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MINUTES COUNCIL ON THE GO MEETING June 15, 2021

A Council on the Go Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on June 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Ray D. Corbett Jr. High School Cafeteria, 12000 Ray Corbett Drive, Schertz, Texas. The following members present to-wit:

Present: Mayor Ralph Gutierrez; Mayor Pro-Tem Jill Whittaker; Councilmember Mark Davis; Councilmember Rosemary Scott; Councilmember Michael Dahle; Councilmember David Scagliola; Councilmember Allison Heyward; Councilmember Tim Brown

City Staff: City Manager Dr. Mark Browne; Assistant City Manager Brian James; Assistant City Manager Charles Kelm; City Attorney Daniel Santee; City Secretary Brenda Dennis; Assistant to the City Manager Sarah Gonzalez; Deputy City Secretary Sheila Edmondson; Finance Director James Walters; City Engineer Kathy Woodlee; Engineer John Nowak; Public Works Director Suzanne Williams

Meet and Greet (6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

- Citizens meet and greet various City Departments.

Call to Order

Mayor Ralph Gutierrez called the Council on the Go Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Welcome and Introduction

- Mayor Ralph Gutierrez

Mayor Ralph Gutierrez welcomed all the citizens in attendance to the Council on the Go Meeting. Mayor Gutierrez recognized City Council Mayor Pro-Tem Jill Whittaker, Councilmember Mark Davis, Councilmember Rosemary Scott, Councilmember Michael Dahle, Councilmember David Scagliola, Councilmember Tim Brown, City Manager Dr. Mark Brown, Assistant City Manager Brian James, Assistant City Manager Charles Kelm and the City Staff.

Presentations regarding the specific topics:

- State of the City video (M. Browne)

City Manager Dr. Mark Browne recognized and thanked Linda Klepper and Devan Christensen in the Public Affairs Department, who created the State of the City video.

- TxDot Road Project Updates - FM 1518, FM 1103, IH 35 and IH 10 (K. Woodlee/J. Nowak)

City Engineer Kathy Woodlee provided an update on the following projects:

IH 35 Operational Improvements

- FM 2252 to Schwab Road
- Ramp Revisions (reversals)
- Intersection Improvements
- Frontage Road Operational Improvements
- VIA park & ride

Construction Contractor - Bridges and Roads, LLC

- \$25.4 Million
- Schedule
- Construction began May 2019
- 65% Complete
- Current expected completion Late Fall 2021

FM 1103 Improvements

Existing FM 1103 Includes:

- Two 11 foot travel lanes (one in each direction)
- The outside shoulders vary in width
- Left turn lanes at new developments
- Open ditches for the drainage

Proposed FM 1103 Typical Section Includes

- Four 11 foot travel lanes (two in each direction)
- Raised medians and left turn lanes
- Two 5 foot bike lane (one in each direction)
- Adding curbs and 6 foot sidewalk along both sides of FM 1103
- Construct underground storm sewer for drainage

FM 1103 Improvements

- Project has let.
- 6 Bidders
- Low bid, Hunter Industries, \$39,295,624.24 (\$1.7 million under estimate)

- Contract should be awarded within 30 days
- Ground-breaking expected September 2021
- Construction period expected is 4 years (includes construction in Schertz and Cibolo)

I-35 NEX (Northeast Expansion)

- Project Limits:
 - South of I-140 South Interchange (AT&T Parkway) to FM 1103
 - Portion from Bexar/Guadalupe County Line to FM 1103-\$375 million
 - NOT a toll road
- Segment-410 N to FM 3009
 - Fully Funded
 - Design-Build Contract to be awarded July 2021
 - Construction Start Date- 2022 (some activity could start as early as Fall 2021)
- Segment 2-410 S to 410 N
 - Fully Funded
 - Construction Start Expected 2023
- Segment 3-FM 3009 to FM 1103
 - Not yet funded (maybe soon)
 - Construction Start Goal 2021
- City of Schertz Involvement
 - Relocation of Riata Lift Station (in design)
 - Reconfiguration of Riata Detention Facility (conceptual planning)
 - Both in Segment
- I-35 NEX: Between I-410 South and FM 3009
- I-35 NEX: FM 1103 connection-DWC

IH 10 Improvements

Project Limits:

- Graytown Road to Bexar-Guadalupe County Line (funded through Santa Clara, widening ultimately to SH 130)
- Total Project cost-\$149 million
- Adding Lanes, Expanding Bridges
- Minimal Right of Way Acquisition
- Construction Underway
- Anticipate 3-4 years of construction

IH 10 at FM 1518

- Adding Lanes, Turnaround Bridges, traffic signals

FM 1518 Improvements

- Project Limits: FM 78- IH 10
- Environmental Clearance is Complete
- Right of Way Acquisition
 - 140+ parcels

- 97% complete
- 90% Design nearing completion
- Next Steps
 - Utility Relocations (including Schertz Water and Wastewater)
- Construction Contract to be Let Summer/Fall 2022
- 2 1/2 -3 year construction period
- Total project cost -\$60 million
- Current available funding-\$44 million
- Funded by TxDOT, Federal Funding, City of Schertz, Bexar County
- City of Schertz Contribution-> \$10 million commitment
 - \$600k paid to date toward right of way acquisition
 - \$600k budgeted for utility relocation design
 - approx. \$5.5 million needed for Schertz utility relocations
- Total project cost - >\$60 million
- Current available funding - \$44 million
- Funding of shortfall: TxDOT applying for additional Federal Funding through AAMPO.

FM 3009- FM 78 Intersection Realignment- Conceptual Feasibility Study

- Studying the options at the FM 3009- FM 78 Intersection and the Railroad Crossing.

Road CIP/Repair Update

Engineer John Nowak provided an update on the following projects:

Completed or Nearly completed Projects Overview

- Cibolo Valley Drive is nearly complete
- Schertz Parkway overlay fully complete
- Tri-County Parkway fully complete from I-35 to Corridor Parkway
- Randolph Avenue from Main to Exchange fully complete
- Schertz Parkway concrete pavement repairs – start in June
- After the repairs – diamond grinding of the surface (July/August)
- Live Oak – pedestrian routes project underway; resurfacing will occur after pedestrian routes project completed
- Applying an additional surface to the chip sealed areas (this Summer)

Upcoming Projects

- Most of these streets will be slurry sealed; headed to bid in the next couple of months
- Elbel design is almost complete and awaiting Council Authorization – bid next month
- Lindbergh is in design
- Tri-County Parkway from Corridor Parkway to FM 3009 in design – design complete in a couple of months; construction start this Summer
- How Do We Select Projects?

- PCI score
- Objective measure
- Look for a “cluster” of streets for economies of scale and to complete a neighborhood in one project
- Coordination with other project efforts (utility replacements, drainage improvements, etc.)
- Staff and Citizen knowledge and observations
- How do we select the treatment applied to the street?
 - Higher traffic volume roadways (arterials and some collectors) with turning movements require a different surface treatment – mill and overlay. A slurry seal or chip seal will not last the expected service life.
 - Lower volume roadways can be treated with a slurry seal or chip seal
 - Amount of base repairs needed and/or geotechnical investigation dictates a different strategy

Budget Recap

Finance Director James Walters presented the Budget Recap which included:

- All Funds -Expenses, Historic Tax Rates
- FY20-21 Budget, New Positions and Funding
- FY20-21 Budget Highlights, Year to Date
- FY20-21 Budget Development

2020/2021 Accomplishments

Public Works Director Suzanne Williams presented the City of Schertz 2020/2021 Accomplishments which included:

- City Website Redesign
- CivicReady- Emergency Alerts
- Customer Portal
- Library Grant Project
- Great Northern Trail
- Ashley Park Concrete Trail Loop
- Senior Citizen Parking Lot Renovation
- Johnie McDow Complex Shade Structures
- Implementation of Civic REC Software
- Guadalupe County Contract
- Drainage and Hydroturf
- Drainage FY20-21
- Capital Improvements

City Hall Communications:

City Manager Dr. Mark Browne opened up the meeting to hear citizens' questions and concerns.

Citizen asked about the Old Wiederstein Road and the improvements it needs. In response City Manager Dr. Browne stated that the issues on Old Wiederstein Road are on the City's radar, but at this time it is not funded.

Citizen asked if Schwab Road would connect to IH-35. City Engineer John Nowak explained that Schwab Road is on the Master Thoroughfare Plan and will be addressed. Schwab Road is in several jurisdictions and the improvements will involve other cities.

Citizen commented that Lower Seguin Road around FM 1518 and Loop 1604 will be used more as a bypass road when IH-10 gets backed up.

Citizen Tyrone Tyler commented that there are areas on Lower Seguin Road towards Converse, that are in bad shape and the roadway plates are shifting.

Citizen asked if the potholes on Lower Seguin Road could be fixed and about the Cares Act and American Rescue Plan funding. City Manager Dr. Browne stated he will have staff address the potholes on Lower Seguin Road. He also explained the difference in the Cares Act funding and the American Rescue Plan funding and how the City of Schertz can utilize the additional funds.

Citizen thanked the City of Schertz for hosting all the shot clinics during the Covid-19 crisis. City Manager Dr. Browne thanked Mayor Ralph Gutierrez and Mrs. Raquel Gutierrez for all their help with the Shot Clinics. He also thanked Emergency Management Coordinator Summer Hall for her work with the Shot Clinics and all the volunteers.

Citizen asked if the City will work with the Boy Scouts and the 4th of July Jubilee plans. City Manager Dr. Browne stated City Staff is still working on the the 4th of July Jubilee plans.

Adjournment

Mayor Ralph Gutierrez thanked the residents for coming to the Council on the Go meeting and adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheila Edmondson, Deputy City Secretary