

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas
Monday, October 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

City Manager, Joseph R. Pace, declared a meeting of the City Council Public Works Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 6:01 p.m.

Committee Members present: Councilmember, Clifford Jackson; Councilmember, Terry Freese and Councilmember, Don Mueller.

Committee Member absent: None.

Staff Members present: City Manager, Joseph R. Pace; Assistant to the City Manager, Brandi Jimenez; Finance Director, Joan Andel; Director of Planning & Development, Gwyn Teves and City Secretary, Paula Favors.

Staff Members absent: None.

Visitors present: Mayor, Tim Barker.

Public comments. There were no public comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider minutes from the meeting held March 14, 2022. Councilmember, Clifford Jackson, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember, Terry Freese, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider Discussion on the abandonment of the C.R. 188 Bridge. Director of Planning and Development, Gwyn Teves, stated that Wharton County Commissioner, Richard Zahn of Precinct 1, had contacted the City Staff and had requested input on the potential abandonment of the bridge on C.R. 188. She stated that the Wharton Levee System could potentially align with the Alabama Drainage Ditch and replacement or repairs to the bridge are not part of the proposed future design. She stated that the County was requesting that any questions or input be referred to them on this matter. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider a request Discussion on recommended design and aesthetics of the retaining walls for I-69 at F.M. 1301. Director of Planning & Development, Gwyn Teves, stated to the Committee that the TxDOT Staff, in the Yoakum District Office, had been in contact with the City in reference to the future construction on I-69 at the F.M. 1301 Overpass. She stated that there would be retaining walls included in the construction of this location and TxDOT was wishing to work with the City on the design of the retaining walls. She stated that the City would need to provide recommendations of designs for TxDOT to provide a sample schematic for design to the City. She also stated that due to the impending letting and construction of the project they would like to get the design recommendations as soon as possible. She stated that the construction would be included in the construction that is currently financed and to be completed by TxDOT. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider a Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing the submission of a letter to TXDOT Yoakum District Office regarding

the City's support to retain the crossover for I-69 at the City of Wharton Airport Intersection. Director of Planning & Development, Gwyn Teves, stated to the Committee that the TxDOT Staff, in the Yoakum District Office and Wharton Office, had been in contact with the City in reference to the future construction of U.S. 59/I-69 upgrades in front of the City of Wharton Municipal Airport. She stated that in 2014, TxDOT held a public meeting proposing a crossover for the intersection of the Airport with a possible side road to reach the adjoining properties. She stated that it was the City Staff's recommendation that the crossover should remain at that location and not be changed to alternate locations to maintain the economic viability of the airport and future development for the City. She stated that the construction was to be included in the future I-69 upgrades and completed by TxDOT. After some discussion, Councilmember, Clifford Jackson, made a motion to recommend to the City Council the submission of a letter to TXDOT Yoakum District Office regarding the City's support to retain the crossover for I-69 at the City of Wharton Airport Intersection. Councilmember, Terry Freese, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifth item on the agenda was adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.



Joseph R. Face, City Manager