



**NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FOR THE TOWN OF CROSS ROADS
LOCATION: VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Mayor Announcements and Updates.
4. Council Member Announcements and Updates.
5. Committee and Commissions Announcements and Updates.
6. Citizens Input for Items ON the Agenda.
Use the "Raise Your Hand" feature on Zoom, and then state your first and last name. Please limit your comments to three minutes in duration: you are restricted from passing your time or any portion of unused minutes to another citizen for comment.
7. Citizens Input for Items NOT on the Agenda.
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8. Updates; Discussion of Same.
 - Town Administrator Announcements and Updates – Kristi Gilbert
 - Finance Director – Susan Zambrano
 - Law Enforcement – Chief Edland
 - Building Permits and Development
9. Receive a presentation and discussion from Municipal Judge Greg Bertrand on Northeast Municipal Court operations.
10. Discussion related to updates on high speed internet.
11. Discussion related to overnight parking violations within the Town of Cross Roads
12. Discussion on developing a shared vision and goals for the Town to include work sessions with other boards and committees of the Town.

13. Discussion on the review of development applications including architectural guidelines, exceptions to standards, review process and possible amendments to the zoning regulations.
14. Discuss a request by Danny and Barbara Prins to deannex approximately 22.7 acres of land located at 3001 New Hope Road.
15. The Town Council will convene in executive session under Texas Government Code Section, Section 551.087 (Economic Development) and Section 551.072 (Real Property), to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the council has received from a business prospect that the council may seek to have locate, stay, or expand in the Town and with which the council is conducting economic development negotiations, and to discuss or deliberate the purchase, exchange or value of real estate about which the Town is in negotiations with a third person, regarding the proposed Town Development Project and the public safety building.

Take action as may be necessary or appropriate on matters discussed in Executive session.

16. Council requests for future agenda items.

Adjourn

Future Events and Meetings

All scheduled meetings are held at Town Hall. All scheduled meetings are currently being held virtually by Zoom. All citizens are invited to participate; schedule may change.

- *Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 at 7:pm*
- *Parks and Recreation Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 at 7:pm*
- *Municipal Development Meeting – Thursday, March 11th, 2021 at 7:pm*
- *NEPD Commission Meeting – Thursday, March 18th, 2021 at 7:pm*
- *Town Council Meeting – Monday, March 15th, 2021 at 7:pm*
- *Public Safety Advisory Board – Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021 at 7:pm*
- *Town Council Workshop Meeting – Monday, April 5th, 2021 at 7:pm*

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Public Meeting Notice was posted on the official bulletin board at the Town Hall of the Town of Cross Roads, Texas by Friday, February 26th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed executive session for seeking confidential legal advice from the Town Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.



COUNCIL AGENDA BRIEFING SHEET

Meeting Date:

March 1, 2021

Agenda Item:

Receive a presentation and discussion from Municipal Judge Greg Bertrand on Northeast Municipal Court operations.

Prepared by:

Kristi Gilbert, Interim Town Administrator

Description:

Judge Bertrand has asked for an opportunity to provide a presentation and update of operations for the Northeast Municipal Court.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommended Action:

Presentation and discussion only.

Attachments:

None



COUNCIL AGENDA BRIEFING SHEET

Meeting Date:

March 1, 2021

Agenda Item:

Discussion related to updates on high speed internet.

Prepared by:

Kristi Gilbert, Interim Town Administrator

Description:

This item will allow committee members to provide updates to the Town Council on their activities.

Fiscal Impact:

None at this time.

Recommended Action:

This is for discussion purposes only.

Attachments:

None



COUNCIL AGENDA BRIEFING SHEET

Meeting Date:

March 1, 2021

Agenda Item:

Discussion related to overnight parking violations within the Town of Cross Roads

Prepared by:

Kristi Gilbert, Interim Town Administrator

Description:

At the February 22, 2021 Council Meeting, a future agenda item was requested Council Member White-Stevens with regard to the overnight parking activities taking place at the Exxon Fuel Station on US 380. Staff has made contact with the contract Code Enforcement Officer and asked them to visit with the business owner on the violation. Staff will provide an update at the Council meeting and the Council can hold further discussion.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommended Action:

This is for discussion purposes only.

Attachments:

None



COUNCIL AGENDA BRIEFING SHEET

Meeting Date:

March 1, 2021

Agenda Item:

Discussion on developing a shared vision and goals for the Town to include work sessions with other boards and committees of the Town.

Prepared by:

Kristi Gilbert, Interim Town Administrator

Description:

Council Member Gaalema requested this item be added for discussion at the February 22, 2021 Council Meeting. The Municipal Development District (MDD) also has this as a discussion item they are working on and will discuss at a special meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Staff will provide an update of MDD discussions at the meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommended Action:

Presentation and discussion only.

Attachments:

None



COUNCIL AGENDA BRIEFING SHEET

Meeting Date:

March 1, 2021

Agenda Item:

Discussion on the review of development applications including architectural guidelines, exceptions to standards, review process and possible amendments to the zoning regulations.

Prepared by:

Kristi Gilbert, Interim Town Administrator

Description:

At the February 22, 2021 Council Meeting, future agenda items were requested by both Council Member White-Stevens and Council Member Gaalema. Council Member White-Stevens requested an opportunity to review and discussion Section 14.03.008 of the zoning regulations related to architectural design standards, revisiting previous discussions related to the removal of the architectural review advisory committee due to conflicts with state law. Council Member White-Stevens also wanted to have an open dialogue on the development review process.

Council Member Gaalema requested discussion on the history of past exceptions and variances to the Town's regulations.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommended Action:

This is for discussion purposes only.

Attachments:

None



COUNCIL AGENDA BRIEFING SHEET

Meeting Date:

March 1, 2021

Agenda Item:

Discuss a request by Danny and Barbara Prins to deannex approximately 22.7 acres of land located at 3001 New Hope Road.

Prepared by:

Kristi Gilbert, Interim Town Administrator

Description:

Applicant's Danny and Barbara Prins submitted a letter requesting disannexation in accordance with Section 43.144 of the Texas Local Government Code in December 2020. Enclosed is a copy of their request and description of the subject property.

Section 43.144 indicates a governing body may discontinue an area as part of a municipality under certain circumstances, which this property appears to meet; however, the Town is not required to deannex the property. A deannexation would require Council approval of an ordinance to deannex.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommended Action:

Staff is seeking Council direction on whether to prepare the deannexation ordinance and schedule for the next regular Town Council meeting.

Attachments:

Request to Deannex

Danny L. & Barbara R. Prins

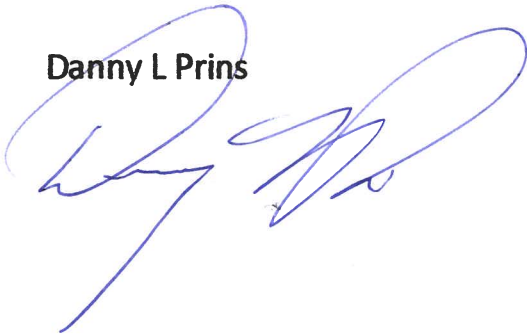
3001 New Hope Rd

Dear Sir:

In accordance with: LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 43. MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION, Sec. 43. 144. DISANNEXATION OF SPARSELY POPULATED AREA IN GENERAL-LAW MUNICIPALITY, we hereby request to be disannexed from the town of Cross Roads.

- (1) The area consists of 22.7 acres contiguous to the town
- (2) (B) The area contains fewer than one occupied residence or business structure for every 2 acres and fewer than three occupied residences or business structures on any one acre.

Danny L Prins



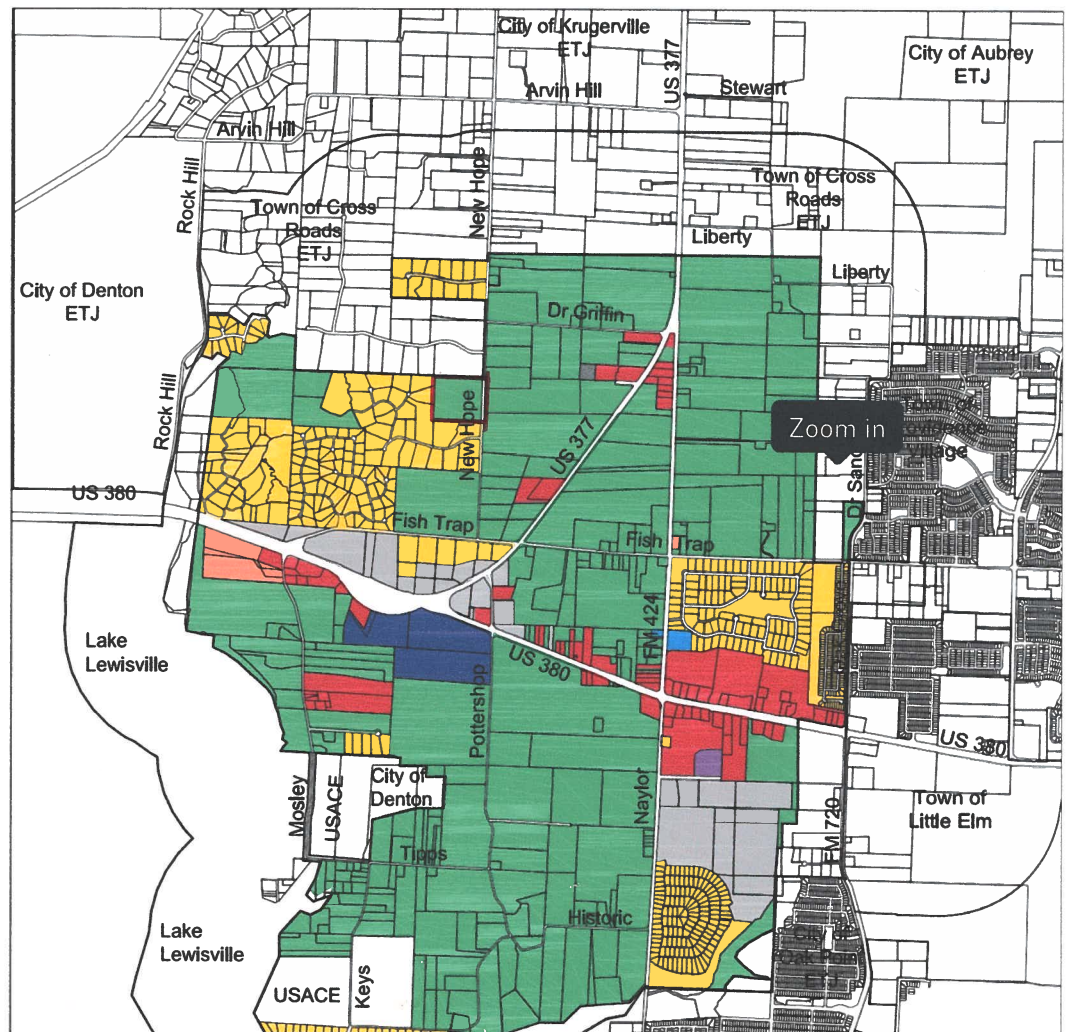
Barbara R Prins





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LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

TITLE 2. ORGANIZATION OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

SUBTITLE C. MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES AND ANNEXATION

CHAPTER 43. MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 43.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Extraterritorial jurisdiction" means extraterritorial jurisdiction as determined under Chapter 42.

(2) Repealed by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 155 (H.B. 347), Sec. 1.01, eff. May 24, 2019.

(3) Repealed by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 155 (H.B. 347), Sec. 1.01, eff. May 24, 2019.

(4) Repealed by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 155 (H.B. 347), Sec. 1.01, eff. May 24, 2019.

(5) Repealed by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 155 (H.B. 347), Sec. 1.01, eff. May 24, 2019.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

Amended by:

Acts 2017, 85th Leg., 1st C.S., Ch. 6 (S.B. 6), Sec. 1, eff. December 1, 2017.

Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 155 (H.B. 347), Sec. 1.01, eff. May 24, 2019.

Sec. 43.002. CONTINUATION OF LAND USE. (a) A municipality may not, after annexing an area, prohibit a person from:

(1) continuing to use land in the area in the manner in which the land was being used on the date the annexation proceedings were instituted if the land use was legal at that time; or

(2) beginning to use land in the area in the manner that was planned for the land before the 90th day before the effective date of the annexation if:

owes any debts, by bond or otherwise, the area is not released from its pro rata share of that indebtedness. The governing body shall continue to levy a property tax each year on the property in the area at the same rate that is levied on other property in the municipality until the taxes collected from the area equal its pro rata share of the indebtedness. Those taxes may be charged only with the cost of levying and collecting the taxes, and the taxes shall be applied exclusively to the payment of the pro rata share of the indebtedness. This subsection does not prevent the inhabitants of the area from paying in full at any time their pro rata share of the indebtedness.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

Sec. 43.144. DISANNEXATION OF SPARSELY POPULATED AREA IN GENERAL-LAW MUNICIPALITY. (a) The mayor and governing body of a general-law municipality by ordinance may discontinue an area as a part of the municipality if:

- (1) the area consists of at least 10 acres contiguous to the municipality; and
- (2) the area:
 - (A) is uninhabited; or
 - (B) contains fewer than one occupied residence or business structure for every two acres and fewer than three occupied residences or business structures on any one acre.

(b) On adoption of the ordinance, the mayor shall enter in the minutes or records of the governing body an order discontinuing the area. The area ceases to be a part of the municipality on the date of the entry of the order.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

Sec. 43.145. DISANNEXATION OF UNIMPROVED AREA OR NONTAXABLE AREA IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) The governing body of a municipality by ordinance may discontinue an area as a part of the municipality if:

- (1) the municipality has a population of 4,000 or more and

