



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

5:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

Due to technical difficulties, Chairman John Street was unable to get into the zoom meeting. The duties of chair were handed off to Chris Moore.

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Present 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent 1 - John Street

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-20:065](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on July 7, 2020.

Attachments: [MINUTES](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - John Street

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-20:030](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 117.330(c), KNOWN AS THE SIDEWALK ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY IN PLANNED INDUSTRIAL PARKS

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

President and CEO of the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce, Mark Young explained that in 2018 the sidewalk ordinance was proposed and passed. Jonesboro Unlimited, Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce, and our Economic Partners were supportive of that, and we think that has been a great thing for our community. I expressed concern at that time concerning sidewalks in our Industrial Park, and in particular the safety related to that. As the ordinance passed it was determined that if it needed to be looked at again at a later date and time that that would be done. We have had three

construction projects that have been going on recently in our Industrial Park. One in particular has brought this back to my attention. The Industrial Parks were built over thirty years ago, and intentionally were built far outside of the center of the city in part to keep away from large residential areas so that trucks, trains, and employees could co-exist in a safe manner. It was never encouraged or to support pedestrian traffic inside the Industrial Parks.

Mr. Young went on to explain challenges with recent construction projects have increased my concerns with having sidewalks within our Industrial Parks, and in particular one most recent example included a project that would have required, or does require a sidewalk to be built where there is going to be multiple truck entrances, crossing of a train track, and employee entrance for that particular project. Obviously there becomes a safety issue and a liability issue with sidewalks in that general area. I contend if you look at the intent of the ordinance it was intended to improve pedestrian safety, expand recreational walking and running activities, make more cohesive neighborhoods, and easier access to shopping and other commercially related pursuits. Again, my concerns is with pedestrian safety in Industrial Parks, it is my suggestion, or recommendation that we exempt the sidewalk ordinance in planned industrial Parks.

Councilmember Chris Moore asked Mark Young how many planned industrial parks we currently have in Jonesboro? Mr. Young said that we have three. There are two primary ones. One is known as the Jonesboro Industrial Park, which is where Post Foods, and Hytrol and other companies are located. The other one is the Craighead Technology Park, which is where, Nestle, Frito-Lay, Butterball, and the other plants are. The third one is really a business park, which is where the Henry Jones Park is located just off of the interstate. All of those are zoned I-2. I am not recommending, or suggesting that all I-2 properties be exempt at all. I am just suggesting this occurs when it is in a planned Industrial Park. Again, because that is where the largest concentrations of trucks, and train traffic occurs, and I am concerned about safety.

A motion was made by Councilperson LJ Bryant, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - John Street

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-20:111](#)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR BRIDGE LIGHTING

Sponsors: Engineering

Councilmember Chris Moore asked if this is for Bridge Street, the old bridge, which bridge we are talking about. Chief Engineer Craig Light explained that it will be for two locations. One is for the new Watt Street Bridge, and the other is for the Highland Drive Bridge, there will be new light fixtures that will go across that bridge. Councilmember Moore said so, it will be for the two new overpasses that were constructed.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - John Street

[RES-20:112](#)

A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN A CONTROL DEVICE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 18 (SOUTHWEST DRIVE)/MAIN STREET AND HIGHWAY 18 (E. HIGHLAND DRIVE)/W. HIGHLAND DRIVE

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Traffic Control Device Agreement - Hwy 18 SE Drive-Main Street and Hwy 18](#)

Chief Engineer Craig Light explained that both resolutions 20:112, and 20:113 are existing traffic signals that will be replaced with new signals. When those signals were put in years ago the Highway Departments didn't have any sort of maintenance agreements put in place, and the City's just automatically did the maintenance. The Highway Department is now wanting to execute agreements for maintenance, this is what we do for all of the traffic signals in the City.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gene Vance, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - John Street

[RES-20:113](#)

A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN A CONTROL DEVICE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 49 (STADIUM BLVD.) AND I-555 EAST BOUND OFF-RAMP

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Traffic Control Device Agreement - Hwy 49](#)

Chief Engineer Craig Light explained that he needed to clarify that one of these is for the Southwest Drive and Main Street Intersection, and the other is for the Highland Drive and Caraway Road Intersections. So, it is two separate intersections with the same agreement. I think it is possible that the attachment made was duplicated on one of these two agreements. It is two agreements. Councilmember Mitch Johnson asked if that requires that the resolution be amended? Chief Engineer Craig Light clarified his previous statement, it is actually Redwolf and I555 intersection is where the second one will be.

Councilmember Mitch Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilmember LJ Bryant, to change the attachment to reflect Hwy. 49 and I-555 and to recommend to council. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - John Street

5. Pending Items**6. Other Business****[RES-20:114](#)**

A RESOLUTION FOR THE RENAMING OF MIRACLE LEAGUE PARK IN HONOR OF MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

Sponsors: LJ Bryant, Charles Coleman, Charles Frierson, Chris Gibson, Joe Hafner, Mitch Johnson, Bobby Long, David McClain, Chris Moore, John Street, Gene Vance and Ann Williams

Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Gene Vance, to suspend the rules and walk-on RES-20:114. All voted aye. Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, to recommend to council and walk RES-20:114 onto tonight's council agenda. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - John Street

7. Public Comments

Patti Lack 4108 Forrest Hill Road. Explained that she is for sidewalks, but not in the Industrial Parks. But, if a clause could be added that in the future there is a need for sidewalks out there, and I understand the safety issue side of it, but I also understand the need for sidewalks. I don't know if there can be a clause saying that. I think where there objection was, was in the additional cost of putting sidewalks in. I think it is a good thing right now because we need the businesses, and if it's an option whether they come to Jonesboro or they don't because they would have to spend an additional amount to come to here then its fine, but later on in the future it should be revisited.

Councilman Chris Moore said and to add to your comment, just like we have done tonight, at any time in the future we could decide to add and to amend to the sidewalk ordinance if there becomes an issue.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - John Street