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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF DURANT CITY STREETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE OF June 20, 2019 AT 3:30 PM, Large Conference Room, Durant City Hall, 300 West Evergreen, Durant, OK**

**CALL TO ORDER - 3:33 p.m.**

**INVOCATION**

Jerry Tomlinson provided the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Member Charles Bachmann  
Member James Dalton  
Member Mayor Oden Grube  
Member Dr. Michael Simulescu  
Member Jerry Tomlinson  
Chairman Michael Davis

Tim Rundel, City Manager  
Marty Cook, Public Works Director  
Paige Murray, Secretary

Absent: Vice Chairman Kevin Keener

(\*denotes partial attendance)

Dr. Michael Simulescu attended via phone.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Presentation by Annie Vest, Planning and Grants Administrator and Hazard Mitigation Specialist with Meshek and Associates

Committee Member James Dalton stated Annie Vest is not able to attend today and will not be providing a presentation. Ms. Vest did ask for her presentation to be placed on the June 27, 2019 agenda.

2. Consider Any Draft Language Proposals By Committee Members for Final Draft and Take Possible Action

As to section titled 'Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Recommendations', Paragraph 1, Line 3, it was generally agreed to strike the words 'municipal water and sewer ' and replace with the word 'utility'.

As to section titled 'Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Recommendations', Paragraph 4, Line 1, it was generally agreed to strike the word 'water' and replace with 'utility' and add the word 'line' after 'separate fee' .

As to section titled 'Streets Priorities and Recommendations', Paragraph 6, Line 2, it was generally agreed to amend the monetary amount from \$4.9 Million to \$9.4 Million.

As to section titled 'Streets Priorities and Recommendations', Paragraph 6, Line 5, it was generally agreed to amend the monetary amount from \$75 to \$55 per year.

Chairman Davis withdrew his proposed draft language entitled 'Allow the Sales Tax to Automatically Decrease in 2024' on Page 13 of the Report and Recommendations.

**Motion was made by Michael Davis and seconded by Jerry Tomlinson to add language to the end of 'Streets Priorities and Recommendations', Paragraph 4 which shall read "Other cities such as Glenpool, Bristow, Holdenville, Kiowa, and Watonga have higher sales tax than Durant. The squeeze on our budget without external financing is realistically prohibitive of major capital improvements.'**

**Motion Passed with the following vote:**

**Ayes: Bachmann, Dalton, Davis, Grube, Simulescu, Tomlinson**

**Absent: Keener**

**Motion was made by Michael Davis and seconded by James Dalton to approve a new second section under the heading 'Other Recommendations' which shall be titled 'Sidewalks for Major Thoroughfares' and shall read as follows: 'It has become commonplace for municipalities, particularly in Oklahoma, to either remove or stop maintaining sidewalks in residential areas - particularly due to costs and their competition with other priorities. We do not disagree with a plan for moving away from residential sidewalks as priorities. Instead, we recommend that the City of Durant develop a plan to incrementally install and maintain at least minimal sidewalks for major pedestrian thoroughfares - especially in areas where walking in the street is dangerous because of traffic. In particular, we urge the City of Durant to explore options for installation and maintenance of sidewalks and LED illumination for appropriate sections of Main Street, University Boulevard, Washington Avenue and South Ninth Avenue.'**

**Motion Passed with the following vote:**

**Ayes: Bachmann, Dalton, Davis, Grube, Simulescu, Tomlinson**

**Absent: Keener**

3. Consider Any Draft Language Modifications by Committee Members to Anything Already Passed by Previous Motion of the Committee

Chairman Davis reviewed draft language modifications since the last meeting.

4. Consider Final Review of Water and Sewer Fee Proposal and Take Possible Action

Chairman Davis reviewed the 'Water and Wastewater Distribution and Collection Recommendations' section of the drafted 'Report & Recommendations'. Brandon Wall stated he recommends financing treatment equipment for no longer than twenty years.

**Motion was made by Jerry Tomlinson and seconded by James Dalton to amend the monetary amount under section titled 'Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Recommendations', Paragraph 5, Line 2, from \$7.00 to \$7.20.**

**Motion Passed with the following vote:**

**Ayes: Bachmann, Dalton, Davis, Grube, Simulescu, Tomlinson**

**Absent: Keener**

### **New Business**

City Manager Tim Rundel provided every committee member with a handout entitled '2019 Statutory Election Dates and Deadlines'.

Chairman Davis stated he will bring bound copies of the report with all attachments tabbed to the next meeting.

**Motion was made by James Dalton and seconded by Charles Bachmann to have a final meeting next week for which the agenda items will be 1) the presentation of Annie Vest and 2) the final approval of the Task Force Report & Recommendations.**

**Motion Passed with the following vote:**

**Ayes: Bachmann, Dalton, Davis, Grube, Simulescu, Tomlinson**

**Absent: Keener**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion was made by James Dalton and seconded by Charles Bachmann to adjourn meeting.**

**Motion Passed with the following vote:**

**Ayes: Bachmann, Dalton, Davis, Grube, Simulescu, Tomlinson**

**Absent: Keener**