



City of Keller

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Keller Town Hall
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Thursday, August 5, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING 6:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Armin R. Mizani

Mayor Armin Mizani called the Pre-Council Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

The following City Council Members were present:

Mayor Armin Mizani

Council Member Shannon Dubberly (by video conference)

Mayor Pro Tem Sean Hicks

Council Member Sheri Almond

Council Member Ross McMullin

Council Member Beckie Paquin and Council Member Chris Whatley were absent.

The following City staff members were present: Director of Community Services Cody Maberry, City Secretary Kelly Ballard, Director of Public Works Alonzo Liñán, Director of Administrative Services Aaron Rector, Director of Information Technology Sean Vreeland, Interim Fire Chief Richard Whitten, and Police Captain Chad Allen.

Council Member Ross McMullin gave an invocation.

Mayor Armin Mizani led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

B. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

This is a time for the public to address the City Council on any subject. However, the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the City Council from discussing issues which the public has not been given seventy-two (72) hours' notice. Issues raised may be referred to City Staff for research and possible future action. Each speaker will be allowed three (3) minutes to speak.

Mr. Daniel Bennett, 408 Pemberton, White Settlement, Texas, expressed his thoughts relating to Senator Nelson's request for a Tarrant Appraisal District Software Audit.

The following individuals expressed their concerns regarding the sidewalk construction project on Clover Lane: Mr. James Stoker, 675 Clover Lane; Mr. John Shreve, 317 Cindy Court; Mr. Trevor Sullivan, 304 India Street; Mr. Jim Vititow, 705 Clover Lane; Mrs. Shannon Vititow, 705 Clover Lane; Ms. Sherry Stoker, 675 Clover Lane; Mr. Court Smith,

809 Clover Lane; Ms. Diane Graff, 740 Richmond Lane, and Ms. Robyn Childress, 701 Clover Lane.

C. DISCUSSION

1. [Discussion relating to the sidewalk construction on Clover Lane and the process of public notice.](#)

Mayor Armin Mizani, opened the meeting with the explanation that Council Member Ross McMullin and Council Member Chris Whatley requested the Clover Lane sidewalk construction project to be added to the next agenda. Because the next Council Meeting is not until August 17, 2021, Mayor Mizani chose to call the Special Meeting.

Director of Public Works Alonzo Linan gave a presentation relating to the Clover Lane sidewalk construction. Topics addressed were Goals and Funding, Standards and Practices, Inventory and Repairs, Prioritization Plan, and the next steps.

Mr. Linan highlighted the following improvements to the notification process that will be activated for projects similar to this: Social media notice when a project is approved for design, letters and social media for Public Meeting at 30% design, Letters notifying that Council will take action to award construction, Letters summarizing Council decision, Letters two weeks before contractor shows (if more than a month after Council action), and Door hangers by the contractor when they show up.

Mayor Mizani expressed his satisfaction with the changes to the public notice process, and he clarified the ADA requirement of 4 foot sidewalks with a 5 foot passing-space every 200 feet. Discussion was held relating to sidewalks being used as the passing spaces.

Mr. Linan stated that if the City Council decided to cancel the contract in order to change the plans from five to four foot sidewalks, that the contract would ultimately need to be re-bid, restoration cost would increase, requirement of new engineered plans, and the completion date would be extended.

An informal poll of the City Council showed that Mayor Armin Mizani, Council Member Shannon Dubberly, Mayor Pro Tem Sean Hicks, and Council Member Sheri Almond were all in favor of continuing with the contract and plans for the five foot sidewalks. Council Member Beckie Paquin was not present, but communicated that she is also in support of continuing with the contract and plans for the five foot sidewalks

Council Member Chris Whatley was not present, but communicated that he is in favor of changing the plans to four foot sidewalks.

Council Member Ross McMullin expressed support of canceling the contract in order to explore new options citing the fact that the impact on these properties will be for a long time. He also expressed that he wanted to clean up a statement that he made earlier regarding the City putting incorrect information out, relating to the terms "bump-out" and

"passing space". He stated that the terminology used in the notifications is important with communicating on topics such as this, therefore the term "passing space" should also be used when the term "bump-out" is used. Mr. McMullin concluded by requesting the Mayor to add the Pate Orr sidewalk project to a future Work Session for discussion, due to the large scope of the project.

D. ADJOURN

A motion adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:32 P.M. was made by Council Member Ross McMullin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sean Hicks. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Secretary