

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING
COMMUNITY FORUM (TOWN HALL MEETING)
JUNE 29, 2014**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR PRO-TEM STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN BUTLER
COUNCIL MEMBER BRUCE SCOTT
COUNCIL MEMBER JOE ASHTON
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN GORDON

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY
PWD JAMES HATLEY

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD (GOING OUT OF TOWN)

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:05 p.m., the Community Forum was opened by **Mayor Pro-Tem Holland** on Monday, June 29, 2015 at the River Oaks Community Center, 5300 Blackstone Dr., River Oaks, Texas. Mayor Pro-Tem Holland welcomed everybody in attendance and stated how excited the City Council was regarding the Highway 183 Corridor Master Planning Project that is now getting started. River Oaks Blvd. has served the City well for 70-years and Mayor Holland stated it will continue to do so in the future. With that he introduced **Karla Weaver** of the North Central Texas Council of Governments as one of tonight's speakers.

Karla Weaver provided a power point presentation that is attached herein as Exhibit A to these minutes. Following the power point presentation she turned the program over to **Dan Kessler**, Assistant Director of Transportation of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Dan Kessler started off on how pleased they were to see such a large crowd in attendance and then stated to the audience that River Oaks Blvd. was selected from the Planning for Living Military Communities (PLMC) project as one of the corridors to be considered for enhancements, but before that can ever happen, a master planning study has to be performed. Mr. Kessler stated that this is the citizen's opportunity to help both the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) in developing a master plan for River Oaks Blvd. In his previous involvement with River Oaks he learned from the citizenry that for the most part they have a sense of place and would like to see sit down restaurants located in River Oaks.

Next, Mr. Kessler spoke about the Meandering Road Project, which is another project being considered in the City of River Oaks. Meandering Road was built during World War II and is in really bad shape now. The Regional Transportation Committee (RTC), which is a group of 44 members consisting of elected officials oversee what transportation needs are important to the region and Meandering Road is one of those areas in that it accesses the JRB base. Currently, the road is 4-lanes, but it could probably be rebuilt as a 2-lane road. Their initial concept is Meandering Road would be rebuilt as being 2 lanes westbound and then 1 lane east bound. The timing of this project is good in that the Highway 183 corridor master planning is starting up too. The project is estimated to be a 10-million dollar project and that 1-million dollars has been currently set aside to design the project. Currently the project has no official starting date and funding is still not determined.

Following the update about Meandering Road, Mr. Kessler stated there are no bad ideas for the Highway 183 project planning and there will be multiple opportunities for public input. **Mayor Pro-Tem Holland** questioned the timing that when the project construction could be started

and Mr. Kessler's best case scenario would be 1 1/2 years but more realistically he anticipates it being 5-years. There was a question posed from the audience about the Highway 199 project and Mr. Kessler stated that the project construction for that one would probably be a billion dollars, but first they are concentrating on River Oaks Blvd.

With that it was announced that the next public meeting would be again in the Community Center on July 27, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. He announced to the audience they would be around after the meeting to answer any questions. He also thanked the citizens for the large turnout and invited them to come back for the next round of public meetings.

THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TAKEN.

3. ADJOURN: At 7:50 p.m. the community forum was adjourned. No Council Action was taken.

APPROVED:


Steve Holland, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:


Marvin Gregory, City Secretary