



Monday, July 22, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

**ATTENDEES:**

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| Mayor              | L. Kelly Jones                                       |
| Council Member     | Tiffany Aller  |
| Council Member     | Rosa Mendez  |
| Council Member     | John Davies (via video conference system in Chicago) |
| Council Member     | Sharon Schmitz                                       |
| Council Member     | Christina Cowden                                     |
| City Secretary     | Brandy Barrett                                       |
| City Administrator | Sterling Naron                                       |
| Police Chief       | Kevin Reaves   |
| City Attorney      | Ashley Dierker                                       |

**ABSENT:**

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00pm by Mayor Jones, and it was noted that Councilman Davies was joining via video teleconference from Chicago. Councilman Davies confirmed that he had both audio and video as did the council chamber.

**INVOCATION** was given by **Sterling Naron**.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Mayor Jones.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Mayor Jones**

Discuss and take action to approve funds for professional design services to consider the impacts to the trail system project schedule and budget, related to potential options to relocate the trail alignment located west of Roaring Springs Rd.

- Mayor Jones stated that, after speaking to numerous people, he thought the council should take a different approach. The structured appointed committee approach previously used did not work and added that under his leadership everyone will be given an opportunity to be heard. There are still people who believe they have not had the opportunity to participate and that needs to be remedied. The original 90-day delayed start for the Leonard Oaks and Fairways portion of the trail expires on August 5<sup>th</sup>. If the council concurs, he will direct the staff to work with the current contractor and move that date back to after the September regular council meeting. He proposed an unstructured approach and said, “and I’m talking to the people in the Fairways. This time you tell us what you want from your government. You tell us how we can help you. Rather than form a committee, how can we help you? If you want to meet with me, a formal meeting or informal meeting, at any time of the day, I’ll be there.” He continued by adding that if they wanted to meet with the Chief to address concerns about crime and how he plans to patrol the trail, or Sterling Naron or Nader Jeri about code compliance and trash, they would all be available to ensure their questions are answered regarding any issue they had about the trail. He requested that they direct them on what needs to be done to do a better job of building that portion of the trail for the city. He stated that he heard loud and clear that they do not believe they have had input on crime, noise, litter and safety, so this is their

opportunity to have the city hear them out on how they can build a better trail. He asked if any councilmember was opposed to extending the construction start delay on the Leonard Oaks and Fairway portions until after the September regular council meeting. Hearing none, he directed Sterling Naron to work with the contractor to push the construction start on those portions back to September 11<sup>th</sup>, the day after the September meeting.

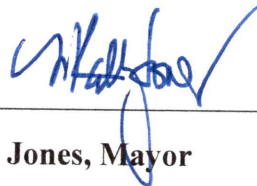
- Chris Bosco from Freese and Nichols provided an overview of the proposal to study the working committee's alternate routes as discussed at the prior meeting. Costs for the conceptual schematics based on GIS information, no surveyors on the ground, in an effort to keep cost down, are as follows:
  - Option C - \$14,530
  - Option D - \$14,530
  - Option F - \$17,760
  - Option C & D - \$19,550
  - Option C, D & F - \$29,660

He confirmed that all the options have some significant issues, including drainage, future 183 construction, or working with private property owners. He said they would try to work with the current contractor if an alternate route is selected. He noted that there is the potential that the city breaches the current contract, either due to timing beyond 90 days, change orders beyond 25%, or having to re-bid an alternate. He added that an addition to the existing contract might be possible, however, all parties would have to agree. Based on the original bid project, the contractor will have it finished by mid-January 2020.

- The council agreed that they should not spend more money until they can determine the best alternate. They tasked Sterling Naron, Ashley Dierker, and Nader Jeri with putting together an action plan and meeting with the affected HWY183 business owners regarding their desire to provide a trail easement. It was agreed that a representative from the Fairways could join them at the meetings.
- No further discussion was held, and no action was taken by the council.

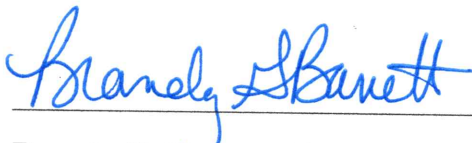
**The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm by Mayor Jones.**

**MINUTES APPROVED BY:**



**L. Kelly Jones, Mayor**

**SIGNATURE ATTESTED BY:**



**Brandy G. Barrett, City Secretary**

