



City of Mesquite, Texas

Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, March 17, 2014

2:00 PM

City Hall | Council Chamber
757 N. Galloway | Mesquite, Texas

Present: Mayor John Monaco and Councilmembers Shirley Roberts, Al Forsythe, Bill Porter, Stan Pickett, Greg Noschese and Dennis Tarpley, City Manager Ted Barron and City Secretary Sonja Land.

PRE-MEETING - COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM - 2:00 P.M.

AGENDA REVIEW

CITY COUNCIL/STAFF WORK SESSION - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER - 2:28 P.M.

- 1 Receive briefing regarding the North Central Texas Council of Governments draft Eastside Transit Study.

Elizabeth Whitaker, Senior Transportation Planner, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), introduced Sarah Chadderdon, Senior Transportation Planner, Jessie Huddleston, Program Manager, and Chad Edwards, Long-Range Planning Manager, and presented the draft Eastside Transit Study (Study).

Ms. Whitaker stated that the Study covered Dallas County and Kaufman County with the focus of this briefing being on Mesquite. The Study was initially requested in October 2009 and due to competing priorities it was started in September 2013. NCTCOG Transportation staff spent the past six months performing the Study's technical work. A survey was conducted via the project website and a majority of the 170 responses received were from Mesquite residents. The draft has been sent to Study participants and interested parties for comment. NCTCOG staff is currently seeking feedback with the final Study produced in the coming weeks.

The Study is a high-level feasibility study and the objective is to determine near-, mid- and long-term ridership potential for a mix of transit options (rail or bus) for communities in eastern Dallas County and western Kaufman County. The Study framework included near-term solutions (implementation in the next few years to address immediate needs), mid-term solutions (evaluate the feasibility of bus services) and long-term solutions (evaluate the feasibility of bus and rail services). The near-term solution highlights the different types of transit riders (commuters, general public, elderly and disabled) and provides services to those riders. The mid- and long-term options included three series of alternatives using three analysis years in each series – 2018, 2028 and 2035 – for a total of nine evaluated scenarios with 18 unique routes of local bus, express bus and rail. The Study emphasis was placed on the peak period travel of 6:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Ms. Whitaker stated that the Study included a circulator service within the City of Mesquite, the existing COMPASS service, long routes from Terrell to Union

Station, service from Sunnyvale with a stop in Mesquite to Union Station, service from Kaufman to Union Station route, connectivity to current DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit) inline stations and service from Terrell to Kaufman. The service between Terrell and Kaufman did not perform well. The Study findings include the following: the modeled COMPASS route shows lower ridership than what is currently observed because of a limitation with the regional travel demand model; the COMPASS route should continue to operate to build ridership in the corridor; strong ridership potential exists for a circulator service within the City of Mesquite; express bus service connecting Sunnyvale and Mesquite to Union Station shows sufficient ridership over the analysis years; and a light rail extension to Lawson Road is feasible and is included in the region's long-range transportation plan as an official recommendation. The circulator service would allow access to jobs, schools, health facilities, civic centers, government facilities, and shopping locations. The rail extensions into Kaufman County are not warranted at this time.

Ms. Whitaker stated that there are local and regional considerations impacting the Study recommendations. The detailed route and alignment studies should be conducted to determine maximum ridership potential on preferred routes in the City of Mesquite. At the regional level, identifying adequate financial resources for capital and operating costs continues to be a challenge as the region seeks to expand public transportation coverage as well as coordinating institutional frameworks such as partnering with transit agencies,. The region has three major transit providers and there are a number of communities who desire transit that are currently outside of the providers' service area; however, there are options available to contract with smaller transit providers. The draft Study did not include population densities.

Mr. Edwards stated that the long-range travel demand model is a proven system and shows that ridership over time will continue to grow. The Study indicates that ridership is feasible for additional public transportation in Mesquite.

Jerry Dittman, Assistant City Manager, stated that the City of Mesquite was the first non-member city to contract with DART and the DART agreement will expire December 31, 2014. DART's current policy allows the City to contract with a third party such as STAR, The T or TAPS to connect with the DART system. The estimated annual operating cost with DART for the circulatory system and two express bus routes would be \$1.2 million excluding capital costs; whereas, other service providers would cost less due to eliminating the use of DART employees, DART equipment and DART administration overhead costs. Should the City Council choose to continue with the COMPASS service, the City would need to contract with another entity to provide the service.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation to NCTCOG staff for the presentation.

The Work Session ended at 3:20 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER - 3:29 P.M.

INVOCATION

Jose Osorio, Spanish Pastor, Family Cathedral of Praise, Mesquite, Texas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recreation After School Participants from Achziger Elementary School.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- 2 Recognize Student Government Day participants from Mesquite High School, North Mesquite High School, Horn High School, West Mesquite High School and Poteet High School.

Mayor Monaco recognized the Student Mayors, City Councils, City Managers and City Secretaries who will be participating in Student Government Day activities from Mesquite High School and West Mesquite High School on April 4, 2014, and North Mesquite High School, Poteet High School and Horn High School on April 11, 2014. City Councilmembers presented each Student Mayor with a proclamation commemorating these events.

PRESENTATIONS

- 3 Presentation of a plaque to Bill Avera in recognition of his service as a member of the Mesquite Quality of Life Corporation Board of Directors.

Mayor Monaco presented a plaque to Bill Avera in recognition of his service as a member of the Mesquite Quality of Life Corporation Board of Director from September 2008 through February 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mr. Pickett moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows. Motion was seconded by Mr. Tarpley and approved unanimously.

- 4 Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 3, 2014.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 5 An ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the City Code thereby prohibiting the sale to minors of e-cigarettes and liquid nicotine, and regulating the open display and access to such products within the city limits of the City of Mesquite, effective April 15, 2014.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance No. 4302, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE XII, "E-CIGARETTE REGULATIONS" THEREBY PROHIBITING THE SALE TO MINORS OF E-CIGARETTES AND LIQUID NICOTINE, AND REGULATING THE OPEN DISPLAY AND ACCESS TO SUCH PRODUCTS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF. (Ordinance No.

4302 recorded on page of Ordinance Book No. 103.)

- 6 An ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the City Code thereby updating the regulations on signs, extending sign regulations to all outdoor signs, including on-premise signs, in Mesquite's extraterritorial jurisdiction and restricting the height of monument signs on residential properties.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance No. 4303, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING CERTAIN DELETIONS AND ADDITIONS UNDER SECTIONS 13-3, 13- 46 AND 13-73 THEREBY UPDATING THE REGULATIONS ON SIGNS; EXTENDING SIGN REGULATIONS TO ALL OUTDOOR SIGNS, INCLUDING ON-PREMISE SIGNS, IN MESQUITE'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; RESTRICTING THE HEIGHT OF MONUMENT SIGNS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF. (Ordinance No. 4303 recorded on page of Ordinance Book No. 103.)

- 7 An ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the City Code permitting the collection of recyclable materials by private companies, effective April 1, 2014.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance No. 4304, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 14-1 BY DELETING AND ADDING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY DELETING SECTIONS 14-13, 14-51(G) AND 14-53 IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 14-13, 14-51(G), 14-53 AND 14-54 THEREBY PERMITTING THE COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS BY PRIVATE COMPANIES; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY CLAUSE NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF. (Ordinance No. 4304 recorded on page of Ordinance Book No. 103.)

- 8 Bid No. 2014-030 - Town East 2.0 MG Elevated Water Tank, Phase 2 - Electrical, Lighting and Site Improvements.
(Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with low bidder Gracon Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,870,700.00.)

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 9 RFP No. 2014-045 - Annual Contract for Temporary Personnel Services.
(Staff recommends award to lowest proposer TS Young Corporation dba Annexus Personnel and Business Services.)

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 10 Bid No. 2014-047 - Reconstruction Water Main Replacement Supplies for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.
(Staff recommends award to low bidder HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$168,941.56.)

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 11 Authorize the City Manager to execute an Office Lease Agreement with Thommen America, LLC, for office space at the Mesquite Metro Airport.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 12 Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for professional engineering services in connection with the Roadway Impact Fee Update and Water and Wastewater Impact Fee Study in the amount of \$195,000.00.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

OTHER BUSINESS

- 13 Consider scheduling a special City Council meeting to canvass the returns for the May 10, 2014, General Election.

Mr. Noschese moved to schedule a special meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, to canvass the results of the May 10, 2014, General Election. Motion was seconded by Mr. Porter and approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pickett moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Noschese and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

John Monaco, Mayor

Sonja Land, City Secretary