

CITY OF BUNKER HILL VILLAGE

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUNKER HILL VILLAGE, TEXAS FEBRUARY 23, 2011 – 5:00 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Essary called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 11977 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas.

Present:

City Staff:

Mayor Derry D. Essary

Ruthie Sager, City Administrator

Councilman Keith Brown

Steve Smith, Dir of Public Works/Blding Official

Councilman Dave Ellis

Kelly Johnson, City Secretary/Director of Finance

Councilwoman Cooky Mays

Tom Ramsey, City Engineer

Councilman Jay Smyre

Absent: Councilwoman Susan Schwartz

II. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2011, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BUNKER HILL VILLAGE, TEXAS, A PROPOSITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

Mr. Paul Soanes of 11639 Blalock Lane said he was in support of the bond issuance. He did however have concerns about funds for the eastside drainage projects being properly marked and kept only for the eastside drainage projects.

Mr. Tom Ramsey, with Klotz Engineering, said the plans for the Strey Lane Drainage Project are 30% complete with approval from Harris County Flood Control.

Mayor Essary said the Strey Lane Drainage Project would take approximately eight months to complete. Mayor Essary stated to Mr. Ramsey that we need something to present at the public meetings to give residents an idea of what we are going to be doing.

Councilman Ellis asked how we came up with the \$8,000,000. Mayor Essary said we believe the W151 project will come in even with a contingency, roughly \$5,900,000. A rough estimate of the alternatives that Mr. Struzick, with Klotz Engineering, modeled for the eastside came in somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000 – \$2,000,000 range. Plus a question if we were to participate in a major project along Blalock Road what would our potential upside cost be to participate in that kind of a project, and it was upwards of \$2,000,000.

Councilman Ellis said he was in favor of going forward with the bond election but wants to make sure it's the right amount and that it is communicated how it will be spent.

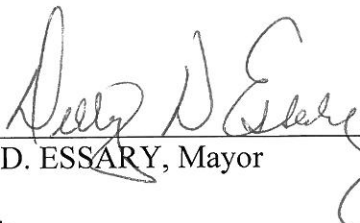
Councilwoman Mays said she wanted to see what the impact would be to a resident living in a \$700,000 house. She said with our current tax rate a resident would pay \$1,841. With a five cent increase they would pay \$2,191. Councilwoman Mays said on a \$1,000,000 house a resident currently pays \$2,630 and with a five cent increase it would raise it to \$3,130.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Ellis to approve the ordinance as presented in the packets. Motion carried 4-0.

III. ADJOURN

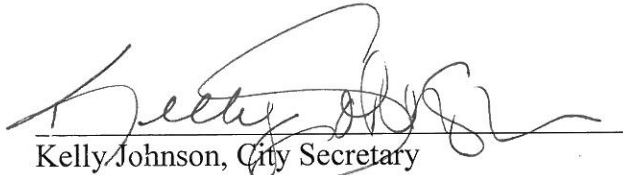
Motion was made by Councilman Ellis and seconded by Councilman Smyre to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved and accepted on March 15, 2011.



DERRY D. ESSARY, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelly Johnson, City Secretary