



**CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE, TEXAS
JOINT WORKSHOP
CITY COUNCIL AND
STREETS AND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 4, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.
955 PINEY POINT ROAD**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jinks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Tom Jinks

Councilmember Patrick J. Breckon
Councilmember Scott Davis
Councilmember Shirley Rouse
Councilmember Clay Trozzo
Councilmember Matt Woodruff

Wendy Baimbridge, City Administrator
Lisa Modisette, City Secretary
Alan Petrov, City Attorney

Streets and Drainage Committee Members:

Harry Craig
Gary Schenk

DuVal Dickey

Absent: Tara Makagon, Streets and Drainage Member

City Council recessed at 7:45 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jinks led City Council Members, Streets and Drainage Committee Members, City staff, and residents in the pledge of allegiance.

3. CITIZEN/VISITOR COMMENTS

Mary Kenner, 11630 Denise, stated several residents canvassed the residents in the Westside Infrastructure Project (WSIP) area regarding asphalt streets. She stated 74 residents signed a petition to retain the asphalt streets. The petition was given to Mayor Jinks.

Harry Craig, 839 Merridel, stated the proposed project will offer some improvement to drainage. He stated there is still misinformation regarding the project being shared amongst some residents.

Ralph Kerr, 11747 Duart Drive, stated he is in favor of the project and in completing the project as a whole, not in phases. He stated the infrastructure in the project area is in a state of disrepair with broken pipes, cracked streets, potholes, and unkept ditches. He stated maintenance on the infrastructure should not be deferred to a later date. He stated the Streets and Drainage Committee has worked toward an end result with this project for two and half years. He stated City Council's job is to take care of the whole and need to work on infrastructure. The residents who attended the public hearings and meetings and provided comments should be respected. He stated the City could provide funding for the project through a bond and the local property taxes are low.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED WESTSIDE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Jerry Clark, 843 Merridel Drive, presented his spreadsheet pertaining to the cost of the proposed project. He received the information for his spreadsheet from a variety of sources, including previous Streets and Drainage (S&D) meetings, City Council meetings, the City Engineers at IDS and EHRA, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (a U.S. Government department), and other documents provided to him by other means. The figures on his spreadsheet regarding the cost of the project do not include the cost of mobilization of the contractors and other construction related expenses and removes the inflation factored into the future years' maintenance expenses. He stated his spreadsheet shows the "actual cost" of asphalt versus concrete. His spreadsheet favors asphalt over time versus concrete. His opinion is the money invested could earn double returns over time.

Mayor Jinks and the Councilmembers asked Mr. Clark questions and discussed the spreadsheet, the outcome, the variables, the source of his information, and the limited options local government has to invest funds.

Councilmember Breckon presented his spreadsheet. His spreadsheet included information from the same sources as Mr. Clark and the U.S. Department of Transportation. His spreadsheet included the cost of mobilization and other construction related expenses. He stated the larger project can have less expensive mobilization costs. His spreadsheet is favorable to concrete over the long term.

Mayor Jinks, Councilmembers, and Mr. Clark asked questions of Councilmember Breckon and discussed his spreadsheet.

Tim Buscha, IDS Engineering Group, discussed several topics. He stated City Council will need to provide input on driveways, replacement of trees, value engineering, and Phase 1 of the proposed project. He also discussed the timeline through mid 2025 regarding the proposed project. He requested that Council provide input on the mentioned topics at the November 14, 2024 City Council meeting. The timeline includes milestones, such as completion (100%) of the design by the end of December 2024, a review and preparation of Phase 1 by January 2025, review the bid package by early February 2025, and issue for bids in mid 2025. He stated a proposed Harris County W151 project to the west of the City could provide significant drainage improvements. The current proposed design includes placing the drainage pipe under the roadway, which will save a large number of trees. However, if the drainage pipe is placed in the City's right-of-way, many trees will be damaged and will be removed. The design will resolve all pipe conflicts in the project area. Misaligned or broken pipes can possibly be repaired in place. If the drainage pipe is placed under the roadway, the existing pipes will be filled in and left in place. The cost estimate for the entire project will be approximately \$14,667,951, including a 10% contingency. The Memorial Village Water Authority portion will be approximately \$2,097,572. There are options for reducing the cost of the project, including rigid plastic pipes, as opposed to concrete pipes, resulting in a cost savings of approximately \$700,000. The rigid plastic pipes will result in a reduction of mid-street concrete junction boxes and manholes. Another possible cost saving option is rigid plastic inlets with a savings of \$280,000. Existing mailboxes will be salvaged, when possible, and rebuilt. The Tree Protection Plan will be followed as closely as possible. The grass for properties in the project area will be resodded and irrigation systems will be repaired. Resident access to their homes will be unlimited after construction hours daily. There will be 24-hour advance notice if access is restricted during construction hours. The City does allow

construction hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and shorter construction hours on Sunday. The City may be able to include construction hours in the project bid documents. The driveways and sidewalks will be removed and replaced as close to existing conditions as possible. The project will not eliminate structural flooding but will lower the risk. The possible Phase 1 of the project is estimated to be approximately \$5 million and will include a portion of N. Lou Al, Constance, a portion of Joan of Arc, and Magdalene Drive from Joan of Arc to Taylorcrest. Councilmember Rouse advocates doing all the work as one entire project, not in phases. The funding option includes grants or bonds. The City has applied for a federal grant to cover most of the cost. The grant decision will be announced in 2026.

5. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilmember Woodruff and seconded by Councilmember Rouse to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approved and accepted on November 14, 2024.

ATTEST:

Tom Jinks, Mayor

Lisa Modisette, City Secretary