



Minutes
February 15, 2018
City of Lavon City Council
Lavon City Hall, 120 School Rd., Lavon, TX
Special Meeting – Work Session
7:00 P.M.

ATTENDING: CHUCK TESKE, MAYOR
VICKI SANSON, MAYOR PRO TEM, PLACE 1
MIKE COOK, PLACE 2
KAY WRIGHT, PLACE 3
TIM DAVIS, PLACE 4
MINDI SERKLAND, PLACE 5

1. **MAYOR CHUCK TESKE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. AND ANNOUNCED A QUORUM PRESENT. ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENT THAT AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM AT A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING.**
2. **MAYOR TESKE LED THE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND DELIVERED THE INVOCATION.**
3. **WORK SESSION-TRANSPORTATION**

Presentation by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and discussion of the preliminary recommendations for the Collin County Strategic Roadway Plan.

Mayor Teske recapped the Council's meetings and efforts regarding the Collin County Strategic Roadway Plan (CCSRP). Mayor Teske recognized Collin County Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Collin County Director of Engineering Clarence Daugherty, Jeff Neal, Program Manager, NCTCOG. Mayor Teske invited those in attendance to introduce themselves. Elected and appointed officials, including Mayor Joe Holt from the City of Josephine, were in attendance. Alan Bain, Michael Nader, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Arnold, representatives and owners of property in the City of Lavon introduced themselves. Three owners of property outside of the City were also in attendance.

Mr. Neal presented an overlay of the CCSRП recommendations onto a parcel map showing property lines. Mr. Neal reviewed two options for the alignment on the eastern and western side of the Garland Power & Light (GP&L) easement that runs north/south through a portion of the City. Mr. Neal also reviewed the general design of the proposed roadway noting the interchanges and their configurations.

Ms. Serkland inquired about the impact on existing homes and asked about the scope of the planned corridor improvements. Mr. Neal and Mr. Daugherty reviewed local and regional population and growth projections and the related demand for the facilities modeled. Mr. Davis invited City of Josephine representatives to speak and Planning & Zoning Commissioner Jane Ridgeway stated that the City of Josephine expects and is planning for the projected growth described.

Ms. Wright advised that she and Ms. Sanson physically drove the alignments to the extent possible to see first-hand the impacts on existing developed property. Ms. Wright stated that although any disruption of existing residences is not taken lightly, she was pleased to see that the proposed alignment appears to have minimal impact on existing residences. Ms. Wright, who is also the President of the Lavon Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), read a letter drafted and approved by the LEDC in support of the CCSRП.

Mayor Teske and Mr. Daugherty recognized that the market will drive development and the demand for improved transportation facilities. Mr. Bain confirmed that the Lavon region is poised for growth.

Mayor Teske invited comments from the floor. Dixon Glaze, who said she owns property on FM 552 in Rockwall and property in northern Collin County near Anna and Blue Ridge, asked if the CCSRP alignment would replace the planned 'Outer Loop' on the Collin County Thoroughfare Plan. Commissioner Williams offered that her understanding is that the Commissioner's Court believes that the Outer Loop is needed as planned and that both facilities may very well be warranted. Mr. Neal observed that the traffic demand models indicate that the new alignment could possibly be built sooner than the Outer Loop.

Mr. Bain commended the City Council, Collin County and NCTCOG for recognizing that the development is coming, wanted or not, and that early planning makes it better for everyone. Mr. Bain indicated support for the CCSRP as presented. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold indicated that they want what is best for Lavon and if the CCSRP is best for Lavon then they support it. Mr. Nader expressed a preference for the alignment to run east of the GP&L power line easement.

Tom Paroski, who owns property off of SH 205 south of the Lavon planning area expressed support for the planning efforts and encouraged the City Council to continue transportation planning and to use zoning tools to help shape how the City develops. Ms. Sanson advised that a property owner on CR 540 had informed her of a water line placed in/near where a portion of the corridor runs. Mr. Neal said he would note that and Mr. Daugherty advised that is a good example of the details that are commonly identified during continued study and environmental assessment phases.

Mr. Davis asked Ms. Wright if the proposed plan interferes with or creates opportunity for economic development and Ms. Wright stated that it will open up opportunity and stressed the need to diversify the tax base. Ms. Serkland asked if there had been any concerns expressed by the Planning & Zoning Commission in regard to the plan. Ms. Dobbs advised that the CCSRP had been shared with the Planning & Zoning Commissioners and that they had been informed of the City Council works sessions. Mayor Holt stated his preference that a determination regarding alignments be made sooner rather than later.

Commissioner Williams expressed that it is key to nail down the corridor in the city plans so that critical right of way could be reserved as development proposals are prepared. Commissioner Williams further acknowledged the importance of all entities working in cooperation with one another.

Mayor Teske asked for further comments or questions from the floor and invited concluding comments from the Council. Mr. Davis asked if any of the CCSRP plans would be tolled roads and Mr. Neal stated they would not. Ms. Wright asked that the record reflect that the City Council had conducted four work sessions to discuss and gain input regarding the CCSRP. Ms. Sanson confirmed that the planned roadway would be at grade. Mr. Bain asked when the road might be constructed and Mr. Neal estimated it could be in the mid 2020's. Ms. Sanson inquired about the planning for other roads. Ms. Wright requested a map be provided that showed jurisdictional lines.

The Council expressed appreciation to those attending the meeting for their time and input.

4. CITY COUNCIL TO SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

The City Council set the ceremonial groundbreaking for the Emergency Operations Center - Fire Department expansion for 6:30 p.m. on February 20, 2018. The next regular meeting is set for February 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and the Council directed that a resolution of support for the CCSRP alignment be placed on the agenda.

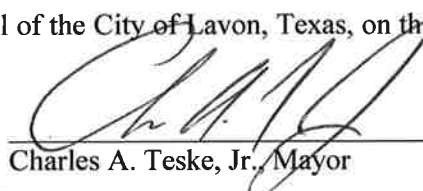
5. MAYOR TESKE ADJOURNED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:17 P.M.

DULY PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Lavon, Texas, on this 20th day of February, 2018.

ATTEST:



Kim Dobbs, City Administrator | City Secretary


Charles A. Teske, Jr., Mayor