

**Public Service Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mrs. Richardson at 5:00pm.

Members Present: Tracy Richardson, J.R. Rausch. Henk Berbee – excused.

Others Present: Jeremy Hoyt, Mike Andrako, Taylor Evans with Journal Tribune, Donald Boerger, Terry Emery

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the December 15, 2015 meeting were approved.

CONSENT ITEM: Nomination of Chairperson, all voted in favor of added the item to the agenda.

Mr. Rausch moved to nominate Tracy Richardson for chair, the nomination was unanimous.

AGENDA ITEMS:

COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:

DISCUSS THE CONSENT LEGISLATION FOR THE ST. RT. 31 BRIDGE OVER US 33: Mr. Hoyt said he received this December 15th. He explained he is still trying to get the details of the project. It looks like the St. Rt. 31 bridge of US 33 they are going to be doing a deck overlay, replacement of concrete parapets and joints and possibly constructing semi-annual abutments for the bridge. The cost of the project is \$1million starting this summer with completion in the fall. He is not aware of the plans and this could affect traffic by a partial closure. The City will be paying zero dollars for this project, this is just an update from ODOT that the project is coming. The will need the legislation back by March 15th, so he may need to waive a reading. Mr. Rausch asked until they do the work can we monitor the deterioration of the concrete following off or is that something that ODOT has to come out and fix. Mr. Hoyt said he would imagine we will monitor it and let them know what we are seeing. Mr. Rausch said he is concerned because there is a lot of deterioration on the top. Mr. Hoyt said their bridge engineers are probably on top of it. Mrs. Richardson asked about netting to keep it from falling on US 33. Mr. Hoyt said he has not seen the netting but we do not know what size pieces will fall. Mrs. Richardson asked if Mr. Hoyt requested this project. Mr. Hoyt said no he did not request it but it has been in their projects. Mrs. Richardson asked if he will be bring it to the next Council meeting and if he will need an emergency clause. Mr. Hoyt answered yes, that is the plan to have it on the February 25th agenda and yes, they would need to pass an emergency clause and waive one reading.

DISCUSS THE ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE WALKER VILLA

CONDOMINIUMS: Mr. Hoyt showed the committee a map of the Walker Meadows subdivision. He explained that the condos will be in this division. He heard sales have not been that good in the area, however, they did put the infrastructures in, and it is time for us to accept them. They did put in a sanitary sewer line and water lines. The streets are all private and the City is not responsible for plowing or repair. Mrs. Richardson said so all the utilities and Mr. Hoyt does not see any concerns. Mr. Hoyt replied correct. Mr. Andrako said you will start seeing more of these when developers start building in the City, every development needs to be accepted by the City. Mr. Hoyt said this will include the necessary easements as well. Mrs. Richardson said good because she was going to ask about that. She asked if the County has a stake in the game with these or is it strictly within City limits. Mr. Hoyt said if it is in the City limits then the County has nothing to do with it. Even when it is in the County all they do is accept the storm sewer. Mr. Rausch added we accept the public road ways, Mr. Hoyt commented but these are private roads.

DISCUSS THE PAVING PROGRAM: Mr. Andrako handed out the following fact sheet regarding the paving and maintenance program for 2016. Mr. Rausch stated that he likes the fact sheets. Mr. Hoyt stated that this is on our website under projects. Mrs. Richardson said that bid opening will be March 7th. Mr. Andrako said the earlier the bid the more competitive the bids are. He said it should catch some of the larger companies with the size of the project.

GENERAL UPDATES: Mr. Hoyt said with the St. Rt. 31 widening, they are going to be getting a survey and soil boring pavement cores here in the next week or so. Our consultant is working on it, so we can hit certain goals that we have for the project. Mrs. Richardson said the development of this project is going to be very important because we are going to be looking at the Burger King going in on one side of the road and the connector being scheduled to be made. She said it is in the best part of everyone on that side of town to get the street widened as soon as possible. Mr. Hoyt said as soon as the money is available he did not see any delays with the project, however, there might be something that pops up. He fully believes that by summer of 2017 that they will start construction.

Mr. Hoyt brought up the sidewalk replacement project. Mrs. Richardson noted this is the area where Ms. Zacharias came to council and spoke regarding. Mrs. Richardson asked if she followed up with Mr. Hoyt about the brick issue. Mr. Hoyt said he believes that Mr. Dilsaver has been in contact with her. Mr. Hoyt explained they have the option to repair the brick sidewalk at their cost or they can let the city replace it and make it ADA compliant. Mr. Andrako and Mr. Hoyt explained the program for the curb replacement as well as the sidewalk replacement that are available to citizens. Mr. Rausch explained that it takes a lot of upkeep on a brick sidewalk, and if the citizen is all for doing the work, we would meet them halfway with costs. Mr. Hoyt said that the inspection fees will be waived if you are in the program. They will inspect it before and

after the work is complete. Mr. Andrako said he will get it on facebook, in the JT and he will put out a fact sheet together listing details of the project.

Mr. Hoyt gave an update on the Main Street bridge project. He stated that they met with Heritage last week and they said the plan sounds good but try to have it done before July because that is when Harvest season begins. He said we need to draft up the easement documents but they seem pretty agreeable.

Mrs. Richardson asked if there was any more information on the train derailment, loss of services or road condition. Mr. Rausch said he drove it today, and the road is tore up. Mrs. Richardson asked what we are going to do to repair the roads. Mr. Rausch said that is not our responsibility it belongs to CSX.

Mr. Andrako said the ramp on US 33 to exit on to Northwest Parkway, is currently being designed. ODOT has asked for some design modifications that is going to keep it a little more similar to is current formation. Mr. Andrako said since it is outside of the City limits they do not need our approval for the project.

DISCUSS THE KEYSTONE CROSSING DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Rausch said he has had meeting regarding this topic with Mr. Emery and Mr. Aslaner. He explained that the people who own the land/development would like to build additional homes up to the edge of their property. This has gone in front of Planning Commission and they have given them the approval. Mrs. Richardson clarified for the construction. Mr. Rausch said the letter is from the Airport Authority, which was their testimony that day voicing their concern. Mr. Aslaner did not think legally we had anything we could do to prevent them because it is zoned R-1. Mr. Hoyt said when they went before Planning Commission it was already approved to have the housing there ten years ago. Mr. Rausch said he would state that they own the property, it is zoned correctly and they have every right to build there, however, they need to know that we are not building any sound barriers in that area. Mrs. Richardson said so what she is understanding is that the Airport Authority and the City do not want to be responsible for installing a sound barrier around the property, but have we put it in writing to Maronda Homes. Mr. Rausch has asked Mr. Aslaner to write something up stating we will not be responsible for providing a sound barrier. He thinks that the Airport Authority is just being proactive, what is flying out of the airport now is not what could be flying out of their in ten years. He said he could not see that they could expand the runway to land a commercial jet.

Mrs. Richardson said thank you for sharing the information with the committee.

COMMENTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mrs. Richardson thanked the Public Service Department for everything they do.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm