



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND REGULAR SESSION – MINUTES (ORIGINAL)

Thursday, June 01, 2023 at 5:45 PM

City Hall | 3300 Corinth Parkway

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF DENTON CITY OF CORINTH

On this, the 1st day of June 2023, the City Council of the City of Corinth, Texas, met in Workshop & Regular Session at the Corinth City Hall at 5:45 P.M., located at 3300 Corinth Parkway, Corinth, Texas. The meeting date, time, place, and purpose as required by Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter C, Section 551.041, Government Code, with the following members to wit:

Council Members Present:

Bill Heidemann, Mayor
Sam Burke, Mayor Pro Tem
Scott Garber, Council Member
Steve Holzwarth, Council Member
Tina Henderson, Council Member
Kelly Pickens, Council Member

Staff Members Present:

Scott Campbell, City Manager
Lana Wylie, City Secretary
Patricia Adams, City Attorney
Glenn Barker, Director of Public Works
Brenton Copeland, Chief Technology Officer
Lance Stacy, City Marshal

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Heidemann called the Workshop and Regular Meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Receive a presentation regarding roundabouts in Corinth and their function in the metroplex.

The item was presented and discussed.
2. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding potential programming to assist with senior property tax relief.

The item was presented and discussed.

ADJOURN WORKSHOP

Mayor Heidemann recessed the Workshop Session at 6:25 P.M. and immediately convened into Regular/Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ellice Lovelady - 2604 Clark Dr. - The House Bill 2 for the 5% tax limit did not pass the Senate was taken off the table and is not up for further discussion. If you go to Legiscan you can read all these things and there is no Bill pending. Governor Abbott is not in favor of that; he wants to see a different direction for tax reduction. Also, a lot of the things on last month's presentation were based on the assumption that we were going to have an inevitable 5% cap, and because of that, the statistics are skewed in terms of this doom and gloom scenario. Also, it said that we were up to 19% for being of the senior population. In 2018 we were 11.7%. I don't think we jumped up 7%, maybe Robson Ranch did but I don't think Corinth has done it. So again, skewed statistics. And if you look at it the reverse way, if it's 19%, a freeze or even a higher exemption, you have 81% of your population that's paying the full load, reverse that, that's a huge percentage that we're a tiny percentage that's doing that and also, going back to the economic, you all have got to start the rezoning or doing something so we get those tax revenue based business because you're squeezing those of us that are 65 and older to make up the shortfall that should have been done by having better businesses here. They're moving down the road to Hickory Creek. They want that frontage road that's commercially viable, but we keep driving them away. So that's what I'd like to see happen with our city council and I got to tell you, that when I moved here, Corinth was dry and my husband and I went door to door canvassing to get it damp on the menu. And I promise you, oh, and it won by a landslide. And I promise you if it comes down to getting a tax relief on the ballot, I will do the same thing and I promise, you will have the same results. I recommend you be proactive to do what Tina is recommending, at the very least. You saw the report. We're just up to at least a \$40,000 exemption. Really, the other tiny communities have done it, 23 out of the 39 on that list, either tax freezes or much higher exemptions. Thank you.

Joshua Metzger - 2716 Whetstone Dr. - My question was regarding the portion of the tax increase that can be covered by this program and if it would be frozen at this point or with future years, so all future tax increases would be covered by this program? Or would they have to pay the increase from a prior year, in the later years, so that if that were the case it doesn't sound like there would be any benefit to it.

Michael (Mick) Owens - 2603 Breezehollow Way - First of all, no offense folks, but looking around the table at some of you all and guesstimating how old close in age you all are, several of you are clueless as to some of the needs of seniors in Corinth, Texas. This lady down here made excellent points. I can see your donation plan and everything else, leading to future lawsuits because of how you were discriminated against certain members of a class. For example, those who are not able to volunteer physically. You left out I don't know why you all haven't talked about that, that is obvious to everybody or should be. I think the only reasonable explanation should be for some kind of exemption or a freeze like other cities do. If you can't figure out how to do a freeze or exemption for 11%, 15% or 19% of the people 65 or older then you need to look at putting the city fixed income and staying within the fixed income budget for your future plans and so forth. The roundabout thing, you kind of laughed it off about well, we didn't do our plan right or we had this contractor do it and it wasn't (inaudible). How much did it cost, how much did we lose? Who knows? How much was really actually lost to the situation with that. It's not a laughing matter. That's my opinion.

Don Glockel - 2101 Lake Sharon Dr. - I echo some of the same concerns this gentleman just talked about. I could do all those things that you're suggesting but my neighbor, who may not even be able to drive to this location to volunteer, or do the work after they got here, or mentally could do it, unless you go back to the donation thing. It's a charity-based design and for a work program for people over 65 that can work. I don't think that's what the exemption is all about. I think you're going in the wrong direction. I would volunteer for that program, but you probably don't want me on it. The other one, I agree with the roundabout. I live on that road. I've been watching it and some of the questions that were asked tonight, I'm surprised the Council is just now asking it because the thing is completed. So, we're going to have to live with it, I guess. The gentleman who made the presentation made a statement, said that if we get 18,000 cars per hour excuse me, 1,800 per hour, we're probably going to have to look at something else and then in the next statement, he said, but we can't expand it because of the pond. So we got to look at something of how to expand it once we get the traffic flow to this point, but the next comment was we can't do that. So that kind of baffled me a little bit. The roundabout worries me. I have a fairly large vehicle and I can make the roundabout with no traffic at 24 miles per hour. That's the fastest I can make it safely. My vehicle is almost the same length as where the cars were going to be sitting trying to get from one side of the roundabout to the other side. It bothers me. I hope I'm wrong, but I see that being a traffic problem, not a fix. Roundabouts in some places work. That seems to be pretty small with a short radius. And the other one, somebody said something about trucks.

I live on that road. You'd be surprised how many tractor-trailers go on that road hauling equipment. For one thing, to these job sites, delivery semis and trucks that you wouldn't think would be on that road up and down. And you don't see a lot of them now because you have a sign that says no truck traffic. So, if you're out there now, trying to observe truck traffic, sure you're not going to see much; wait until that sign comes up. Thank you.

Mayor Heidemann convened into Executive Session at 6:50 P.M.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., (the "Texas Open Meetings Act"), the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following items. Any necessary final action or vote will be taken in public by the City Council in accordance with this agenda.

Section 551.072 - Real Estate. To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberations in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

a. Real property south of the intersection of Cliff Oaks Drive and Tower Ridge Drive.

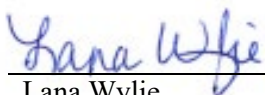
E. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mayor Heidemann recessed the Executive Session at 7:05 P.M. and reconvened into the Regular Session Meeting.

F. ADJOURN

Mayor Heidemann adjourned the Regular Session Meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Approved by the Council on the 6th day of July 2023.



Lana Wylie
City Secretary
City of Corinth, Texas