

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 21, 2016**

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. with Mayor Luis Lamas presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Luis Lamas and Council Members Ben Tucker, Bill Underbrink, Oscar Adame, Dennis Knippa, Steve Diehl and John Schack. Staff present: City Manager Jim Gray, Finance Director Paul Baen, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson. There were approximately 20 guests.

2. Discussion regarding drainage and flood control projects and other 2015 Bond related projects throughout the City of Ingleside.

John Michael of Naismith Engineering provided an overall presentation of the current drainage outfalls, proposed changes, and mentioned several areas that we can provide some relief, but not be able to remove the problem all together. The main area that very little can help is the center of town (1st Street to 4th Street from Avenue G to J and the nearby neighborhoods depending on the amount of rising water). The assistance we can offer at this time is to make sure the drainage ditches are cleaned more regularly and that the property owners don't park vehicles and place debris in the ditches. The Engineers and City Staff have been trying for several years to get FEMA to recognize this area of town as a flood area. Westlake drainage improvements are already under construction. Avenue B is the most expensive, but the easiest fix because we already have the ROW and it will help the most people. Emory Bellard Outfall would be a new method of getting water out of the area between Waco and West Main Street by getting a ROW through the old Humble properties. The ideal situation to help Tiner Lane has not been received well by the necessary property owners for ROW/Easements. The secondary option for assisting Tiner Lane is very costly and would require running drainage under the entire length of Tiner Lane. Lovers Lane can be a small adjustment, but we cannot do much more because we don't want to take the water from one neighborhood to another neighborhood. The McCampbell Slough is a County Drainage District project and we will be working with them to see what else can be done.

Council Member Schack requested that with any project, the number of homes affected be included in consideration. Council Member Diehl agreed that we need to help the existing residents before we fix an unpopulated area that we think will develop. New developers need to look at their potential flood concerns before they build.

Council Member Adame requested the cost of running the drainage under the entire length of Tiner Lane. Council Member Knippa questioned if some of the drainage from Tiner Lane could be routed to SH-361 drainage owned by TxDOT. Craig Thompson, also of Naismith Engineering, stated he would inquire of TxDOT; however, he didn't feel that would be well received because of the amount of water we have already diverted with TxDOT's permission from the new Oaks by the Bay Apartment complex. Mrs. Sue Coleman offered a free easement through her property on Tiner Lane to help move water anywhere the City would like.

Council Member Underbrink asked if we could focus the bond funds on drainage and not streets, sidewalks, or parks. Council Member Diel inquired which contracts had already be made and what funds were not yet allocated for Bond projects in order for a possible re-allocation. He also stated that he spoke with the City's Financial Advisor Mark McLiney and he confirmed that although the majority of the bond funds should be spent and/or committed to a project by the three year mark, as long as we are not earning more interest than we are paying then it is not an issue.

Due to the previous conservative finances by the Council and Staff, the debt ratio for the City of Ingleside is really low. Council Member Diehl suggested that we consider additional bonds in the future for more projects and thereby stagger out our payments. He

also stressed the fact that bonds funds should be kept totally separate from the rest of the City's investments. Mr. Willie Vaden requested that any future bonds be taken to the voters and not do Certificates of Obligation.

There was additional discussion regarding the McCampbell Slough and if a rain/flooding event occurs during a high tide, that a tide surge could bring salt water back up into Ingleside instead of carrying water out of Ingleside. Council Member Schack inquired if there is an option to pump to another outfall, or would that help.

Lovers Lane can be a minor fix costing between \$200,000 to \$300,000 to run an underground pipe from Mr. West's pond (east side of Lovers Lane) to the drainage ditch on the West side of Lovers Lane. Council Member Tucker questioned if an open box bottom would move more water faster. Mr. Michael agreed it would move more water faster; however, the safety hazard because it would run between homes on both sides of Lovers Lane could be an issue.

It was decided that a list of committed projects versus uncommitted projects be brought back for possible reallocation of bond funds.

- 3. Consideration and action regarding an interim city manager position including but not limited to the designation of an Interim City Manager. The City Council may meet in closed executive session in accordance with Section 551.071 and 551.74 The Texas Government Code to consult with the City Attorney to discuss other options relating to pending vacancy in City Manager position.**

Council Member Schack made a motion to table this agenda item until the next regular meeting because at the last regular meeting it was announced to a full audience that the June 21, 2016 meeting would be a drainage workshop only. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Mayor Lamas recessed the regular meeting in order to go into Closed Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

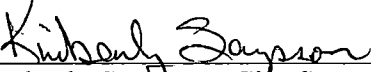
Mayor Lamas closed the Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Council Member Schack made a motion to table this agenda item and was seconded by Council Member Diehl. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Adjourn


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m..

ATTEST:



 Kimberly Sampson, City Secretary

APPROVED:



 Mayor Luis Lamas