman, Kelle K. Mills

Staff in attendance: Parks & Recreation Director, Colene Cabezas

Alderman, Steven H. Bezner was not present for the meeting.

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 10 residents in attendance. The following signed the sign in sheet:

Jesse Rodriguez	Craig & Diedre Crowe
Silverio & Silvia Romano	

Mayor Jessup explained that this project was part of the 2007 Mobility Project and it has been reviewed and studied since then. Safety is Council's first responsibility. He stated that he has done extensive research on roundabout safety for children, seniors, and ADA compliance. He believes this is the best choice for Kirkwood.

Alderman Staigle explained that he has reviewed the most recent drawings, but he has been sick so his final comments have not been submitted. Alderman Staigle gave a brief background on the project and explained that Kirkwood is a 40 year old street at the end of its service life.

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

- The roundabouts are designed for firetrucks, ambulances, and school buses. Semi-trucks will be able to use the truck aprons.
- The City will not be taking any rights-of-way and will have impact on some driveways. Some residents met with City officials and agreed to have their

driveways relocated. Driveways will be put back as is for those who chose not to meet or did not want their driveways relocated.

- 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.
- Kirkwood will be a 2 lane street versus the current 4 lanes.
- 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.

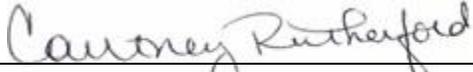
- Bids are generally awarded to the low bidder, but they must be a responsible bid/contractor with experience in street construction.
- The sidewalks will be standard concrete. Crosswalks will be colored concrete.
- Once the final touches on the design are complete it will take approximately one week 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.
- There will be no change in the storm sewer system.
- Sidewalks will be installed on both sides of the street.

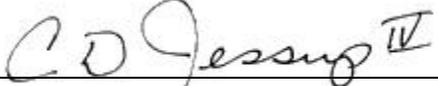
**A. Adjourn**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

**These minutes were approved by City Council on Tuesday, July 24, 2018.**

  
 Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary

  
 Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

