



Lavon City Council Special Meeting Minutes October 01, 2014

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:20 P.M. BY MAYOR TESKE

Members Present: Mayor Chuck Teske
Council Member Place 2, Jorge Calderon
Council Member Place 3, Melissa Stroop
Council Member Place 4, Matt Childers
Council Member Place 5, Jenny Bodwell

Members Absent: Council Member Place 1, Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Kane

Staff Present: City Secretary Chris Wess
Police Chief Mike Jones

Legal Representative: Jennifer DeCurtis

Commission and Board Members: TIF President Dale Nabors

Visitors: 59

There was a Super Quorum present.

II. MAYOR TESKE LED THE COUNCIL AND VISITORS IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

III. INVOCATION

Police Chief Mike Jones gave the invocation.

IV. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

- A.** City Council to consider and act on approving Resolution No 2014-10-01 a resolution strongly opposing a private toll way and other alternatives recommended in the Blackland Corridor Feasibility Study that use a route passing through the Lavon City Limits and its ETJ for the purposes of the Northeast Gateway Project. (Teske)

City Secretary Chris Wess read Resolution No 2014-10-01. Mayor Teske opened the floor to residents for comments. The following local citizens spoke; Deborah Nabors, Dale Nabors, Craig Sword, Corrie Cole, Cliff Martin, Al Freeman, Rede Beitman, Jerry Shaffer, Christopher Hubley and David Taylor. All citizen speakers were in agreement that they were opposed to the Tollway, as well as eminent domain. Speaker also commended the Council Members for taking such a firm stand against the Tollway and for hearing their citizens and heeding to their concerns. Council Member Matt Childers explained that he moved into Lavon for the same reason as speakers. He also informed the Council and visitors that he was against eminent domain.



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Council Member Stroop stated that she wanted the Resolution to give us a fighting chance against the Tollway and that the Resolution talks about being consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Calderon said that he felt that it is not American to just be able to take people's land. He also thanked the visitors and speakers and stated that he was glad to see a good turn-out. Council Member Bodwell explained that this company came to the City Council about 18 months and several name changes ago, asking for support. She stated that they had no schematics, no environmental research and they were very shady in their dealings. She also informed the Council Members and visitors that she moved to the City of Lavon for the same reasons that everybody else did. She stated that she strongly opposes the Tollway. Mayor Teske also stated that the numbers do not work and he encourages all Council Members to pass this resolution to oppose the Tollway.

Motion: Council Member Stroop made a motion to approve Resolution No 2014-10-01 a resolution strongly opposing a private toll way and other alternatives recommended in the Blackland Corridor Feasibility Study that use a route passing through the Lavon City Limits and its ETJ for the purposes of the Northeast Gateway Project.

Second: Council Member Bodwell

In Favor: Council Members Calderon, Stroop, Childers and Bodwell.

Opposed: None

Motion: Carries

A loud and enthusiastic applause was given after the motion passed.

V. CITY COUNCIL TO SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

None

VI. PRESIDING OFFICER TO ADJOURN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Teske adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Duly passed and approved on this 2 day of December, 2014.

Mayor Chuck Teske

Attest:

Chris Wess, City Secretary