

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
RIVER OAKS STORM WATER TASK FORCE (SWTF)
FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JAMES HATLEY, CHAIRMAN, PLACE 1
JAMES MYRICK, VICE-CHAIRMAN, PLACE 6
PAT ALEXANDER, PLACE 2
GREG HENDRICKSON, PLACE 4
JOHN PAUL JONES, PLACE 5
BRAD INGE, PLACE 7
JOANN BUTLER, COUNCIL LIAISON

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY
RECORDING SECRETARY SUSAN STEWART
CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER JUSTIN WOODALL

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STEVE SANDERS, PLACE 3 (MEDICAL)
CHARLES MCCOMB, ALTERNATE MEMBER (RESIGNING DUE TO WORK CONFLICT)

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chairman Hatley called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Hendrickson delivered the invocation.

Member Jones led the pledges of allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags.

3. MEMBER ROLL CALL

Roll Call was recorded with Member Sanders absent due to medical reasons and Member McComb absent due to work conflict. It was announced that Mr. Mc Comb will be resigning but no letter of resignation has been received.

4. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 20TH REGULAR MEETING & FEBRUARY 3RD SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Member Inge moved, seconded by Member Jones, to approve the minutes as presented. All voted "Aye."

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON INSPIRATION LANE STORM WATER DRAINAGE AS PRESENTED BY MICKY THOMAS ENGINEERING

Micky Thomas, MJ Thomas Engineering, stated that the original estimate for curb and gutter is now outdated and he suggested an alternate that would provide a temporary (5-10 year) fix allowing the City to address the bigger issues later on. Mr. Thomas referred to a packet provided with photos from year and half ago. Mr. Thomas stated that the road has deteriorated substantially since photos with one spot dropping six inches. Mr. Thomas summarized the initial problem being that existing drainage runs down from the top of the hill to the bar ditch that does not allow for good flow and is saturating some of the soils. He added that the large

trucks that travel Inspiration Lane create sub-grade failure and push the road off into the ditch. Mr. Thomas explained Phase 1 of the recommended project which is immediate action to identify major areas of failure and salvage some of the pavement. It was recommended to put in a concrete header on the edge of portions of bar ditch which are very steep to prevent additional sub-grade failure. It was also recommended to cut out and replace portions of the eastern side of road which has major pavement and sub-grade failure. These recommendations would provide the opportunity to fix larger drainage issue which is the water coming off top of the hill at a later time. Lastly, it was recommended that concrete aprons be installed in the very steep areas to help support the edge of the pavement. Mr. Thomas presented the engineer opinion of probable cost at \$114,000 for construction cost with the contingencies for permitting cost, engineering and surveying. Mr. Thomas also included an additional estimate, with concrete curb from one end of the street to the other versus partial repairs where critically necessary.

CS Gregory stated the request is for \$17,101.95 to give the authority to draw up engineering plans. CS Gregory added that the Inspiration Lane project is the number two project in City's plan to the State of Texas due to the impact to the City water supply.

Member Hendrickson asked if the street department should share in the cost of the road repair. CS Gregory stated that the road dilapidation is due to storm water drainage and therefore should be paid from the Storm Water Fund.

Discussion occurred related to the weight of trucks traveling this road for city use and public use. Vice-Chairman Myrick expressed concern over spending tax payer money on a road that is not widely traveled by the public.

Mr. Thomas noted that if more than an acre is disturbed then a storm water prevention plan is required by TCEQ, at a cost of approximately \$1,500.

Vice-Chairman Myrick expressed concern over spending \$100,000 for a 5-10 year repair.

Member Hendrickson moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Myrick, to approve \$17,101.95 to Micky Thomas Engineering for engineering and survey of Inspiration Lane.

It was announced that Member Alexander has filed a conflict of interest form with the City Secretary and will abstain from voting.

All other members voted "Aye."

Regarding Phase II - CS Gregory stated that currently there are 4-5 culverts that cross private property under the road that create problem for the City. Gregory stated the need to do an extensive study that would direct the water underground to near the water plant on a master line and straight to river.

Mr. Thomas recommended a storm line to the Trinity River that would handle the drainage from Inspiration Lane in phases as budget allows. Mr. Thomas recommended an engineering

proposal in a concept plan to evaluate flood plains, wetlands, and all surveying for the downstream portion through the water treatment plant up through Inspiration lane to the end of Miller. Mr. Thomas stated that the correct place to start is at the bottom of the hill to correct a drainage problem. Mr. Thomas suggested bringing a proposal and analysis to do initial investigation and cost opinions with a preliminary engineering package in three to four weeks.

Member Alexander requested the plan include an inlet to be used when the tanks are drained at the top of the hill.

Citizens Doug Van Nice and Jim Gordon participated in an extensive discussion related to the engineering, water flow, etc. Vice-Chairman Myrick commented that the water treatment plant road could be required to be sealed at the cul-de-sac at the top of the hill on Inspiration Lane due to Homeland Security recommendations in the future.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE AND EXPEND FUNDS FOR THIS YEARS "CAREERS ON WHEELS" AT CASTLEBERRY ELEMENTARY

Members agreed to participate in Career on Wheels Day on May 20, 2015. Staff will present an inventory of supplies at the next meeting. Member Jones and Member Alexander, as well as Staff Member Woodall, volunteered for the event.

Member Jones moved, seconded by Member Hendrickson, to participate in Career on Wheels at Castleberry Elementary. All voted "Aye."

7. **WORKSHOP: STORM WATER MANAGEMENT**

Members discussed the drainage issues near Inspiration Lane, the road to the treatment plant, some effects should the water treatment plant close, the collection of storm water fees on vacant properties and the potential of increasing storm water fees. CS Gregory stated that the City is in need of a new master storm water plan.

8. ACTION IF ANY FROM WORKSHOP

None.


9. ADJOURN

At 4:48 p.m. Member Hendrickson moved, seconded by Member Inge, to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye."

ATTEST:


Susan Stewart, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:


James Hatley, Chairman