

CITY OF WHARTON PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 24, 2022 6:00 PM

120 EAST CANEY STREET WHARTON, TEXAS 77488

NOTICE OF CITY OF WHARTON PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Works Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wharton City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed to-wit:

SEE ATTACHED AGENDA

Dated this 20th day of October 2022.

By: Joseph R. Pace, City Manager

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Public Works Committee Meeting is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board, at City Hall of said City or Town in Wharton, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on October 20, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

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Dated this 20th day of October 2022.

CITY OF WHARTON

By: Paula fames

Paula Favors City Secretary



A G E N D A CITY OF WHARTON Public Works Committee Meeting Monday, October 24, 2022 City Hall - 6:00 PM

Call to Order. Roll Call. Public Comments. Review & Consider:

- <u>1.</u> Minutes from the meeting held March 14, 2022.
- <u>2.</u> Discussion on the abandonment of the C.R. 188 Bridge.
- <u>3.</u> Discussion on recommended design and aesthetics of the retaining walls for I-69 at F.M. 1301.
- <u>4.</u> 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.

Adjournment.

City of Wharton 120 E. Caney Street Wharton, TX 77488

Meeting Date:	10/24/2022	Agenda Item:	Minutes from the meeting held March 14, 2022.
Attached are the draft minutes from the meeting held March 14, 2022.			
City Manag	er: Joseph R. Pace		Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022
Approval:	Joseph R. Jace		
Mavor: Tim	Barker		

MINUTES OF CITY OF WHARTON PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas Monday, March 14, 2022, 5:30 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 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members present:	Councilmember, Terry Freese and Councilmember, Don Mueller.
Committee Member absent:	Councilmember, Clifford Jackson.
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; City Secretary, Paula Favors and Public Works Director, Anthony Arcidiacono.
Staff Members absent:	None.
Visitors present:	Mayor, Tim Barker; Wharton County Commissioner, Richard Zahn and Mr. Eric Scheibe of Scheibe Consulting.

Public comments. There were no public comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider minutes from the meeting held February 14, 2022. Councilmember, Don Mueller, 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 a presentation and request for support/assistance from Wharton County for assistance on drainage improvements for Lake Nett. Director of Planning and Development, Gwyn Teves, stated that the City Staff had met with Wharton County Commissioner, Richard Zahn and Consulting Engineer, Eric Scheibe, about the Wharton County Lake Nett Drainage Improvement Plan on March 7, 2022. She stated that Mr. Scheibe presented the intended multi-phased plan for drainage improvements to alleviate current existing drainage problems in Lake Nett and adjoining areas. She stated that Mr. Scheibe advised that the project would be multi-phased due to the extent of the amount of work, the need for easement acquisitions and cost of the project. She stated that it was requested that the City consider assisting with a $\sim 1,600$ LF segment of the channel improvements. She stated that the channel would be a 12-ft bottom width channel, that was about 4 feet deep with 4:1 side slopes. She stated that there would be a need for a 60-ft drainage easement. She stated that the estimated cost for this segment is approximately \$150,000 to construct and acquire easements. She stated that the County was constructing the rest of the channel with CDBG-DR funds and County funds but is requesting assistance with this last segment. She stated that the design for this effort is about 60% complete. She stated that there was still a need to approach landowners and coordinate final details for this last segment (including boundary survey and topo survey efforts). After some discussion, no action was taken.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider a request from Mr. Russ Baird to address the City Council regarding water services at the 200 & 300 Blocks of West Milam Street. The City Staff presented to the Committee the request from Mr. Russ Baird regarding water services at the 200 & 300 Blocks of West Milam Street. Mr. Baird's request was to allow owners of property in the original City of Wharton to obtain City of Wharton water, sewer and trash without substantial costs or no cost at all. The City Staff presented the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Section 86-15 Water and sewer tap charges, deposits, administrative penalties and other charges to the Committee. The ordinance states that the Customers are responsible for the actual cost for main line extensions, boring under a street or pre-existing utility line, or any other additional costs necessary to install a water tap. All main line extensions will require the extension to be extended the width of the property to the next adjacent property line unless a variance is issued. All main line extensions will require a written agreement between the City and the customer. After some discussion, Councilmember, Terry Freese, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to follow the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Section 86-15 Water and sewer tap charges, deposits, administrative penalties and other charges. Councilmember, Don Mueller, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Joseph R. Pace, City Manager

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Meeting Date:	10/24/2022	Agenda Item:	Discussion on the abandonment of the C.R. 188 Bridge.
Wharton County Commissioner, Richard Zahn of Precinct 1, has contacted the City Staff and has requested input on the potential abandonment of the bridge on C.R. 188. 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.			
	The county is requesting that any questions of input be referred to them on this matter.		
Attached is	the information from the (Commissione	r.
City Manage	er: Joseph R. Pace		Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022
Approval:	Joseph R. Face		
Mayor: Tim	Barker		



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MEMORANDUM

DATE:	October 18, 2022
FROM:	Gwyneth Teves, Director of Planning & Development
TO:	City of Wharton City Council Public Works Committee
SUBJECT:	Proposed discussion on abandonment of C.R. 188 Bridge by Wharton County

Wharton County Commissioner, Richard Zahn of Precint 1, has contacted the City Staff and requested input on the potential abandonment of the bridge on C.R. 188. 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.

The County is requesting any questions or input be referred to them on this matter. See attached information from the Commissioner.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at 979-532-2491 ext. 238. Thank You.

Richard Zahn
gteves@cityofwharton.com
Doug Mathews
CR 188
Thursday, October 13, 2022 3:14:59 PM

In passing conversation we talked about the drainage ditch between FM 1299 and CR 188, you mentioned that there may be plans to do some improvements along this area. We are contemplating closing the bridge and CR 188, do you see any foreseeable issues with this? The bridge is not on TxDot's list at this time for replacement, but in the future if drainage improvements are to happen and the bridge was removed, there is a good chance that it would not be replaced. Questions or concerns please let me know.

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Meeting Date:	10/24/2022	Agenda Item:	Discussion on recommended design and aesthetics of the retaining walls for I-69 at F.M. 1301.
The TxDOT staff, in the Yoakum District Office, have been in contact with the City in reference to the future construction on I-69 at the F.M. 1301 Overpass. There will be retaining walls included in the construction of this location and TxDOT is wishing to work with the City on the design of the retaining walls.			
Attached is the example of the retaining walls that were completed in El Campo. The City will need to provide recommendations of designs for TxDOT to provide a sample schematic for design to the City. Also, due to the impending letting and construction of the project they would like to get the design recommendations as soon as possible.			
The construction will be included in the construction that is currently financed and to be completed by TxDOT.			
City Manage	er: Joseph R. Pace		Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022
Approval:	Joseph R. Jace		
Mayor: Tim	Barker		











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Meeting Date:	10/24/2022	Agenda Item:	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.
The TxDOT Staff, in the Yoakum District Office and Wharton Office, have 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. 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.			
It is 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.			
The constru	iction is to be included in t	he future I-69	9 upgrades and completed by TxDOT.
Attached is a draft copy of the approximate schematic and the draft resolution authorizing the Staff to draft a letter of support and recommendation to TxDOT.			
Director of Planning & Development, Gwyn Teves, will be present to answer any questions.			
City Manag	er: Joseph R. Pace		Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022
Approval:	Joseph R. Face		
Mayor: Tim	Barker		



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MEMORANDUM

DATE:	October 18, 2022	
FROM:	Gwyneth Teves, Director of Planning & Development	
TO:	Honorable Mayor and City Council	
SUBJECT:	U.S. 59/I-69 Future Design for Crossover at the Wharton Municipal Airport	

TxDOT staff in the Yoakum District Office and Wharton Office have been in contact with the City in reference the future construction of U.S. 59/I-69 upgrades in front of the City of Wharton Municipal Airport. 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.

It is the 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.

The construction is to be included in the future I-69 upgrades and completed by TxDOT.

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If you should have any questions, please contact me at 979-532-2491 ext. 238. Thank You.





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CITY OF WHARTON RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A LETTER TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) YOAKUM DISTRICT OFFICE REGARDING THE CITY OF WHARTON'S SUPPORT TO RETAIN THE CROSSOVER FOR I-69 AT THE CITY OF WHARTON AIRPORT INTERSECTION.

- WHEREAS, the Wharton City Staff was contacted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) about the future design of the I-69 Expansion Project and the proposed crossover at the Wharton Municipal Airport; and,
- **WHEREAS,** the City of Wharton City Council and City Staff support 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; and,
- **WHEREAS,** the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is requesting the City of Wharton submit a letter and recommendation regarding the location of the crossover.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS THAT:

- **Section I.** The Wharton City Council hereby approves the submittal of a letter to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Yoakum District Office supporting 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.
- **Section II.** The Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit the above mentioned letter on behalf of the City of Wharton.
- Section III. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.
- PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 24th day of October 2022.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By:__

TIM BARKER Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS City Secretary