Minutes of the Houston Planning Commission 2019 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan Recommendations

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August 29, 2019

Meeting held in Council Chambers, Public Level, City Hall Annex 2:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Chair Martha L. Stein called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. with a quorum present.

Martha L. Stein, Chair

M. Sonny Garza, Vice Chair

Absent

David Abraham

Absent

Susan Alleman

Antoine Bryant

Lisa Clark

Rodney Heisch

Randall L. Jones

Absent

Lydia Mares

Paul R. Nelson

Linda Porras-Pirtle

Absent

Ileana Rodriguez Ian Rosenberg

Megan R. Sigler

Absent

Zafar Tahir

Arrived at 2:35 p.m. during Introduction

Meera D. Victor

Absent

Mark Mooney for

Absent

Commissioner James Noack

Maggie Dalton for

The Honorable KP George

Loyd Smith for

Arrived at 2:36 p.m. during Introduction

The Honorable Lina Hidalgo

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS

Carol A. Lewis Carol Haddock

Yuhayna H. Mahmud

Executive Secretary

Margaret Wallace Brown, Interim Director, Planning and Development

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NONE

I. INTRODUCTION

Presentation was given by Sharon Moses-Burnside, Planning and Development Department.

II. MAJOR THOROUGHFARE AMENDMENT (MTFP) REQUESTS – Private Sector

Commissioner Heisch recused himself on item II A.

A. Acres Homes - Carver & Cebra - BGE, Inc.

Presenter: Melissa Beeler, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

Staff recommendation: Deny amendment A, per the staff report. Commission action: Deferred amendment A, until September 5.

Motion: Rosenberg Second: Bryant Vote: Carries Opposed: Clark, Dalton and Jones Speakers: Andrew Lang, Hidi Wood, Christina Smith, Tracy Youngblood, applicants – supportive; Jennifer Ostlind, Sharon Moses-Burnside, Planning and Development, Ian Hlavacek, Houston Public Works.

B. Bridgeland & Tuckerton - BGE, Inc.- Withdrawn

Commissioner Heisch returned.

C. Crockett & Hogan - Paul Benz

Presenter: Melissa Beeler, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

Staff recommendation: Approve amendment C, per the staff report. Commission action: Approved amendment C, per the staff report.

Motion: Alleman Second: Bryant Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None

D. West Gray – Bowden Land Services

Presenter: Lauren Grove, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

Staff recommendation: Deny amendment D, per the staff report. Commission action: Denied amendment D, per the staff report.

Motion: Porras-Pirtle Second: Clark Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None

E. Braeswood – Vernon Henry and Associates

Presenter: Lauren Grove, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

Staff recommendation: Deny the request for amendment E to reclassify right-of-way on South Braeswood Boulevard from T-4-120 to T-4-80 between the Southern Pacific Railroad and Stella Link Drive, and approve the City of Houston suggestion to reclassify right-of-way on South Braeswood from T-4-120 to T-4-80 from Stella Link to Linkwood Drive (0.27 miles), per staff report. Commission action: Denied the request for amendment E to reclassify right-of-way on South Braeswood Boulevard from T-4-120 to T-4-80 between the Southern Pacific Railroad and Stella Link Drive, and approved the City of Houston suggestion to reclassify right-of-way on South Braeswood from T-4-120 to T-4-80 from Stella Link to Linkwood Drive (0.27 miles), per staff report.

Motion: Bryant Second: Alleman Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None

III. MAJOR THOROUGHFARE AMENDMENT REQUESTS – Public Sector

Commissioner Dalton recused herself.

F. FM 359 – Fort Bend County

Presenter: Lauren Grove, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

Staff recommendation: Approve amendment F, per the staff report.

Commission action: Approved amendment F, per the staff report.

Motion: Jones Second: Clark Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None

Commissioner Dalton returned.

G. City of Houston Planning and Development Department

Presenter: Peter Eccles, City of Houston Planning and Development Department

G-1. Hogan Street

Staff recommendation: Partially approve amendment G-1, with reduction of right-of-way from 70' to 60', per the staff report.

Commission action: Partially approved amendment G-1, with reduction of right-of-way from 70' to 60', per the staff report.

Motion: Clark Second: Bryant Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None

G-2. Downtown/Midtown Streets – Withdrawn

H. Harris County Engineering Department

Presenter: Lauren Grove, City of Houston Planning and Development Department

H-I. NS Collector (between Holderrierh and Triechel)

Staff recommendation: Approve amendment H-1, per the staff report. Commission action: Approved amendment H-1, per the staff report.

Motion: Alleman Second: Bryant Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None

H-2. Spring Stadium Loop

Staff recommendation: Approve amendment H-2, per the staff report. Commission action: Approved amendment H-2, per the staff report.

Motion: Bryant Second: Jones Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None

H-3. E-W Minor Collector

Staff recommendation: Approve amendment H-3, per the staff report. Commission action: Approved amendment H-3, per the staff report.

Motion: Alleman Second: Bryant Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None

IV. CONSIDERATION TO FORWARD THE APPROVED CHANGES TO THE 2018 MTFP TO CITY COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION AS THE 2019 MTFP MAP

Staff's recommendation: Forward the approved changes to the 2018 MTFP to City Council for adoption as the 2019 MTFP map.

Commission action: Deferred forwarding the approved changes to the 2018 MTFP to City Council for adoption as the 2019 MTFP map.

Motion: Clark Second: Jones Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioners Clark and Alleman expressed concerns about the two-year reapplication requirement in the ordinance.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Martha L. Stein adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Motion: Clark

Second: Bryant

Vote: Unanimous

Abstaining: None

Martha L. Stein, Chair

Margaret Wallace Brown, Secretary