

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD JULY 9, 2013, AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 826 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Joens called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Joens, Mayor
Karen Pfeifer, Vice Mayor
Jesse Dowling, Council Member
Tim Elinski, Council Member
Randy Garrison, Council Member
Terence Pratt, Council Member

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Ruben Jauregui, Council Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bartosh, City Manager
Matt McLean, Deputy Clerk
Morgan Scott, Development Services Operation Manager

PROPOSED ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR STATE ROUTE 260

Mr. Scott went over the map of the 260 corridor. ADOT recently planned on \$66 million to construct State Route 260 from I-17 to Thousand Trails Road which is the final segment of 260 that hasn't been constructed. However, ADOT's Prescott District has asked staff to present the plan to the Council to make sure that everyone is comfortable with the plan. They have put \$4 million into the design for the next fiscal year. What he wanted to discuss with Council is where the intersections will be located. They might not be constructed with this project and this is a planning process.

Council Member Garrison asked whether the intersections will be lighted or roundabouts at this point.

Mr. Scott stated it is not 100 percent determined, but they are leaning towards roundabouts and they are proposing different styles of roundabouts at each intersection. Some will be a left turn median that is similar to what is at Bill Gray Road and 89A today.

Mayor Joens stated the budget for this seems to be very adequate and hopefully we will be able to have a process to talk about bicycle lanes and shoulders. That is a primary concern that we have multi-modal transportation on this road.

Mr. Scott stated during the design process there will be public meetings to discuss this.

Council Member Pratt stated there is a total of seven intersections listed here and two are to be determined.

The Council discussed how well the left turn lane works to move traffic along 89A towards Sedona.

Council Member Pratt stated he thought the plan looks good.

Mayor Joens stated the five intersections that will be built will either be traffic signals or roundabouts.

Mr. Scott stated they are leaning towards roundabouts at this time.

Mayor Joens stated she has heard that Clarkdale might be concerned because of the CTI trucks and they don't like the roundabouts. She asked how we will collaborate and deal with that.

Mr. Scott stated we can invite CTI and several other haulers to the table.

Mayor Joens stated we want to make sure they get at the table right away so their concerns can be addressed.

Council Member Garrison stated in his mind, the issue with the 260 is moot because they have already made it through the other ones at that point.

Council Member Elinski asked if the roundabouts would be the same size as what we have on the bypass, and he assumed they would be a little bit bigger because of the speed.

Mr. Scott stated if it is going to be a higher speed he assumes they will design the roundabout accordingly. He is not that familiar with roundabout design.

Council Member Dowling stated they will design to accommodate the traffic flow. They might be more similar to oval than elongated so there is less deflection along the main path of travel.

Council Member Elinski asked if we are going to be making a recommendation or ask them to include the bike lanes. The 260 gets a lot of pedestrian traffic too.

Council Member Pratt stated we are giving direction and thought it was important that ADOT has stepped forward to say we need agreement from all the communities and that will help speed up the process.

Mayor Joens stated we need to collaborate and we need to show ADOT that they put their trust in us as collaborators and that is why the board wanted to fund this even when the staff wasn't ready to, because the board saw us working with Camp Verde, giving money to

help with consultants, sharing funding, sharing expenses, and so is it the Council's direction to continue on that path and get the road built the best we can.

The Council agreed.

Council Member Elinski stated he doesn't think asking for bike lanes is all that hard and it is for the safety of Camp Verde and Cottonwood citizens.

Council Member Pratt stated he thinks other communities would jump on that too, and we just need to show solidarity.

The Council agreed that the project needs to be more bicycle friendly.

Mr. Scott stated any recommendations or concerns Council has, staff will make sure it makes to ADOT and the Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization.

Mayor Joens asked about Coury Drive and if there has been any discussion about that intersection.

Mr. Scott stated that is one of the few roads that are in the city.

Mayor Joens stated at the time, the hill was too steep and too short to put a stop light there, so ADOT at the time had refused to do it. She didn't know if that has changed or whether they could cut that road down some to make it safer or what their plans might be.

Mr. Scott stated he hasn't heard specifically about the steepness issue. If that is the concern, maybe they are planning on bringing this road down and bringing this hill down and at the time Coury Drive was not a public road.

The Council discussed it and agreed a roundabout would probably work best there.

Mr. Scott went over each intersection on the map. The first one is Wilshire Road which is near a Chevron Station and will probably be a roundabout. There will be different sections on the road, with a urban section with a possibility of curb, gutter, and sidewalks and a median and past Horse Bend it will become rural.

Mayor Joens asked if there would be a frontage road.

Mr. Scott stated if we don't have the potential for a possible frontage road then we have to give them an intersection because otherwise they would be land locked. There might be possibilities for right only lanes with an acceleration lane at intervals of a quarter mile. The intersections are approximately a mile apart. At Park Verde it will be a left turn lane only.

The Council agreed it was a great plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Joens moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pratt and carried unanimously.

The work session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Diane Joens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Matthew McLean, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a work session of the City Council of the City of Cottonwood held on July 9, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and that a quorum was present.

Matthew McLean, Deputy Clerk

Date