

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2010 AT 6:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
1025 CAMPBELL ROAD, HOUSTON, TEXAS

1. CALL THE ROLL AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

Mayor Michael Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Richard R. Rockenbaugh, City Administrator, Called the Roll:

Council Member Allen Carpenter - absent
Council Member Timothy Glanzman
Council Member Dennis Griffith
Council Member Gregory Herbst
Council Member Jerry Turner

2. TOWN HALL MEETING REGARDING CEDARWOOD SUBDIVISION PAVING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT

A Town Hall Meeting was Held Regarding Cedarwood Subdivision Paving and Drainage Project.

Public Comments: L. D. Kaltwasser, 1325 Ben Hur; Chris Stout, 8833 Cedarspur; Nina Rach, 8801 Burkhart; Bill Silva, 8814 Burkhart; Jo Ann Lee, 8710 Cedardale; Dayne Goss, 8825 Merlin; Karen Jones, 1245 Ben Hur; Jamie Stewart, 8817 Cedarbrake; Mike Erdin, 8812 Merlin; Bruce Spain, 1101 Pech Road, and Joe Richardson, 9037 Larston

Council Comments:

Council Member Griffith - Mickey Way street failures and ugly deep ditches; need to go to full concrete curb and gutters. Basic design flaw with asphalt and ditches, need grates and swales in that area. Consulting firm is looking into the Mickey Way area. He addressed writing the bond issues to include starting the Mickey Way area. When the bonds are issued, we can reimburse the City for its expenses on the Mickey Way area. The City can also include the Cedarwood area in the bonds. He wants to upgrade the facilities throughout the Village up to the standard of a concrete and gutter. West University and Conroe have done bond elections. It is time to upgrade the facilities and come up to the 21st century. He does not think it is fair for the Cedarwood residents to pay for curb and gutter drainage type roads in the rest of the City if they cannot have them too.

Council Member Herbst - One of the reasons for asphalt over concrete is that it is a renewable road, not a replaceable road. Concrete can be repaired easier and overlay can be done. Council did adopt to replace in-kind policy, and if you had open ditches, it remained open ditches. Whatever Council goes with, it will be built with the best materials. As far as the failures in the Mickey Way area, that is a sub-base issue, and they are also having other failures in other parts of the City. Fries Road has

some issues. Brighton Place road failures have panels and sections replaced with concrete because the base has failed. It is not just the asphalt that is failing, it is the sub-base that is failing. Asphalt and concrete will both fail.

Council Member Turner - Mentioned the survey material for Cedarwood and Bace is on the table for everyone to review. He said that Council did not conduct this survey, he conducted this survey. He wants to make sure he represents the residents. He knew the interest of the residents. Council Members are right, things have changed in our City. The world has changed dramatically in the last two years. Pavement failures in the Mickey Way area and Council's decision to step up, coupled with the fact prices have increased, interest rates have fallen, has created events that the financial advisors call "a perfect storm." This has a lot to do with the direction for Council to go.

Council Member Glanzman - Back in 2005, the Infrastructure Committee was charged by Council to come up with a better plan to handle the paving projects. The City had just come off the Westview construction project. A plan was set in place to streamline those projects. Curbs and gutters are always going to be concrete. Asphalt pavement was also recommended. From a maintenance perspective, there is an ease of maintenance and relatively inexpensive to maintain. There was a pilot project on Raylin and Cam Court which was an outstanding success. Residents enjoy and like the asphalt concept. Council did adopt like/kind replacement of curbs and gutters for open ditches. He does hear both side of the issues. It would be his recommendation with the current pricing to let the market drive that as far as the duel bids on the systems. It is important to know that if you have a curb and gutter street, that street will be wider than if it is an open ditch street.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSAL FROM HDR|CLAUNCH & MILLER TO STUDY AND PREPARE COST ESTIMATES FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL/CALMING OPTIONS FOR MERLIN AND LUPTON

Motion was made by Council Member Glanzman and seconded by Council Member Turner to Discuss a Proposal From HDR|Claunch & Miller to Study and Prepare Cost Estimates for Traffic Control/Calming Options for Merlin and Lupton.

An Amended Motion was made by Council Member Glanzman and seconded by Council Member Turner to Approve HDR|Claunch & Miller to Revise their Proposal With Removal of Options 2, 5 and 6, and Revise Item 1 to Include 1A for Alternatives to Include Additional Speed Humps in Preparing Cost Estimates for Traffic Control/Calming Options for Merlin and Lupton. Motion carried 3-1. Council Member Griffith Voting Nay.

4. DISCUSSION OF THE PROJECT LIST FOR POSSIBLE BOND AUTHORIZATION ELECTION

Council Discussed the Project List for Possible Bond Authorization Election. The Following Items were Listed:

Enhanced Plan, Residential Traffic Loading, Dual Bid with Asphalt and Concrete, Recommendations for Enhancement in the Subgrade (8" Thickness), Take on the Whole List, Minus Modiste and Bace Down to Miscellaneous Area to Include Life Extending Overlays.


List of Projects: Merlin, Lupton, Cedarwood, Surface Water, Bracher Area, Teresa-Ben Hur Area, Pech/Cedarbrake Outfalls, Hilldale/Bade/Adkins Area, Voss Road Area, Spring Oaks East, Spring Oaks West, Burkhart, and Miscellaneous Areas.

Life Extending Overlays: Bingle Road, Campbell Road, and Brighton Place.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Glanzman and seconded by Council Member Turner to Adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Andrews adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Signed: 
Michael Andrews, Mayor

Attest: 
Betty Lusk, City Secretary

Visitors:

Jim Richardson
Barry Schaps
Rafael Hernandez
Dayne Goss
Ken & Linda Crawford
L. D. Kaltwasser
Lauren & Mike Erdin
Michael Abdouch

Jo Ann Lee
Janet Hernandez
Chris Stout
Bill Silva
Peter Fisher
John Anderson
Craig Miller
Jamie Stewart