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Steven H. Bezner, Alderman
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Rick J. Staigle, Alderman

Janice M. Moore, City Secretary

**CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES – ANNUAL RETREAT
OCTOBER 18, 2014
TACTICAL TRAINING CENTER**

Present were Mayor Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor Pro Tempore Terry J. Henley, and Aldermen Steven H. Bezner, John F. Isbell, Sr., Kelle K. Mills and Rick J. Staigle. Also present were Chief Gary Stewart and Public Works Director Dan McGraw. City Secretary Janice M. Moore was absent.

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Jessup called the workshop to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Items for Discussion:

a. Kirkwood Road Project

1. What It Is

- a. Part of Fort Bend County 2007 Mobility Bond Project.
- b. Rebuilds the roadway.

2. Past Concerns

- a. Residents concerned about roundabouts
- b. Terry got HGAC to bring in Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) to perform a study. There was no cost to the City.
- c. Texas Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD) used to determine traffic control at intersections. The four (4) intersections do not meet TMUTCD warrants.
- d. Emergency vehicle access.
- e. Vehicle and pedestrian safety.
- f. Other options – four (4) lanes without stop signs, four (4) lanes with a signal at Dorrance, roundabout at Dorrance only.

3. Costs Associated

- a. Two (2) lanes with roundabouts cost about the same as four (4) lanes without control.
- b. Four (4) lanes with roundabouts probably more expense.

4. Creating a Plan
 - a. Need to look at options.
 - b. Look at options.
 - c. Future meetings to set up a map to follow.
 5. Funding
 - a. \$1.5M from Fort Bend County 2007 Mobility Bond. City responsible for any additional.
 - b. EDC probably providing the rest of funding.
 6. Roll Out to Public
 - a. When do we want to take it forward?
- b. Local Mosquito Control
1. County currently providing spraying. It takes several days to get the County out. No cost to City.
 2. City could pay about \$900/month for contract spraying.
 3. City could buy our own equipment and control the schedule.
- c. Backflow Preventers
1. There have been theft problems.
 2. Three thefts two (2) weeks ago. Shut the Sugar Grove School for a day.
 3. City has been burying them.
 4. Should the businesses be required to bury them or put cages on them?
- d. Infrastructure
1. Road Closures – e.g. Meadow Valley
 - a. Some residents want them open. Others want them closed permanently.
 - b. Could fix the sight distance issue.
 2. Road Use Fee – amount- future use
 - a. Want to build up about \$100,000 contingency fund before using it on other things.
 - b. Brings in about \$7,500 per month.
 - c. Currently \$67,941 in the bank.
 - d. Only provides for minor repairs or possibly backing a bond.
 - e. What about a major bond issue to do major repairs?
- e. Government Functions
1. Doing a good job overall.
 2. Need to provide better education to the citizens about what the City is doing.
 3. Need better coordination with County Sheriff dispatch.
 4. Need to address infrastructure.
 5. Need to be engaged in the community.

f. Personnel

1. Discussed citizen complaints.
2. Discussed personnel issues/vacancies.

g. Capital Improvements

1. West Airport Boulevard under construction.
2. New generator at Tactical Training Center.
3. Texas Roofing and Sterling McCall improvements.
4. Need to improve pool and recreation area.

h. Revenue

1. Property Taxes, Sales Tax, Licensing and Permits, Franchise Fees, User Fees.
2. Need to find new sources.
3. May need to raise taxes and fees.

i. Marketing

1. Need to capitalize on what sets us apart.
2. Push information out to future residents and realtors.
3. Find events to host in the park.

j. Strategic Vision

1. Improve infrastructure.
2. Expand pool to an aquatic center.
3. Trail system using drainage and electrical easements.
4. Changing the overall image of the City from outsiders.
5. Like to be a self-contained community. Need more/better shopping. Maybe some luxury condos.
6. Develop US 59 frontage better.

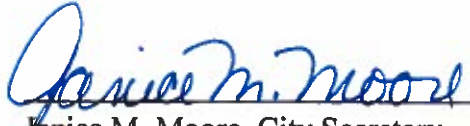
3. Adjournment


Alderman Bezner moved to **adjourn** the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Alderman Mills seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**These minutes were approved by the
City Council on Tuesday, November 25, 2014.**

Transcribed by Alderman Rick J. Staigle.

ATTEST:


Janice M. Moore, City Secretary


Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

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