



**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
FOR THE TOWN OF CROSS ROADS  
AUGUST 17, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. LOCATION:  
Virtual Meeting Only**

Topic: August 17, 2020 Town Council Meeting

Call to Order – 7:01 P.M.

1. Roll Call  
Present: **Mayor Gorton; Council Members Prins, Phillips, Meek, White-Stevens, and Roberson**
2. Presentation for P3Works regarding Public Improvement Districts

**CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:20 P.M.**

Executive Session: The Council will convene in executive session pursuant to Sec. 551.071, Texas Government Code (Consultation with Attorney), to discuss and receive legal advice from the Town Attorney regarding the Cross Roads Market Square project and Public Improvement District.

**RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION – 8:10 P.M.**

3. Mayor's Announcements and Updates.  
**The town continues pot hole repair, mowing and tree trimming; pest control will treat bag worms at the park; Rosa's is in full construction, Burger King and Atwood's are working with Mustang for final approval; TXDOT widening of 380 is still targeted for May 2021, starting with utilities; appreciation given to Courtney McGee, Jordan Woodard, Duke Roberson, and Bobby Phillips for a successful Market; vendors are hoping for a Fall Market; apology to the Council for not putting speed limit on Fishtrap Road on this agenda.**
4. Council Members' Announcements and Updates.  
**-White-Stevens echoed Mayor's appreciation in regards to Market; says she received thanks from several citizens and support for a Fall Market;  
-Roberson agreed with Mayor's announcements, and stated that Dunn Farmin said this is the best year they ever had;  
-Phillips agreed with Mayor's announcements.**
5. Citizens Input for Items ON the Agenda
  - **Tracey Cade stated the flooding at the entrance to the Oak Shores subdivision is worsening with construction and time; says it needs to be looked at by an outside engineer to see how it can be improved;**
  - **Shiryl Tompkins spoke to items 19 and 20; approves of qualifications in item 19 for boards and commissions and believes the same qualifications**

- should be applied to item 20 for a parks board;
- T. Lynn Tompkins stated citizens should be able to speak twice during meetings; would like to know why the NEPD building maintenance increased and why there is no insurance line item; echoed Tracy Cade's statements on flooding at Oak Shores, stating it is a safety issue; would like to see the easement maintained first in case that is the cause;
- Angela Gorton stated that she drove into the flooded area of Oak Shores and totaled her car and would like to reiterate the statements regarding the flooding in regards to getting an engineering study;

**Emails from citizens:**

- Courtney McGee wrote that the Market was more successful due to hers and Jordan Woodard's work; she explained all the work they did and items they provided; she thanked Council members Roberson and Phillips for their contribution; she explained the difficulties in finding volunteers for boards, stating that requiring citizens to be residents in order to be on non-decision making boards is not only limiting, but allowing committed non-residents is beneficial, explaining that some non-residents spend their time and money in the town, and their input and dedication is valuable;
- Laurel Wallace wrote that Council is set to approve the NEPD budget prepared by non-elected officials without consideration of alternatives or efficiencies; believes personnel salaries are higher than surrounding communities; stated a citizens budget committee would benefit the town due to a lack of fiscal diligence on the part of the Mayor and Council over the last several years;
- Pete Carrothers wrote that putting the NEPD building on the Bloomfield site is wrong for the following reasons: 1) not centrally located, 2) access across Historic Lane is problematic, 3) five acres is grossly oversized for NEPD, adding two acres is sufficient for a combined police, fire, and EMS facility, 4) splitting emergency services is uneconomic and negates synergies, such as common parking, common break rooms, communications towers, etc. He added the site should held and sold at a later date, then a lower priced tract bought and used.

6. Citizens Input for Items NOT on the Agenda  
**None.**

**CONVENE INTO PUBLIC HEARING – 8:35 P.M.**

7. Conduct a public hearing and take public comment regarding proposed town budget for fiscal year 2021.
- Sheryl Tompkins stated money spent on parks committee is from tax payers and people living in Cross Roads, and since the town's budget is funded by tax revenue and this town is representative of the residents, the budget items should be pertaining to the residents in areas like a parks board;
  - T. Lynn Tompkins asked if budget would be discussed by line items.

**RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION – 8:40 P.M.**

8. Discussion regarding proposed Town of Cross Roads budget for fiscal year 2021.
9. Consider and take appropriate action regarding proposed Northeast Police Department budget for fiscal year 2021.  
**Motion to approve as presented made by Prins;**  
**Second by White-Stevens;**  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Prins – Yes**  
**Phillips – Yes**  
**Meek – No**  
**White-Stevens – No**  
**Roberson – No**  
**Failed 3 to 2.**  
**Motion to carry to next actionable Council meeting made by White-Stevens;**  
**Second by Prins;**  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Roberson – Yes**  
**White-Stevens – Yes**  
**Meek – Yes**  
**Phillips – Yes**  
**Prins – Yes**  
**Passed unanimously.**
10. Consider and take appropriate action regarding proposed Northeast Municipal Court budget for fiscal year 2021.  
**Motion to carry to next actionable Council meeting made by Meek;**  
**Second by Roberson;**  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Roberson – Yes**  
**White-Stevens – Yes**  
**Meek – Yes**  
**Phillips – Yes**  
**Prins – Yes**  
**Passed unanimously.**
11. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the First Amendment to the Cross Roads Market Square Development Agreement between the Town of Cross Roads, Texas, a Texas municipal corporation and Volunteer Enterprises IV, LLC, a Texas limited liability company.  
**Motion to approve made by Prins;**  
**Second by Roberson;**  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Prins – Yes**  
**Phillips – Yes**  
**Meek – No**  
**White-Stevens – Yes**  
**Roberson – Yes**  
**Passed 4 to 1.**

12. Consider and take appropriate action on the adoption of a resolution to create and establish Public Improvement District 2 for Cross Roads Market Square, being 33.873+/- acres of land, described as Lot 3R2, Volunteer Enterprises Addition, an addition to the Town of Cross Roads, Denton County, Texas, situated generally east of Naylor Road and south of State Highway 380.  
**Motion to approve made by Phillips;**  
**Second by White-Stevens;**  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Roberson – Yes**  
**White-Stevens – Yes**  
**Meek – No**  
**Phillips – Yes**  
**Prins – Yes**  
**Passed 4 to 1.**
  
13. Consider and take appropriate action regarding application 2020-0309-02PPLAT a request for a preliminary plat for property located at 6025 Rock Hill Road for Rock Creek Winery.  
**Motion to deny made by Phillips;**  
**Second by Meek;**  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Roberson – Yes**  
**White-Stevens – Yes**  
**Meek – Yes**  
**Phillips – Yes**  
**Prins – Yes**  
**Passed unanimously.**
  
14. Consider and take appropriate action regarding application 2020-0706-02PPLAT for a preliminary plat of property generally located at 2600 block of New Hope Road for the Vandorp Addition.  
**Motion to approve made by Prins;**  
**Second by Meek;**  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Prins – Yes**  
**Phillips – Yes**  
**Meek – Yes**  
**White-Stevens – Yes**  
**Roberson – Yes**  
**Passed unanimously.**
  
15. Consider and take appropriate action to direct town staff to prepare and advertise request for qualifications for engineering services for preliminary engineering, opinion of probable construction costs and construction plans for drainage improvements to Historic Lane large culverts and the intersection of Keys/Mill Creek and its down stream watershed.  
**Motion to approve made by Meek;**  
**Second by Phillips;**  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Roberson – Yes**

**White-Stevens – Yes**  
**Meek – Yes**  
**Phillips – Yes**  
**Prins – Yes**  
**Passed unanimously.**

16. Consider and take appropriate action regarding appointing a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.  
**Motion to appoint Kay Neubauer as a full-time P&Z member made by Phillips;**  
**Second by Prins;**  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Prins – Yes**  
**Phillips – Yes**  
**Meek – Yes**  
**White-Stevens – Yes**  
**Roberson – Yes**  
**Passed unanimously.**
17. Consider and take appropriate action regarding appointing an alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.  
**Motion to appoint James Dominy as an alternate P&Z member made by Meek;**  
**Second by Phillips;**  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Roberson – Yes**  
**White-Stevens – Yes**  
**Meek – Yes**  
**Phillips – Yes**  
**Prins – Yes**  
**Passed unanimously.**
18. Update from Comprehensive Plan Update Committee.  
**Chairperson Eddie Army gave thanks to his Committee members and gave their update, stating they are finalizing the remaining items. They are on track to wrap up the process at the next meeting and present their contributions to P&Z and Council for approval or recommendations.**
19. Discuss Board, Committee, and Commission criteria.
20. Discussion of Parks Board.
21. Discussion of excess funds policy.
22. Discussion of possible budget amendment to make a full payment toward the Lovett 380 Agreement.
23. Council requests for future agenda items.  
**Prins – the Lovett Agreement**  
**Phillips – Fishtrap speed limit and Fall Market as an action items**  
**Meek – nothing at this time**

**White-Stevens – Oak Shores flooding discussion at the next staff meeting  
Roberson – Fishtrap speed limit, Fall Market, and requested aerial  
photographs of flooding at Oak Shores and Historic Lane**

**CONSENT AGENDA – 10:32**

24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Town financial reports.
25. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Town Council Meeting Minutes.
26. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Called Town Council Meeting Minutes.

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Phillips;**

**Second by Prins;**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Prins – Yes**

**Phillips – Yes**

**Meek – Yes**

**White-Stevens – Yes**

**Roberson – Yes**

**Passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURN – 10:33**



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Bob Gorton, Town Mayor



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Donna Butler, Town Secretary