

CITY OF BUNKER HILL VILLAGE

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUNKER HILL VILLAGE, TEXAS JUNE 23, 2010 – 8:00 A.M.

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Essary called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 11977 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas.

Present:

Mayor Derry D. Essary
Councilman Keith Brown (arrived 8:30)
Councilman Dave Ellis
Councilwoman Cooky Mays
Councilwoman Susan Schwartz
Councilman Jay Smyre

Also in Attendance:

Ruthie Sager, City Administrator
Kelly Johnson, City Secretary/Director of Finance
Steve Smith, Dir of Public Works/Building Official

II. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AWARD OF BID TO HUBCO, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$137,095 FOR PAVING ON:

- A. BLALOCK LANE**
- B. FLINTDALE**
- C. MOCKINGBIRD LANE**
- D. TIMBERKNOLL**
- E. KNIPPWOOD**
- F. FOLWELL LANE**

Ms. Sager, City Administrator, stated that we budgeted \$159,000 for five streets and low bid was \$137,095 and included the sixth street, Folwell Lane. Mr. Smith said assuming council approves the contract we are ready to start on Blalock Lane. Mr. Smith said the project should start after July 4th.

Mr. Smith was asked if core samples were going to be taken on Blalock Lane. Mr. Smith explained this is a totally different project than Carolane Trail and we are not taking out huge sections of concrete. He stated this is an overlay project. He also said when we did the Blalock Lane Drainage Project a few months ago; the dirt that was removed was very compactable, not sandy.

Motion was made by Councilman Ellis and seconded by Councilwoman Schwartz to accept the bid from Hubco, Inc., for paving the six streets shown under item II on the agenda in the amount of \$137,095. Motion carried 4-0. (Councilman Brown had not arrived)

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COMPLETED DESIGN AND COST FOR THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT EATON COURT AND BUNKER HILL ROAD.

Mr. Smith said what council had originally asked was to prepare prices to install a crosswalk North of Eaton Court on Bunker Hill Road, build a sidewalk there and install pedestrian LED warning signs. The original plan had the signs flashing twenty four hours a day.

Mr. Smith said after talking to the contractors we probably cannot do that scenario. One of the main factors has to do with power. Mr. Smith said the pedestrian LED warning signs are solar powered. Mr. Smith said with a sign that stays on twenty four hours a day we cannot get enough direct sunlight at that intersection to keep a solar powered sign charged.

Mr. Smith said what the contractor suggested is realigning the crosswalk slightly, moving it South of Eaton Court on Bunker Hill Road. Also to have a sign with an activation button on both sides of the crosswalk. The cost to do this is a little less than \$13,000. The cost to put the crosswalk North of Eaton Court and adding an additional power pole for the activation buttons would add an additional \$10,000 to the estimate. Councilman Ellis said he liked the activation buttons vs. the lights flashing twenty four hours a day. Mr. Smith said to have an intersection that when a pedestrian activated the button that would stop the traffic would cost an estimated \$100,000.

After much discussion Councilman Smyre asked what are we trying to do at the intersection, make it safer for pedestrians or traffic. Mayor Essary said we are trying to make the intersection safer for pedestrians. Ms. Sager, City Administrator, said the resident that came to council asked what can the city do to slow the traffic down on Memorial Drive.

There was much discussion regarding where to put the crosswalk and concerns about the traffic at the intersection of Bunker Hill Road and Memorial Drive. Councilman Smyre said with installing activation buttons, would it give people a false sense of security with thinking it will stop the traffic.

Mayor Essary said we will get with Mr. Isaac, with Klotz Engineering, about where to put the crosswalk North of Eaton Court on Bunker Hill Road.

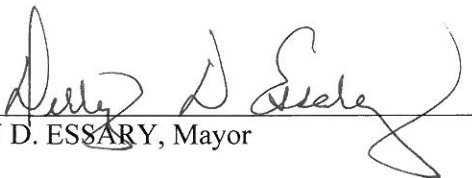
Motion was made by Councilman Ellis and seconded by Councilwoman Mays that the crosswalk be installed at the appropriate distance North of Easton Court crossing Bunker Hill Road and the flashing pedestrian crossing lights be installed as shown on the illustration with the appropriate markings on the sign and on the pedestrian signage on how to activate and utilize those signs. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Ellis amended the original motion and again it was seconded by Councilwoman Mays to approve the expenditure up to \$14,000 to accomplish the original motion of putting a crosswalk North of Eaton Court on Bunker Hill Road with the crossing lights.

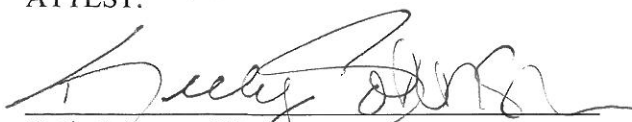
IV. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilman Smyre and seconded by Councilman Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved and accepted on August 17, 2010.


DERRY D. ESSARY, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kelly Johnson, City Secretary