

THE JOINT FLOWER MOUND TOWN COUNCIL AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WORK SESSION HELD ON THE 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016, IN THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 2121 CROSS TIMBERS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, COUNTY OF DENTON, TEXAS AT 6:00 P.M.

The Town Council met in a work session with the following members present:

Tom Hayden	Mayor
Kevin Bryant	Mayor Pro Tem
Jason Webb	Councilmember Place 1
Don McDaniel	Councilmember Place 4
Itamar Gelbman	Councilmember Place 5

constituting a quorum with the following members absent:

Bryan Webb	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
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And the following members of the Transportation Commission present:

Thomas Walker	Chair
Chris Reed	Vice Chair
Robert Gunter	Place 1
Robert Caput	Place 2
Brian Smiley	Place 4
Donald Gilmore	Place 5
Louis Wei	Place 8, Alternate
Andy Allen	Place 9, Alternate

constituting a quorum with the following members absent:

Ron Hogue	Place 2
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And the following members of the Town Staff participating:

Theresa Scott	Town Secretary
Jimmy Stathatos	Town Manager
Debra Wallace	Deputy Town Manager/CFO
Tommy Dalton	Assistant Town Manager
Ken Parr	Executive Director of Public Works
Matt Hoteling	Traffic Engineer

A. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

B./C. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG

Councilmember Jason Webb gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Bryant led the pledges.

D. WORK SESSION ITEM

Mr. Dalton provided an overview of the two agenda items and noted they are based on Council direction as a result of the strategic planning session held in July.

Mr. Stathatos provided additional background information relative to transportation concerns in the area.

Administrative note: The following items were heard in reverse order.

1. Presentation and discussion regarding public transportation options by the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) and other public transit considerations.

Mayor Hayden asked for DCTA to provide a report regarding transportation activities for the area, as well as their long term plans.

Representing DCTA: Jim Cline, President, and Kristina Brevard, VP of Planning and Development

Mr. Cline gave a presentation identifying or noting:

- On-demand service approach
- Innovative services
- Basic needs assessment opportunity

Mr. Cline, Ms. Brevard, Mr. Stathatos or Ms. Wallace responded to questions from Council and Transportation Commission members as follows:

- Concerns regarding the rail line being there but not convenient due to the many connections the user has to take
- What does Highland Village pay to be part of DCTA, and the associated mechanics of it, including qualifying users
- What is the per trip cost they have in using Uber drivers
- What is the trip charge the Town is paying with SPAN
- Would there be any liability for the Town with the DCTA and Uber Initiative
- What are the numbers for NCTC ridership
- Is there anywhere in Texas where mass transit is working to reduce road traffic
- Comparison information as it relates to other mass transportation organizations

There was Council and Transportation Commission discussion regarding:

- The lack of connection points between transportation options relative to mass transit
- How the creation of lanes reduces the interest in mass transit
- Interest in mass transit connectivity to the airport
- Transportation management association option
- With the population growing in the Dallas area, if improved rail transportation could be a viable option
- How it's important to provide transportation to those with special needs (i.e. elderly and disabled)

2. Discuss transportation issues facing Flower Mound and the region.

Mayor Hayden asked TxDOT representatives to provide a report regarding transportation activities for the area, as well as their long term plans.

Brian Barth and Barry Heard with TxDOT, and John Polster, Innovative Transportation Solutions, Inc. provided an update on the following transportation projects:

- 121 and 635 interchange
- Southbound ramp to eastbound 114
- 35W in Tarrant County

Mr. Barth, Mr. Polster, Mr. Parr, Mr. Hotelling, or Mr. Stathatos responded to questions from Council or the Transportation Commission as follows:

- Clarification of the scope of work for the 121 and 635 interchange
- What is planned for the bottleneck area near the flyover, including timing
- Why is there a traffic signal at Gerault and 2499 when the flyover exist taking traffic south
- What are the long range plans in terms of mobility for our area
- What is the timing for completion on 35E and 35W due to the associated impact in Flower Mound with people traveling FM 2499 in the interim
- Funding and how municipalities and states work together
- What is the traffic count on the southern part of Flower Mound
- What can FM 2499 reasonable handle in the way of traffic count now
- Is there an opportunity to increase traffic over or below the dam
- What is causing the frequent flood events on FM 2499 and what is being done to resolve the situation
- Would Lakeside and Freeport Parkway be an opportunity for expansion
- What are future expansion plans for Hwy 377
- What are future expansion plans for FM 2181
- Is the bulk of the setbacks on roadway improvement projects due to lack of funding
- Is there going to be mass transit from I35W to Denton, and rail for east and west to connect the two

- Is stacking of lanes on FM 2499 really something that has been talked about
- When are the improvements planned for FM 407 and FM 2499 (right turn lanes)
- What does it cost for a Master Transportation Plan update

Members of Council expressed appreciation for the completion of FM 1171.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant summarized the projects that TxDOT is working on that will benefit the Town the most in the way of an immediate relief.

There was Council and Transportation discussion on the topic of Flower Mound roadways as follows:

- What is the history for the Transportation Commission approval related to removal of the stop signs at Windridge and Crestridge and why are they still there
- How does the Town establish traffic signal timing, particularly going east and west
- A request for an update on the Morriss Road expansion project, including funding sources
- Service level ratings and if there are things the Town should be doing to prioritize projects to improve those ratings, and the following projects were discussed as options
 - Right turn lane at FM 2499 and 1171
 - FM 407 and FM 2499 – a 2nd westbound left turn lane
- If extending Garden Ridge to FM 2499 is practical
- If connecting Lakeside Parkway to Hwy 121 was a good option
- If expanding Duncan or Spinks is a good option
- Did staff track where people went when the roads were closed due to flooding last year
- What is the status of the Kirkpatrick connection
- The need to improve Waketon Rd
- The addition of a signal at FM 2499 and College Parkway
- When was the last time the Town did an update on the Master Thoroughfare Plan
- The possibility of reevaluating and prioritizing road improvement projects with the thoroughfare plan, and what other issues would need to be rescheduled to accommodate the mobility issues discussion
- What is the connection between Council, P & Z, and the Transportation Commission to make sure everyone has the right mindset to make better decisions for everything to work
- Hwy. 377 future expansion plans

Mayor Hayden asked the Transportation Commission to provide feedback on projects they would like Council to consider, and Chair Walker summarized the following projects:

- Multiple stop signs on Dixon that decreases the flow
- Congestion on 2499 near Grapevine Mills, as well as the flooding in that area
- Sidewalks
- What can be done in the way of some form of mass transit (particularly east to west rather than north to south)
- The need for additional east and west options

Mr. Dalton summarized that the overall direction from Council, with input from the Transportation Commission members is as follows:

- Proceed with the NCTCOG basic needs assessment
- Evaluate some road projects and come up with preliminary estimates:
 - Turn lanes at FM 2499 at FM 407; 3040 and 2499
 - Study Lakeside, Spinks, and Garden Ridge connectivity to improve the flow toward Hwy. 121
- Have a work session in March to discuss the Master Thoroughfare Plan
- Acceptable to moving the overhead utility discussion to a future date to allow for the transportation study review and discussion in March

There was some discussion relative to what the ultimate goal is relative to traffic movement in Flower Mound, which would include qualified capability statements and intent, followed by an implementation plan and the associated financing.

E. ADJOURN WORK SESSION

Mayor Hayden adjourned the work session at 9:18 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016, and all were in favor.

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS

THOMAS E. HAYDEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

THERESA SCOTT, TOWN SECRETARY