

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, TEXAS
HELD IN CITY HALL, CITY CONFERENCE ROOM, 3805 ADAM GRUBB
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP: 4:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Walter Bowen called the Council Workshop to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Walter Bowen	Mayor
	Geoffrey White	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2
	Jim Smith	Council, Place 1 (<i>arrived at 4:34 p.m.</i>)
	Gene Ferguson	Council, Place 3
	Ronny Parsley	Council, Place 4
	Pat O. Hill	Council, Place 5
	Gary Stuard	Council, Place 6
	Clint Narmore	Council, Place 7
Staff:	Stacey Almond	City Manager
	Debbie Whitley	Assistant City Manager/Finance Director
	Monica Solko	City Secretary
	Sean Densmore	Public Works Director
	Misty Christian	City Engineer

B. CITY PROJECT(S) UPDATE – PUBLIC WORKS

1. SH 820/HWY 199 TXDOT PROJECT

City Manager Stacey Almond presented the item. Alternative designs for State Highway 199 are being discussed by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The proposed re-design of State Hwy 199 and Interstate 820 is a major thoroughfare that runs right through the City, staff would like to discuss options and get direction from Council on the potential impact construction will have on the city. The conceptual plans are continually changing but the most recent plans showed an elevated highway with basic flyovers starting at Roberts Cut Off. Construction is anticipated to being in 2024.

City Engineer Misty Christian voiced concerns with the elevated highway and flyovers. She has seen three conceptual plans from TxDOT and all three indicated flyovers. Her concerns were on the impact it will have on the two major projects (items 2 and 3) the city is undergoing.

During discussion, several of the Council members expressed concerns with the economic impact it would have on the city. Previous construction on Interstate 820 caused businesses to close in the city. Other concerns were how emergency services would get to the other side of the city and with elevated highway will there be future economic growth for the city.

Ms. Almond stated an option the Council could consider is to pass a resolution opposing the elevation on Hwy 199 due to the economic viability. Staff is in favor of the highway staying as an urban collector for the mile and half it is in the city. Staff has discussed some of the issues with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for assistance in evaluating and studying the corridor. The City will need to consider an economic impact study of the corridor and will need to look for support from others in the community.

After a brief discussion and questions by the Council, the consensus was to pursue a resolution opposing the elevation of State Hwy 199 that will negatively impact existing of future business along and within the corridor and to bring back to Council for final approval.

Ms. Almond stated that it would be brought back to Council at the March meeting.

RECESS AND BACK TO ORDER

Mayor Bowen recessed the workshop at 4:52 p.m. and called the workshop back to order at 5:09 p.m. with all members presented as recorded.

City Engineer Misty Christian requested that item 3 be discussed first since it was part of the Hwy 199 discussion.

3. HWY 199 FORCE MAIN FROM PAUL MEADOR ROAD TO ROBERTS CUT OFF PROJECT

City Engineer Misty Christian presented the item. The force main design is to design a new 16" force main from the Charbonneau Lift Station to the connection point with Fort Worth near Atwoods. The design is back and ready to move forward. Staff has contacted TxDOT for a permit to cross Interstate 820. TxDOT has insisted that drilling under is not acceptable and prefer the city bore and use casing around the bores. They are recommending the city not cross through their future project of Hwy 199. If the city moves forward with the force main project, if any of the project conflicts with any of their future network; the city will be liable for the removal and relocation. After reviewing the project and their conceptual plans there is a high potential of relocation.

Public Works Director Sean Densmore stated that this infrastructure project has been identified as a high priority for the City. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is aware of the issues the city has with the force main. The City will be liable for all state fines if the force main breaks and the City did not try to prevent the break.

Ms. Christian explained to place the force main along TxDOT right of way is the most cost-effective option, but could be major conflicts with future TxDOT construction. Costs are approximately \$3.3 million and would reduce construction timeframe by three (3) months. Ms. Christian presented three design options for getting the force main down and around Interstate 820.

Option 1:

- along Azle Avenue, would shut down businesses on Azle Ave.
- expense to repair all driveways and parking lots for the construction.
- alignment would stay the same.
- cost approximately \$3.7 million.

Option 2:

- bore in front of the businesses, would cause a detriment to the businesses.
- Increase in construction costs from \$550,000 to a total \$4.3 million.

Option 3:

- will run along the side of NW Centre Drive in Fort Worth.
- permits will need to be requested from Fort Worth.

It would be nice to wait on TxDOT to complete their final design 2024 before the force main construction starts, however, the City remains vulnerable without replacing the line. It is a risk management decision.

After discussion and questions from Council, consensus was to move forward with Option 3. City Engineer will continue with the plans and will bring back to Council for approval of funding for Option 3.

2. WATER/SEWER UTILITIES ALONG AZLE AVENUE FROM HWY 199 TO BOAT CLUB ROAD PROJECT

City Manager Stacey Almond summarized the item. The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and City Council approved design and schematics, the design is ready to move forward. Staff is requesting direction from Council.

City Engineer Misty Christian stated the purpose of this project is to perform a conceptual evaluation of Azle Avenue from Hwy 199 to Boat Club Road. Portions of Azle Avenue roadway are currently failing. Instead of continuing to place a temporary fix on the roadway, the City requested an evaluation of costs and benefits of performing a full reconstruction of Azle Avenue. This project consists of preparing a traffic study to

determine number of lanes, impact of a center median along the corridor, and improvements needed to manage current and future traffic conditions. The evaluation needed the preparation of an undivided and divided roadway section, as well as evaluating utility and drainage improvements. Other enhancements that were considered were landscaping, street light, and pedestrian improvements along the corridor. Detailed designs for the utilities (construction plans) were performed along the corridor.

City Manager Stacey Almond stated that the City was at another stopping point with the project. After meeting with NCTCOG on the force main project, NCTCOG stated that the intersection at Boat Club and Azle Ave. is on their priority list for improvement. They are waiting on funding to get the project started. Staff would like to ask the Tarrant County Commissioners to defederalize funds to help Boat Club and Azle Ave. intersection and get the project separated from TxDOT. The City would like to ask the Tarrant County Commissioners to fund a portion of the redesign of the intersection. At this time, the City cannot afford to have two major thoroughfares under construction at the same time.

Ms. Christian stated if Council would like to move forward, the recommendation for the project would be a phased approach.

Phases	Description	Budgetary Costs	Timeframe	Priority
Phase 1	Utilities Azle Ave. County Mill/Overlay Engineering Hiawatha Total	\$1.25M \$300k \$350k \$1.9M	Mar. 2018 – Jan. 2019	WMP-CIP #4 Roadway CIP/Sewer CIP
Phase 2	Engineering Azle Ave. Phase 3 Construction of Hiawatha Total	\$250k \$3M \$3.25M	Jan. 2019 – Mar. 2020	Roadway CIP/Sewer CIP
Phase 3	Engineering Azle Ave. Phase 3 Construction of Azle Ave. Phase 2 Total	\$300k \$2.7M \$3M	Apr. 2019 – Sep 2020	
Phase 4	Construction of Azle Ave. Phase 3 Total	\$2.7M \$2.7M	Mar. 2020 – Mar. 2021	

After discussion and questions from Council, consensus was to stop the project and address the issues.

C. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Walter Bowen adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

APPROVED

By: _____
Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Monica Solko, City Secretary