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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF DURANT CITY STREETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE OF May 2, 2019 AT 3:30 PM, Large Conference Room, Durant City Hall, 300 West Evergreen, Durant, OK

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Jerry Tomlinson provided the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present: Member Oden Grube
Member Dr. Michael Simulescu
Member Jerry Tomlinson
Vice Chairman Kevin Keener
Chairman Mike Davis

Tim Rundel, City Manager
Greg Buckley, Asst City Manager
Marty Cook, Public Works Director
Cynthia J. Price, City Clerk/Secretary

Absent: Member Charles Bachmann
Member James Dalton

(*denotes partial attendance)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Consider Approval of Regular Call Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2019

Motion was made by Michael Simulescu and seconded by Jerry Tomlinson to approve regular called meeting minutes of April 4, 2019.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Davis, Grube, Keener, Simulescu, Tomlinson

Absent: Bachmann, Dalton

2. Discussion and Deliberation and Take Possible Action

A) As To Numerical Ranking of Streets and Infrastructure Priorities;

B) As To Financing Proposals - Preferably Tied to Each Infrastructure Priority with Specificity;

C) As To Proposed Modifications to the City Budget;

D) As To Proposed Shape/Form/Details of Future General Obligation (GO) Bonds (if any);

E) As To Proposed Shape/Form/Details of Fee Increase Proposals (if any);

F) As To Proposed Shape/Form/Details of Future Sales Tax Revenue Allocations (if any);

G) As To Proposed Straw Poll Questions To Be Addressed Under Agenda Item # 3.

The discussion went around the table as each member of the task force was asked to state their personal position with regard to Agenda Items 2 A-G.

Michael Davis - Ranking: 1st - Water and Waste Water Treatment; 2nd - Streets. Solutions - Fee increase, impact fees. When both quarter penny sales tax expire in 2024, propose one of the quarter penny sales tax go back before the voters for infrastructure. He is open to a General Obligation Bond for 75% or 50% of the original proposed bond.

Oden Grube - Solution: Gradually bring back rolloff exclusivity, institute general business license with fee on sliding scale based on number of employees; not funding the Durant Industrial Authority. She is opposed to a General Obligation Bond except as a last resort and would like to explore other options.

Dr. Mike Simulescu - Priority - Water/Sewer. Solutions: Fee increases, extend 1% sales tax with a 10 year sunset to be used towards streets/infrastructure that needs improvement not new projects; He is open to General Obligation Bond or something similar to diversify collections. Lower sales tax by letting SOSU Arena and Durant Multi Sports Complex bonds expire. He is in favor of impact fees and business licenses. He is in support of going back to voters to make the Durant Industrial Authority pay all its operational expenses from their sales tax.

Kevin Keener - Priorities: Water, Sewer. Solutions: Perform testing on infrastructure to detect leaks and storm drainage into road; open to fee increases for water/sewer. He opposes a General Obligations Bond. He supports funding the street and water/sewer line maintenance program; supports impact fees on commercial development; city business licensing; bringing back rolloff exclusivity, requiring back flow preventers.

Jerry Tomlinson - Priorities: Quality of water, Waste Water Treatment, Streets. Solutions: Impact fee for residential and commercial; go back to voters to consider - 1) a portion of hotel tax going to infrastructure or streets; 2) to consider one-fourth of sales tax revenue to Durant Industrial Authority be used to fund their operations; 3) when tax bonds expire for SOSU arena and Durant Multi Sports Complex, consider one of quarter penny bonds be reallocated for 20 years or remove sunset. He is in favor of General Obligation Bond.

3. Straw Poll and Take Possible Action

A) As To Fee Increase for Water/Sewer;

B) As To A New General Operation (GO) Bond for Streets;

C) As To Impact Fees or Other Similar New Municipal Revenue Streams;

D) As To Any Straw Poll Items Proposed In Meeting Under Item 2.

The straws polls were conducted to determine if the majority of the task force was in support of further considering these items.

A. Straw poll resulted in unanimous show of hands as to being open to further consideration of fee increase for water/sewer;

B. Straw poll resulted in unanimous show of hands as to being open to further consideration as to a new General Operation (GO) Bond for streets;

C. Straw poll resulted in unanimous show of hands as to being open to further consideration of impact fees or other similar new municipal revenue streams;

D. Straw poll resulted in unanimous show of hands as to being open to further consideration of proposing to the City a modification of the way the Durant Industrial Authority is funded.

Straw poll resulted in unanimous show of hands as to being open to further consideration of proposing to the City a reallocation of existing sales tax revenue after scheduled expiration.

4. Debate and Take Possible Action

No action taken.

5. Consider Appointment of Drafting Committee and Take Possible Action

Motion was made by Jerry Tomlinson and seconded by Oden Grube to appoint Dr. Michael Simulescu, Vice Chairman Keener and Chairman Davis to Drafting Committee.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Davis, Grube, Keener, Simulescu, Tomlinson

Absent: Bachmann, Dalton

New Business

The task force unanimously agreed to discuss actual language and verbiage for potential fee proposals to the City of Durant at their next meeting on May 16, 2019.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Jerry Tomlinson and seconded by Oden Grube to adjourn meeting.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Davis, Grube, Keener, Simulescu, Tomlinson

Absent: Bachmann, Dalton