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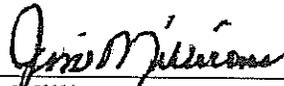
Tuesday, September 13, 2011 Work Session Minutes 7:00 PM

The items discussed were as follows:

1. We plan to meet with Stuart Neiman next week in regards to the sale of the former Macy's space. We tried to meet this week; however, he has a family situation that prevented the meeting from taking place. He has agreed to represent the City of Morrow's interest in the transaction. We will work out the details as instructed by the Mayor & Council. We are gathering all the information required by the buyer at his time. We aim to close on the sale by the end of November.
2. Underpass update – Underground water level down to 20' from 10' below pavement. Installation of H piles, grout, shoring, gravel base, poured concrete footing and eight tunnel sections in place and water proofed on the West side of the tunnel. Public Works is in charge of this project and Administrative Support is assisting with the required paper work. Met with Grant Wainscott of CCED about a temporary path from the West tunnel headwall to Westwood Way.
3. Railroad Tree Removal Request – We applied for a variance from Norfolk Southern in regards to the tree removal request along Highway 54. In a meeting September 2, 2011 we were informed verbally the variance would not be approved. We are awaiting written confirmation. We viewed each crossing and Norfolk Southern has met with Public Works to identify the areas we must clear or they will be cleared by Norfolk Southern on October 10, 2011. NS is in the process of physically marking each location at this time. Unfortunately we will lose several hollies and crape myrtles in this process. We will transplant as many as possible to city parks and the Jesters Creek Pathway. Planning & Economic Development and Public Works is leading this project.

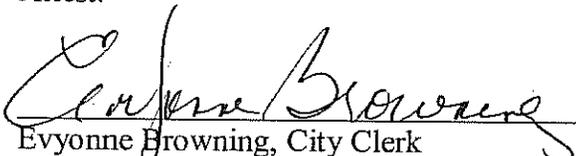
4. The completed LCI Study developed action plans and implementation strategies for development initiatives around Southlake Mall and the adjacent mixed use corridor. The plans and strategies focus on Land Use, Design and Development; Economic Development; Livability Enhancements and Connectivity; and Transportation. The study also targets an area around Southlake Mall as a focal point for development, this focal point is dissected by Southlake Parkway. In reviewing all of the strategic steps outlined in the LCI Study, Southlake Parkway stands out as an important first step in accomplishing many of the action plan goals. Design, transportation and pedestrian improvements along Southlake Parkway will have a critical impact on the accessibility of the mall, the attractiveness of the area to private developers, safety and enhanced usability for pedestrians and an overhaul of the aesthetics of the corridor. The proposed project effectively represents the intent of the Livable Centers Initiative funding program and is represented on the study's work plan.
(It was decided by the Mayor and Council to not proceed with the Grant application at this time, but to revisit it again next year).
5. Discussion of agenda items.

Approved this 27th day of September, 2011.



Jim Milliron, Mayor

Attest:



Evyonne Browning, City Clerk

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