

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

Transportation and Environment Committee (TEC) meetings are recorded. Agenda materials are available online at www.dallascityhall.com. Recordings may be reviewed/copied by contacting the TEC Staff Coordinator at 214-670-4545.

Meeting Date: September 24, 2012 **Start Time:** 1:00 p.m. **Adjournment:** 2:26 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Linda L. Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice-Chair), Sandy Greyson, Vonciel Jones Hill, Delia Jasso and Pauline Medrano

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Members Present:

None

City Executive Staff Present:

Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager
Forest Turner, Assistant City Manager
Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Rick Galceran, Director, Public Works
Zaida Basora, Assistant Director, Public Works
Alan Hendrix, Assistant Director, Public Works
Kelly High, Interim Director, Sanitation Services
Erick Thompson, Director, Equipment and Building Services
LaToya Jackson, Assistant Director, Strategic Customer Service
Frank Camp, Interim Managing Director, Office of Environmental Quality
Gilbert Aguilar, Director, Street Services

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for the September 11, 2012 Meeting

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the September 11, 2012 meeting, subject to corrections. The following corrections were made on page 3, paragraphs 1 and 2,...list of members of the ~~Regency Region C~~; ...decision if the ~~Regency Region C~~, and the minutes were approved as amended.

Made by: Kadane

Seconded by: Jasso

Passed unanimously

2. Green Building Ordinance Phase 2 Update

Zaida Basora, Assistant Director, Public Works, provided a briefing to the Committee on the background of the Green Building Ordinance and update on Phase II of the Green Building Ordinance. Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager, and Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Koop stated in past years the City of Dallas made an effort to implement the Green Building Code to reduce pollution. Ms. Koop asked if Ms. Basora is recommending the Committee delay the adoption of the International Green Construction Code for one year. Ms. Basora stated she is recommending the Committee delay implementation until 2013, adopt phase II and a modified version of the International Green Construction Code as an alternative path of compliance.

Mr. Kadane stated he understands that the City will adopt the Green International Code and not implement until October 2013. Ms. Basora stated she is recommending adoption of Phase II and implementation October 1, 2013.

Ms. Koop asked Ms. Basora to mention the various groups who have been involved in the process. Ms. Basora stated the Association of General Contractors, Hispanic Contractors Association, American Institute of Architects, and various Home Builders have been involved with the process.

Ms. Greyson asked for confirmation on the time-line for adopting and implementing Phase II. Ms. Basora stated the two options outlined on slide 11, are alternative paths of compliance for old projects.

Ms. Greyson asked if the recommendation to add staff to review and inspect Phase 2 in-house relates to addendum item #1 and #2 on the September 26, 2012 agenda. Ms. O'Donnell stated this item is not related to the addendum items; however, building inspection has staff experts in the green building area. Ms. O'Donnell also stated Building Inspection has been successful with third-party.

Motion was made to forward to full council for consideration on September 26, 2012.

Made by: Kadane Seconded by: Greyson Passed unanimously

3. Dallas Complete Streets Update

Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction, provided the Committee with an Update the Dallas Complete Streets, which included Complete Streets Goals, Key Products, and Community Involvement Process. The Presentation also included video clips from Choices Leadership Academy, Visual Essay Contest Youth Category Winner for "Dallas Streets Go Green"; and Nicholas McWhirter (Good Fulton & Farrell) Visual Essay Contest Professional Category Winner for the "Knox Street Transformation". Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Greyson asked if the vision and policy framework for target speed concepts outlined on slide 17 means that Council would have to vote on each street/neighborhood requesting a speed reduction. Mr. Chacko stated the target speed concept focuses on street design as a way to implement appropriate speeds. There is a process for Council to enforce a new

speed limit other than the 30 miles per hour. Mr. Chacko also stated the Streets Department has guidance on how they install speed limits.

Ms. Greyson also asked for clarification on the term "road diet". Mr. Chacko stated a road diet means the space available for through-lanes are reduced.

Ms. Greyson stated she is happy to see the City is looking at the City Licensing Regulations. Ms. Greyson asked the time span for the city to modify the cost to property owners. Ms. O'Donnell stated Art Hudman, City Attorney's Office, located and is reviewing a Chapter in the State's Transportation Code which will allow the City to do most improvements through a permitting system rather than a licensing system.

Ms. Jasso stated she has a concern that the strategic action appears to be a one-size-fits-all and she would like to see flexibility in the older areas. Ms. O'Donnell stated she would be happy meet with Ms. Jasso to go over the Complete Streets Design Manual in detail.

Ms. Koop asked if an additional briefing of the Complete Streets Design Manual will be presented to the Committee before presenting to Council for adoption and if the City Licensing Regulations will be included in the Design Manual. Mr. Chacko stated there will be an additional briefing of the Complete Streets Design Manual to the Committee. Ms. O'Donnell confirmed that the Licensing Regulations will be included in the Design Manual for adoption.

Ms. Koop requested that the streets applicable to bus rapid transit be included in the upcoming briefing on Complete Streets.

No action was taken on this item.

4. FY 2010-11 International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Benchmarking Results

LaToya Jackson, Assistant Director, Strategic Customer Service, provided the Committee with a briefing on the IMCA Benchmarking Results for Streets, Highway & Road Maintenance; Equipment and Building Services, Facilities and Fleet Maintenance; and Sanitation, Solid Waste. Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager; Forest Turner, Assistant City Manager; and Gilbert Aguilar, Director, Street Services, assisted in answering Questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Hill asked for an example of the efficiencies for the cost reduction in 2011 outlined on slide 9. Mr. Aguilar stated the inspection program which monitors crews and requires that potholes are repaired with consistency has played a role in reducing the repair cost. Ms. Hill also asked for clarification on the expenditures for disposal per ton of refuse disposal outlined on slide 19. Ms. Jordan stated the expenditures are the City's cost to handle the disposal.

Ms. Jasso asked if the data included other alternative types of repair. Mr. Aguilar stated they have received demonstrations on alternative repairs; however, the process did not meet the needs of the City of Dallas.

Ms. Greyson mentioned she has received complaints from citizens that when the Streets Department responds to a request to repair a pothole the crew is only repairing that particular pothole and not repairing additional potholes, which may be few feet away. Ms. Greyson requested a copy of the policy for repairing potholes. Mr. Turner stated the crew is authorized to repair the additional pothole and he would look into the issue.

Ms. Medrano asked if the expenditures for disposals capture illegal dumping. Mr. Turner stated the volume for illegal dumping is captured under the Code Compliance Department.

No action was taken on this item.

5. FY 2011-12 Strategic Plan Review

LaToya Jackson, Assistant Director, Strategic Customer Service

Due to time constraints the FY2011-12 Strategic Plan Review was not briefed. Ms. Koop requested the item be scheduled for the October 8, 2012 Committee Meeting.

6. Upcoming Agenda Item

- Addendum # 1 on the September 26, 2012 Council Agenda: Authorize **(1)** an acquisition contract for the purchase and implementation of hardware and software for an electronic construction plan review system for Building Inspection in the amount of \$479,366; and **(2)** a five-year service contract for maintenance and support for an electronic construction plan review system in the amount of \$140,048 - Hyland Software, Inc., most advantageous proposer of three - Total not to exceed \$619,414 - Financing: Building Inspection Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations) - Departments of Business Development & Procurement Services, Communication and Information Services, and Sustainable Development and Construction
- Addendum # 2 on the September 26, 2012 Council Agenda: Authorize **(1)** an acquisition contract for the purchase and implementation of hardware and software for an electronic construction document management system for Building Inspection in the amount of \$527,343; and **(2)** a five-year service contract for maintenance and support for an electronic construction document management system in the amount of \$145,884 - Hyland Software, Inc., most advantageous proposer of three - Total not to exceed \$673,227 - Financing: Building Inspection Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations) - Departments of Business Development & Procurement Services, Communication and Information Services, and Sustainable Development and Construction

Motion was made to forward Addendum #1 and #2 to full council for consideration on September 26, 2012.

Made by: Kadane

Seconded by: Greyson

Passed unanimously

Linda L. Koop, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee