

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Municipal Complex 311 Burton Hill Road Westworth Village, TX 76114 cityofwestworth.com

Thursday, January 9, 2020 6:30 PM **Council Chambers**

ATTENDEES:

Tiffany Aller Chair Dani Briones Member Jo Ann Rowls Member

Tony Yeager Member Abraham Elizondo Member Rosa Mendez Member L. Kelly Jones Mayor

City Administrator Sterling Naron City Secretary Brandy Barrett Police Chief Kevin Reaves

ABSENT:

Member

CALLED TO ORDER at 6:30pm by Tiffany Aller.

J.D. Ambrose

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of both the minutes from the November 7, 2019 meeting minutes.

MOTION to approve both sets of minutes from the November 7, 2019 meetings.

MADE BY: Tony Yeager. SECOND: Rosa Mendez.

Motion passed unanimously by a recorded vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nays.

- **B.** Review and discuss the action taken by city council regarding the location of the pedestrian Hawks Signal crossing where the trail system crosses Roaring Springs Road. (Council took action on December 10th regarding the trail crossing location at Roaring Springs Road, however they did not accept the Public Safety Committee's recommended location.).
 - Mr. Yeager lead a discussion questioning the committee's validity and use of his time. In his opinion the council blatantly disregarded both the committee's recommendations and the recommendations of multiple safety experts on the trail crossing location. He expressed his concerns over the council members' ability to make unbiased decisions for the greater good of the city over the concerns of a few, and their choice to spend additional tax funds build it. He specifically questioned Councilwoman Mendez who voted for the safest designated location at the committee meeting and then changed her vote at the council meeting, thereby decreasing safety and increasing spending. He questioned why Councilwoman Cowden, who has moved out of town, was allowed to remain on council and continue to make decisions affecting expenditures, taxes and citizens. He applauded Councilwoman Aller for her stance in support of the safety of the citizens and voting against the move.
 - Councilwoman Mendez stated that she was allowed to change her mind and did so in the interest of safety.
 - Citizens Margaret Worthington and Brian Libbey spoke on the topic.
- C. Receive a status update on the signal warrant study agreement for the intersections of Carb and Coleman at Roaring Springs Road. (Council took action on November 12th accepting the Public Safety Committee's recommendation to complete a traffic signal warrant study on Roaring Springs Road.)

- Mr. Naron provided an update, stating that the City of Fort Worth, who owns that section of Roaring Springs Road, is in the process of stripping a turn lane in the middle. It is anticipated to start in May; therefore no funds will be spent until the results of the stripping have been reviewed.
- Councilwoman Aller expressed her desire to address the safety concerns at the Carb/Aton/Tracyne intersection. Chief Reaves stated he would have a recommendation for review at the next meeting.
- **D.** Receive a status update on the bus lane stripping, drop-off zone and pedestrian crossing.
 - Mr. Naron stated the project as pending funding and was in being considered by the Long-Range Planning Advisory Board as a capital improvement. He anticipates the estimated \$100,000 for the project will be approved in the coming fiscal year budget.
- E. Discuss and take action on the citywide survey results.
 - Ms. Barrett provided a detailed review of the survey results. Committee members discussed parking, lighting, and next steps.

MOTION to recommend council set up town hall meetings to gather more information from citizens.

• MADE BY: Tony Yeager. SECOND: Abraham Elizondo.

Motion passed unanimously by a recorded vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nays.

F. The next meeting has been scheduled following the town hall meetings.

ADJOURNED at 7:21pm.

MINUTES APPROVED on this day, the 5th day of March 2020.

Tiffany Aller, Chair

ATTESTED TO BY:

Brandy G. Barrett, City Secretary

