

Town Hall Meeting January 26, 2017 6:30 P.M. City Hall - 665 Country Club Road – Lucas Texas Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Olk called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and introduced City Council members present, staff members present, and board members from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Parks and Open Space Board.

City Council Members Present:

Mayor Jim Olk Councilmember Tim Baney Councilmember Wayne Millsap

Planning and Zoning Commission Members Present:

Chairman Peggy Rusterholtz Andre Guillemaud

Parks and Open Space Board Members

Present:

Chairman David Rhoads Joanne Doucet

Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
Executive Assistant/Special Projects Coordinator
Cathey Bonczar
Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
Public Works Director/City Engineer Stanton Foerster

Regular Agenda

1. Discuss the 2014 update of the Collin County Mobility Plan and how it relates to the City of Lucas Thoroughfare Plan.

Mayor Olk welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone for taking time to attend the meeting. Mayor Olk discussed the differences between Collin County's Thoroughfare Plan and the City's Thoroughfare Plan. Mayor Olk stated that the City Council and staff were looking for input from the citizens regarding their thoughts and concerns regarding both plans, and encouraged everyone to ask questions as the meeting progressed.

2. Discuss updates and revisions to the City of Lucas Thoroughfare Plan.

Mayor Olk introduced Public Works Director/City Engineer Stanton Foerster who gave a brief overview of the differences between the Collin County Thoroughfare Plan and the City of Lucas Thoroughfare Plan. Discussions occurred regarding changes to the plan, when those changes occurred, and where we are today. Mayor Olk and Public Works Director/City Engineer

Foerster stated that these projects were not funded, and that further changes could occur. Citizens expressed their desire to keep the roads to two lanes where possible to avoid pass through traffic.

3. Discuss updates to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Regional 10-Year Plan.

Mayor Olk noted that none of the surrounding cities (Allen, Fairview, Wylie, St. Paul) were not in favor of routing traffic as shown on the Collin County plan. Mayor Olk stated that Collin County was considering other options and at some point will need to negotiate a final plan. He explained that the State will take into consideration the City's input, but ultimately the County and State decisions would override the City's recommendations to the plan if agreements for change were not reached. Mayor Olk stated the importance of citizens taking an active role in attending meetings and letting the City know what they would like to see for Lucas.

4. Facilitate completion of the Transportation Plan Survey and receive citizen feedback.

Citizens asked questions about the impact of these plans to various roads, shared stories of personal experiences in dealing with changes associated with growth and expansions in other cities, asked questions regarding the use and acquisition of easements verses rights-of-way, and asked if there were any plans that had been previously discussed regarding the property near the intersection of W. Lucas, E. Lucas, and Southview. They additionally expressed concerns about the following:

- More traffic could lead to higher crime, more accidents, and more noise
- A strong desire for no round-abouts anywhere in the city
- Possible street widening (prefer to keep streets less attractive to high traffic)
- Who has responsibility for maintaining various roads (City, County, State)
- Maintenance and repair of Lucas roads

Citizens also stated that the widening of East Lucas, West Lucas, and Southview Roads could be a good thing. With the current and future growth in the city, expanding these roads to 4 lanes could provide for safer passage of vehicles, less accidents, and possibility of lower traffic noise as the roads would be better constructed to support the higher number of vehicles using the roads.

Mayor Olk discussed that the expansion of Angel Parkway and Parker Road, and felt that this would most likely be a more attractive alternative route for traffic given that these roads will be wider with fewer stop lights to slow traffic.

Mayor Olk and Public Works Director/City Engineer Foerster discussed traffic calming designs to Lucas roads, and the maintenance of city roads. Mayor Olk noted that the current year's budget was \$750,000 for roadway maintenance; however, estimates for the total cost of road repairs far exceeds that amount. Priority for repairs are being considered based on the current road conditions, amount of traffic, best design for long term sustainability, and other factors.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jim Olk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

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