

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
June 26, 2023

The meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (TIC) was called to order by Chairman, David Johnson, on June 26, 2023 at 5:03 p.m. Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center Meeting Room and welcomed all members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and called the meeting to order.

- **1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members**

Present: Mr. David Johnson, Mr. Andy Aycoth, Mr. Paul Maaz, Mr. Steven Barron, Ms. Peggy Zahler, Mr. Christopher Sims, Staff Liaison, and Mr. Justin Hicks, Council Liaison

Early Departure: Mr. Hicks excused himself during Staff Comments

Not Present: Mr. David Person, and Ms. Donna Ofsanko

Citizens Present: Ms. Laura Teatsworth, Citizen and Mr. Dennis Johns, Citizen and Mr. Sean Saunders, Council Member

- **2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2023, TIC meeting by Mr. Paul Maaz and seconded by Ms. Peggy Zahler with a unanimous vote of 6-0-1 with one absent.

- **3. Discussion and Action Items**

- 3a. Discussion on Traffic CIP & Potential Budgetary Constraints (presentation attached)**

Mr. David Johnson indicated to members of the committee this presentation would address projects that were expected to be in the final draft submitted to Council at the upcoming July 11th City Council Meeting for FY2024. Mr. Johnson reminded the Committee of the CIP presentation in upcoming July 17th Work Session.

Mr. Christopher Sims presented to members of the committee a Traffic/Transportation and Drainage CIP Update from April 2023 Draft previously provided to TIC (see attached presentation).

TIC members discussed Pavement Management Program and the Adaptive Transportation System along primary corridors, and FM 518 improvements:

- Pavement Management Program is a 2-step program with roadway assessments taking place roughly every 5-yrs and improvement projects being done. Project was submitted in FY23 CIP but ultimately a funding source could not be identified.
- The Adaptive Transportation System is currently funded with corridor #1 being operational and corridor #2 very close to coming online. Corridor #3 is still included in FY24 CIP.

Ms. Peggy Zahler and Mr. Justin Hicks discussed how tax rate is set and how that impacts the City's CIP program.

- **4. Old Business**

- 4a. Discussion of the Sunset Committee recommendation related to Transportation & Infrastructure Committee**

Mr. David Johnson presented and discussed the TIC Duties and Responsibilities to members of the committee along with TIC Recommended Projects from 2018 through 2022 (presentation attached).

Question was asked to Mr. Justin Hicks about recommendations that came from Sunset Commission to sunset the TIC. Mr. Justin Hicks noted the following:

- Sunset Commission looked for overlap in boards and commissions and ways to eliminate this overlap.
- TIC was voted to be dissolved/merged with Planning and Zoning by a unanimous vote in last Sunset Commission meeting.
- Intention in Council action is to recommend increasing the P&Z Commission by 2 members with the plan to move 2 TIC members to P&Z.

Mr. Paul Maaz noted that he felt it would be difficult to merge committee and felt that there was a lack of communication in how this process would work. Mr. Justin Hicks noted that there was a discussion with 2 members of the P&Z.

Mr. Steven Barron feels that the regulatory authority is vastly different and believes that if the boards are merged, his concern is how this will impact the level of detail provided and topics discussed.

Ms. Peggy Zahler noted that she feels the TIC is an informal way for citizens to voice their concerns and allow those issues to be discussed/addressed. She felt that the Sunset Commission meeting could have been handled better, meaning that while the meeting was posted, the agenda did not note what was going to be discussed and the Chairs of the TIC and P&Z were not notified in advance of this meeting so they could attend and voice their thoughts to all Sunset Commission members.

There was a general discussion on the pros and cons of merging the committees. Mr. Justin Hicks noted that the Sunset Commission's recommendation was just that a recommendation and not something that is guaranteed to pass. Mr. Justin Hicks also noted that if passed, the operational function of the combined board would need to be fleshed out and put in place.

- **5. Public Comments**

- Ms. Laura Teatsworth expressed her concern the importance of the current TIC committee being that they are the liaison for the HOA Alliance and that the Sunset Committee should table and reconsider the restructuring of all committees until it is better communicated to the community.
- Mr. Dennis Johns expressed the importance of citizen board participation as liaisons for League City residents within the community.

- **6. Staff Comments**

Mr. Christopher Sims presented the City Development & CIP Update and TxDOT Initiatives through June 2023, Planning and Zoning Update, and HGAC-TPC Update within the City of League City. Mr. Christopher Sims provided the following update for upcoming events:

- Next P&Z Meetings – July 17th & August 7th
- Next City Council Meetings – June 27th & July 11th
- Next H-GAC Transportation Policy Committee meeting – July 2023
- Next TIC Meeting – August 2023; No July meeting due to upcoming City Council Budget Work Session
- Proposed FY24 Budget Timeline
 - July 17th – CIP Work Session & Budget Intro
 - July 24th - Budget Work Session

- July 25th – Council Meeting (Health Benefits)
- July 31st – Budget Work Session
- August 1st – Budget Work Session
- August 8th – Public Hearing on FY24 Budget
- August 22nd – 1st Reading on FY24 Budget
- September 12th – 2nd Reading on FY24 Budget
- September 20th – Deadline to adopt FY24 Budget
- September 29th – Deadline to adopt Tax Rate

- **7. Committee Member Comments**

Members of the Committee discussed their concerns and continued participation amongst each other regarding the continuation of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

- **8. Action Item Recap**

No Action Items

- **9. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. Peggy Zahler and seconded by Mr. Andy Aycoth to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. with a unanimous vote of 6-0-1 with one absent.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 2023.

Signatures are provided upon request.