

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a combined workshop and regular meeting on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 3815 Sachse Road, Sachse, Texas. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Cullen King, Councilmembers Brett Franks, Michelle Howarth, Paul Watkins, Bill Adams, and Jeff Bickerstaff; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; Assistant to the City Manager, Lauren Rose; Director of Public Works and Engineering, Greg Peters; Director of Development Services, Matt Robinson; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Finance Manager, Berna Fitzpatrick; Human Resources Director, Melinda Walter; IT Manager, Danny Wheeler; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; Assistant Police Chief, Steven Baxter; Police Lieutenant, Martin Cassidy, and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

Mayor Felix opened the workshop meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Councilman Adams was not present for the workshop portion of the meeting.

BLACKBURN-INGRAM CORRIDOR: Discuss transportation needs for the Blackburn-Ingram corridor.

Mrs. Nash stated staff is seeking feedback regarding traffic improvements at the Blackburn/Ingram corridor. She indicated that there is an item in the regular meeting pertaining to this workshop item.

Mr. Peters presented the item by identifying the location and stating that Blackburn and Ingram Road are shown as minor arterial roads within the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan. Mr. Peters indicated that this area is comprised of three segments and due to the increase in traffic volumes and conditions surrounding the road network, the corridor continues swell during peak hour traffic volumes in the morning, evening, and growing beyond the capacity of a two-lane asphalt road. Mr. Peters outlined some existing conditions and concerns expressed to the City. The City has identified the need for traffic signal improvements at Ingram/Dewitt and the widening of Blackburn Road and Ingram Road within the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Since residents of Sachse within Dallas and Collin County are impacted by these transportation conditions, the goal of the City is to develop a partnership with both counties to fund the design and construction of the necessary roadway improvements in the corridor. Staff anticipates the bidding of the project for construction to occur in the late spring/early summer, with the design project beginning this month, depending on Council's direction. Mr. Peters stated staff will continue to work with potential stakeholders to identify any partnership opportunities to fund the expansion of the road.

Mayor Pro Tem King asked if the City would have control of the signal timing, if there would be cameras at the intersection that could be monitored, and if the project would be complete before the start of the school year.

Councilwoman Howarth indicated that she is interested in knowing how many Sachse residents versus residents from surrounding cities are passing through this corridor. She also expressed concern of the signal timing relative to delays it would cause further down Ingram Road.

Councilman Bickerstaff asked about the bid process, timeline of completion, and if the signal timing would be coordinated with the light on SH 78.

Mayor Felix stated that this needs to be a project with participation from both counties.

Mayor Felix opened the floor for comments.

Butch Kemper, 7107 Longmeadow Drive, expressed that a light at this corridor would not change the traffic pattern and it should remain a four way stop.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:06 p.m., Mayor Felix adjourned the workshop meeting.

Mayor Felix opened the regular meeting at 7:31 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAG: The invocation was offered by Mayor Pro Tem King and the presentation of flags and pledges by Cub Scout Troup 243.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be acted on by one motion, with no separate discussion of these items unless a City Councilmember or citizen so requests.

- 1. Approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 City Council combined meeting.**
- 2. Accept the Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports for the quarter ended December 31, 2018.**

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman Franks thanked everyone involved with the Daddy-Daughter Dance. It was a great event.

Councilwoman Howarth announced upcoming Library events.

Councilman Bickerstaff commented that a few councilmembers, the Sachse Chamber, and Leadership Sachse recently went to Austin to meet with state representatives as part of Sachse Legislative Days. He thanked the Sachse Chamber of Commerce and noted the importance of having relationships and working with state representatives.

Councilman Franks stated he, along with Councilwoman Howarth, the Mayor, and Gina were able to attend the Wylie ISD Education Foundation Gala fundraiser supporting Wylie ISD schools.

Mayor Felix announced the birth of his granddaughter, Birdie Joan.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Rebecca Dillard, 4016 Seventh Street, stated that there was a sewer backup into the house, which damaged the master bedroom floor and hall. She noted that a claim was filed with TML, but was denied. She would like to know why it was not covered and asked if the City can assist in repairs.

Bobby Tillman, 6314 Ben Road, expressed frustration and disappointment regarding the sale of the land where Stepping Stones operated.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map by changing the zoning relating to the use and development of a 17.74+/- acre tract of land out of the Robert McCullough Survey No. 29B, Abstract No. 928, City of Sachse, Dallas County, Texas, more particularly described in Exhibits "A" and "B" from R-8.4 to Planned Development No. 36 (PD-36) generally for Single-Family detached residential uses and approving development regulations.

Mr. Robinson stated the subject property is located along Hudson Drive and Rosewood Lane, south and west of Sachse High School. The Future Land Use Plan (FLUP) designates the subject property for Low Density Residential and Public Uses, which does not support the rezoning request. However, the property is adjacent to a low-density residential zone, would be a continuation of the residential area, and is consistent and compatible with surrounding land uses. The applicant is requesting to rezone the subject property from R-8.4 to Planned Development (PD). If the rezoning is approved, the subject property could be used for single-family detached residential uses. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval at its January 28, 2019 meeting. Staff is recommending approval.

Mayor Felix opened the public hearing.

No comments were made.

Mayor Felix closed the public hearing.

The applicant and civil engineer assigned to the project spoke briefly regarding the proposed project and concept plan.

The City Council discussed the proposed PD requirements in relation to the Jackson Hills PD, their concerns regarding drainage on the subject property, lot sizes and square footage of the homes.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map by changing the zoning relating to the use and development of a 17.74+/- acre tract of land out of the Robert McCullough Survey No. 29B, Abstract No. 928, City of Sachse, Dallas County, Texas, more particularly described in Exhibits "A" and "B" from R-8.4 to Planned Development No. 36 (PD-36) generally for Single-Family detached residential uses and approving development regulations. Mayor Pro Tem King seconded that motion. The motion carried with a 5-2 vote with Councilmembers Franks and Watkins voting in opposition.

Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of a professional services agreement between the City of Sachse and Lee Engineering in the amount of \$32,800.00.

Mr. Peters stated the proposed item as part of the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes a roadway expansion project for the traffic signalization at the intersection of Ingram Road and Dewitt Road. The City's Master Thoroughfare Plan shows Dewitt Road as an improved minor arterial road and Ingram Road as an unimproved minor arterial road. Mr. Peters indicated the increase in traffic during peak hours at this intersection is now having negative impacts on surrounding neighborhoods and residents. City staff engaged with Lee Engineering to provide a proposal for the engineering design of a traffic signal improvement at this intersection. They performed the original signal warrant study in 2017. Staff recommends approval of the proposed professional services agreement.

Councilman Watkins expressed his concern for the residents being able to exit neighborhoods on the western side of Ingram Road. He questioned if the traffic signal would be able to resolve this issue.

Mayor Pro Tem King asked if there were traffic control options at Third Street to assist with the same concerns as Councilman Watkins expressed.

Councilman Franks asked when the road is widened, will it include turn lanes. Mr. Peters replied that staff has this as part of the consultant's scope for the project.

Councilman Bickerstaff asked if the consultant would be part of conversations with TxDOT regarding the signal timing of the light on SH 78.

Councilman Adams made a motion to approve a resolution approving the terms and conditions of a professional services agreement between the City of Sachse and Lee Engineering in the amount of \$32,800.00. Councilman Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider a resolution approving a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$235,000.00 to McMahon Contracting LP for the Sachse Community Center parking lot paving improvement project.

Mr. Peters stated this item is to revise the purchase orders to include additional storm drainage scope and landscaping work for the Community Center paving project. These items were removed from the utility contractor's scope, so there is no net increase to the overall project budget, but the action requires City Council approval due to the dollar amount.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$235,000.00 to McMahon Contracting LP for the Sachse Community Center parking lot paving improvement project. Councilman Franks seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider a resolution approving a professional services agreement with Halff Associates, Incorporated, in the amount of two million, one hundred twelve thousand (\$2,112,000.00) for the design of the Merritt Road expansion project.

Mr. Peters stated this project was recommended as part of the Comprehensive Plan adopted in March 2017. Since then, staff has been working with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) regarding a funding partnership to align Merritt Road with Woodbridge Parkway as well as widen and rebuild Merritt Road to the President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT). The City Council approved funding the alignment in September 2017 through Certificates of Obligation. Staff has continued to attend and monitor meetings with the Regional Transportation Council and Surface Transportation Technical Committee. Staff has also been meeting and coordinating regularly with TxDOT, and is working on processing all documents required to begin a major transportation project. The project has been added to the 2045 State Transportation Improvement Plan, which was approved by the Federal Highway Administration. TxDOT issued a notice to proceed for the project on February 7, 2019. Staff initiated an RFQ process and received eight submittals. Staff reviewed and selected the four highest scoring to interview. Staff determined that the team led by Halff Associates, Incorporated is the most qualified to complete the project. Staff recommends approval and plans to kick-off the design phase of the project immediately, with the environmental analysis being the first step in the process.

The City Council discussed why Halff Associates was the best choice, their fee summaries, and the fact that most of the work will be done by their firm in-house. Some components will be subbed out in specific areas, i.e., utility design work and traffic signals, due to specific expertise required.

Mayor Pro Tem King made a motion to approve a professional services agreement with Halff Associates, Incorporated, in the amount of two million, one hundred twelve thousand (\$2,112,000.00) for the design of the Merritt Road expansion project. Councilman Franks seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Receive Sachse Police Department's 2018 Year in Review.

Chief Sylvester presented the year in review for the Police Department including crimes and arrest reviews, burglaries, robberies, comparisons of property and violent crime, accomplishments, volunteers, new employees, and 2019 goals.

The City Council expressed an overwhelming gratitude and appreciation for an outstanding year and continuing to keep the City safe. Councilwoman Howarth and Councilman Adams complimented the 9 PM Routine, and shared how they have incorporated the program into their homes. Mayor Felix added his appreciation in having the active shooter class and acknowledged the Chief's leadership.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.072 for the deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property generally located along Sachse Road in the City of Sachse.

At 9:42 p.m., the City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 10:11 p.m., the City Council reconvened back into Regular Session.

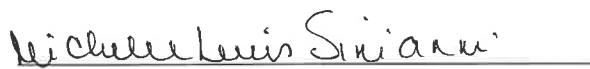
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the regular meeting at 10:13 p.m.


MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

