

**THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2008 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:

Jody Smith	Mayor
Tim Trotter	Mayor Pro Tem
Joel Lindsey	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Jean Levenick	Councilmember Place 4
Jeff Tasker	Councilmember Place 5

with the following absent:

Al Filidoro	Councilmember Place 2
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constituting a quorum with the following members of the Town Staff participating:

Harlan Jefferson	Town Manager
Paula Paschal	Town Secretary
Chuck Springer	Assistant Town Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Kent Collins	Assistant Town Manager

**A. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER**

Mayor Smith called the work session to order at 6:15 p.m.

**B. INVOCATION**

Councilmember Tasker gave the Invocation.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG**

Councilmember Tasker led the pledges.

**D. WORK SESSION ITEMS**

**1. Discuss transportation options for elderly and disabled persons.**

Assistant Town Manager Kent Collins gave the following presentation.







## Council Discussion

Mayor Pro Tem Trotter commented that SPAN had said there would be limited service to the Flower Mound area. He asked if people were still waiting long for their rides.

Mr. Collins stated SPAN had not provided that commitment, and added that DCTA might be in a better position to provide that type of service.

Town Manager Harlan Jefferson commented that from July 18 to August 30 SPAN did a second tier type of service. Their service has been terminated in Flower Mound altogether.

Mayor Pro Tem Trotter commented that the taxi voucher might be better for the citizens due to better response times. He asked staff to check out the Super Shuttle in Grapevine.

Mr. Collins commented that the design for the SPAN or DCTA service was mainly for scheduled services, therefore the idea was to schedule ahead.

Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that SPAN had a 24-hour notice requirement in the previous contract. A taxi would have speedier service.

Councilmember Levenick asked who was the provider prior to SPAN.

Mr. Jefferson responded that Dial-A-Ride provided the service before SPAN. Dial-A-Ride was consumed by DCTA. The rates then increased substantially so SPAN had stepped in. There had been no further substantial increases in many years.

Councilmember Levenick referred to the option of hard limits and asked if it would be possible for someone to purchase extra vouchers at a higher cost over the limit.

Mr. Collins responded that would move into the voucher system.

Councilmember Levenick commented that she did not want the riders in Flower Mound to feel like the Town could not do anything more for them.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lindsey stated he could not tell what was a good deal compared to other cities by the information provided. He asked how many riders were in Flower Mound.

Mr. Collins responded there were about 50 riders.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lindsey commented it appeared riders were using the service 3-4 times per week or less. He asked if SPAN went against what they told the Council at the last meeting by removing Flower Mound from their service area.

Mr. Jefferson responded that the Town did not have any communication from SPAN that they were going to change the process.

Councilmember Tasker asked if there were other cities that did not provide this service at all.

Mr. Collins stated Southlake was trying to find a new service and they had only 10 trips per month. He understood Southlake was working with a non-profit and the cost was prohibitive.

Councilmember Tasker stated that providing the service might be more appropriate for a non-profit organization. He asked if there were any grants that the Town could apply for to offset some of the costs.

Mr. Collins stated staff had looked at transportation funding, but that money now goes to DCTA.

Mr. Jefferson commented that DCTA became the designated recipient, but Flower Mound was not a member of DCTA. He noted the Town had previously used \$10,000 from CDBG funding for SPAN.

Councilmember Tasker asked if the Town might gain access to DCTA grant money by joining DCTA and then negotiating with them.

Mr. Collins responded that this type of funding was in the DCTA service area of Denton County, however staff would have a conversation with DCTA. He noted that the federal government and NCTCOG made the decision as to where the money went. In response to Mayor Smith's question, Mr. Collins stated DCTA could provide a service to transport the physically challenged riders.

Mayor Smith commented that many cities were suffering with tight budgets. She asked what the Town's liability might be if Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) provided a transportation service. She noted that in the latter part of 2006 her husband did use SPAN and it was not necessarily timely or effective, however there was a transportation need in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Trotter asked if staff had researched if the Flower Mound riders were using SPAN for medical necessities and if they had medical insurance that would subsidize the costs.

Mr. Collins stated he would check with SPAN to see if they had that data.

The consensus of the Council was that they recognize the need for transportation service, however cost remained an influencing factor.

Mayor Smith commented that Flower Mound was named the 5<sup>th</sup> wealthiest municipality in the nation in its population category, and she felt bad that Flower Mound was in this situation. She did not believe the community had a financial hardship, however there was a substantial cost to each option.

Mayor Pro Tem Trotter stated it would help him if he had information usage categorized by medical necessity cases, insurance repayments, number of riders to North Central Texas College, and those just taking a ride to a mall.

Mayor Smith asked staff to find out how many riders need the wheelchair lifts, to check on any liability if the Town partnered with a non-profit or if the Town had a volunteer program, and to look at the DCTA option.

Mr. Collins stated staff would follow up with a Council Communication.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lindsey asked what type of feedback the Town had received

since service was discontinued.

Mr. Collins stated staff had received several phone calls and emails.

**2. Receive a presentation on and discuss a proposed Transportation Master Plan.**

Assistant Town Manager Kent Collins stated staff had been working with the Transportation Commission and Kimley-Horn for a year. The Commission held two work sessions and this had gone to a work session at the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Brian Shamburger, Kimley-Horn, gave the presentation of the proposed Transportation Master Plan. Due to the length of the presentation, a copy is not included in these minutes, **however it is on file in the Town Secretary's Office.**

**Council Discussion**

Mayor Smith asked when the DFW Connector project would begin.

Mr. Shamburger replied they were planning to make selections on awarding the bid probably next year, and it could be a 7-8 year project.

Mayor Pro Tem Trotter asked what advantage there would be to have an 8-lane section on FM 2499 south of Gerault.

Mr. Shamburger stated it would allow for free flow of traffic movement from that intersection. He added that discussions were needed now about this so that it might be incorporated into the DFW Connector plans.

Windsor

Mr. Shamburger stated there were three options for the connection of Windsor - connect Windsor to West Windsor, have a W. Windsor extension to FM 2499, or to do both.

Mayor Smith preferred the extension only, as she did not want to see the connection going through the Westchester subdivision because of Flower Mound Elementary.

Roundabouts on Chinn Chapel

Mayor Smith stated to consider roundabouts on Chinn Chapel, the Town would have to work with the Town of Double Oak.

Mr. Shamburger stated the roundabouts were great options for the locations on Chinn Chapel. He noted that Colleyville and Southlake had installed several that were very similar.

US 377

Mr. Jefferson commented that toll funding would be available for this project down to SH114.

Options

Mr. Shamburger stated one option for traffic movement in Flower Mound was a Lakeside

Shuttle system for the southern part of the Town. When passenger rail service is in place, the Town could possibly provide for a formal or informal park-and-ride area.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lindsey asked if a connection of Flower Mound Road through to Shiloh was an option for traffic flow.

Mr. Shamburger stated it was probably discussed but there could be some problems with floodplain.

Mayor Pro Tem Trotter asked if there had been any discussion of any other grade separations within the Town.

Mr. Shamburger stated they had talked about a few locations, including FM 1171 at FM2499), however the impact to local businesses at that intersection would be tremendous.

Councilmember Levenick stated she was encouraged about the Windsor connection and it needed to be done sooner than later. She noted there would be a hospital on one end and a fire station on the other end. She was in favor of the grade separation at FM 1171 and SH 377.

Mayor Pro Tem Trotter commended the Transportation Commission and Kimley-Horn for the many excellent suggestions.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lindsey agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Trotter, although he was not sure about the grade separation at FM 2499 and Gerault. He stated he did not see how that would solve any traffic problems.

Paul Stone, Transportation Commission Chair

Mr. Stone noted that there would not be eight lanes from Spinks to Gerault. It would be eight lanes from Gerault to Grapevine. The free right would be the eighth lane.

Mr. Collins stated there was such a huge split in traffic at FM 2499 and Gerault, and the recommendation was to get movements through Gerault in a continuous free flow.

**3. Receive a presentation on and discuss a proposed Non-smoking Ordinance.**

Matt Woods, Director of Environmental Resources, gave the following presentation.





### **Council Discussion**

Councilmember Levenick asked about the concerns received from the Parks, Arts and Library Services (PALS) Board.

Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated GLASA had a league policy for prohibiting people from smoking at their games. FMYSA wanted the Town to pass an ordinance instead of an organization enforcing it.

Mayor Pro Tem Trotter noted that one of the suggestions from some of the restaurant owners was to isolate the bar area and have the filtration system and/or glass walls. He asked how the Town would regulate the number of people permitted into that area.

Mr. Woods stated he had talked to other cities and it was an enforcement challenge. Other cities established a percentage of square footage for a smoking area, however he was not sure that would be enforceable.

Police Chief Kenny Brooker concurred that it would be difficult to enforce.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lindsey **asked about Southlake's ordinance.**

Mr. Woods stated Southlake did not allow free-standing tobacco stores, and smoking was prohibited in private in-home day cares.

Councilmember Levenick noted that as a result of **staff's** survey, about 80% of the current restaurants already prohibited smoking in their facilities.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lindsey asked how quickly a draft ordinance could be prepared.

Mr. Woods stated it would take about two weeks.

Mayor Pro Tem Lindsey and Councilmember Tasker stated they would like something similar to Southlake.

Mr. Jefferson stated the target was to bring an ordinance to the Council in November. He asked if the Council wanted any more outside input, and the consensus was not to solicit additional input.

Mayor Pro Tem Trotter stated he would recommend not designating a smoking area in the facilities, sports complexes or parks. He did not want to see a congregation of cigarette butts.

Councilmember Tasker agreed with the non-smoking portion of this ordinance. He did not think the Council needed to consider a prohibition of a smokeless tobacco product because it did not impact others, and Mayor Pro Tem Lindsey agreed.

### **E. ADJOURN WORK SESSION**

Mayor Smith adjourned the work session at 7:56 p.m. and all were in favor.

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JODY A. SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PAULA J. PASCHAL, TOWN SECRETARY

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