

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
MARCH 9, 2021 AT 5:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brian Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Participating via VideoConference: Mayor Brian Johnson; Josh Altom, Place 1); Gary Mitchell, Place 2; Linda Rhodes, Place 4; Mayor Pro Tem Chad Wandel, Place 5; **Absent:** NONE (Note: Place 3 is Vacant at this time). **Staff Participating via VideoConference:** City Manager George Campbell, City Secretary and Communications Coordinator Leslie E. Galloway, Director of Finance and Information Technology Lakeita Sutton, Public Works Director Larry Hoover, Fire Chief James Brown, Police Chief Tommy Williams, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services Danielle Clarke

III. WORK SESSION

- A. Continued discussion and consider providing staff direction regarding capital projects to submit to Tarrant County for inclusion in a proposed County bond authorization election in November, 2021 and/or to include in a local bond election in November, 2021 and/or to fund through the issuance of Certificates of Obligation

Mayor Johnson noted that the purpose of this discussion was to identify projects to submit for potential inclusion in the Tarrant County transportation bond program and that future discussions could include the potential for a local bond package.

City Manager George Campbell concurred, noting that since the February 23 Work Session, staff had met with Councilmembers Altom and Mitchell and were now seeking Council direction regarding which projects should be submitted to the County for their bond program.

Campbell stated that staff was now recommending four projects: the extension of Little School Road (including a bridge over the railroad tracks) to tie into New Hope Road and eventually Linda Road and Dick Price Road; the realignment of Kennedale-Sublett Road; Collett Sublett Road improvements from Swiney Hiatt to the Magnolia Hills subdivision; and Valley Lane erosion mitigation. He added that Councilmembers Mitchell and Altom had requested this meeting to determine if there was a consensus among the Council for these four recommended projects and that staff was available to answer any questions.

Regarding the Little School Road extension, there was discussion of the railroad crossing causing traffic delays, how this affects emergency response times, potential design of the extension, and eventual connection to the planned local portion of the regional veloweb

At this time, there was a consensus among Council to submit the extension of Little School Road to Tarrant County for consideration for inclusion in their November 2021 bond package.

Regarding the realignment of Kennedale-Sublett Road, there was discussion of this project's inclusion for many years in the master thoroughfare plan, the increased safety offered by a 90-degree intersection, TxDOT requirements for distancing between signaled and non-signalized intersections, impact fees received from the adjacent Hammack Creek development, funding options for the City's required matching funds, the five-year project window attached to the bond package, the lack of any technical design for this project at this time, various options for the rerouting of the road, how this might impact the City's cooperation with NCTCOG to redesign

Kennedale Parkway as a complete street, and current traffic issues at the intersection with Kennedale Parkway – especially related to school drop-off and dismissal times.

Mayor Johnson requested that during the March 16, 2021 regular meeting that staff provide a cost breakdown for these four projects to show what portion is roadway versus water, sewer, sidewalk, and other items.

At this time, there was not a consensus among Council regarding submission of the Kennedale-Sublett realignment project to Tarrant County for consideration for inclusion in their November 2021 bond package.

Regarding Collett Sublett Road, there was discussion of the desire to see this street design similar to the nearby Magnolia Hills subdivision, how this project would improve traffic flow, impact fees from Magnolia Hills, and funding options for the City's match.

At this time, there was a consensus among Council to submit the Collett Sublett Road project to Tarrant County for consideration for inclusion in their November 2021 bond package.

Regarding erosion mitigation on Valley Lane, there was a discussion of an existing concept design by Halff for gabion walls to support the roadbed as well as a main sewer line and some water lines, the critical condition of this roadway, incongruent sewer line sizing in the area, and the ultimate need for two access points to this area (i.e., the need to address Trent Street as well).

At this time, there was a consensus among Council to submit the erosion mitigation on Valley Lane project to Tarrant County for consideration for inclusion in their November 2021 bond package.

In response to a question from Councilmember Altom, Public Works Director Larry Hoover stated that Peggy Lane, New Hope Road, and Trent Street were also on the original list of critical roadway needs.

There was brief discussion of funding options for these three additional projects as well as the realignment of Oak Crest Drive E (at Kennedale Parkway) to Gilman Road, the criteria that the County might use to evaluate bond projects, and the County's desire for submitted projects to be shovel-ready within five years.

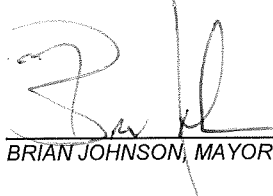
IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE COUNCIL DID NOT RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION DURING THIS MEETING.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brian Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

APPROVED:


BRIAN JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


LESLIE E. GALLOWAY, CITY SECRETARY

