

WORKSHOP, TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met for a Workshop for discussion on Burman Street repairs on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz out of the city, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales out of the city, Mayor Pro Tem Rivas sitting in, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Lee and Council Member Garcia; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd absent and City Secretary Raines.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas stated that he had called this meeting tonight because of the discussions he had with folks to get an explanation of repairs and ask the City Manager to explain a time line or when this began and where we are at this point.

City Manager Squyres stated that we did this water line project some time back and the substantial completion was signed off on May 19, 2019, and the walk through on the project Kerby and Holland was done by Kyle, Bernardo, the city Engineer, CDBG and himself and before that we discussed the repairs that would need to be done to the street after the water project and with the new school project coming up, we coordinated the project with the school district. CDBG allocated \$28,000 in asphalt repairs and some curb repair with \$4,300 for concrete work. The city walked away and the School District moved in with equipment, etc.

He stated there was general discussion with GPISD that they would repair what they damaged.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas ask Kyle, Public Works Director, if he agreed with what the City Manager stated.

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Mr. Reed stated that Trinity Paving did the repair work for Absolute Plumbing, the contractor on the water line project and what they did was patch the street and works on some curbs but they did a good job.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas ask Mr. Fletcher when the school stated their project.

City Manager Squyres ask Mr. Fletcher if he would introduce himself and what he does for the school.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas ask what was the city going to do and what was the school going to do.

He stated that he was Sonny Fletcher and he was an architect with GPISD and had been involved in this type of work for years and had worked with small cities as well as large cities, and they started the project when school was out in 2019.

City Manager stated that the Mayor had charged them to meet with GPISD, which they did and Mr. Fletcher met with them as the GPISD representative and they advised him they did not agree with the \$22,000 they felt was the School portion of the damage to Burman Street and Mr. Fletcher had ask the contractor the school used for paving to give them a price for repairing the street from Holland to Kerby and they had given them a price of \$92,000 and they had offered to go 50/50 with the city on this, which would be \$46,000 each.

City Manager Squyres stated that Kyle had ask Trinity Paving to look at the project and give us a price and the price was \$85,000 which included taking out the speed bumps.

Mr. Reed was ask how long would this take and he stated depending on the weather, probably two weeks

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Council Member Garcia ask Mr. Fletcher if it was ever considered by the school that there would be damage to the street.

Mr. Fletcher stated they did consider there would be damage from Holland to the school library on Burman.

City Manager Squyres stated that he had made it clear that there would be damages to the street and was assured by the school it would be taken care of.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas ask how long was the water line repair and was advised the whole street.

Council Member Robinson stated that the street was in bad shape and the school district had come up from their offer of \$22,000 to \$46,000 and we would have a new street.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas stated that was when someone should have stepped up and taken some pictures.

City Manager Squyres stated he didn't think any one had any idea of how much equipment and dirt, etc., would be involved in this project but we did patch the street to make it passable and he thinks the school under estimated the damage we didn't repair.

Council Member Garcia ask if Trinity would do the same type of job that the school' contractor.

Kyle stated the street was not overlayed, just patched and most of the patch work was still there.

Council Member Lee ask if the idea was to do Holland to Kerby and both sides of the street and was advised it was.

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Kyle stated that the way it was proposed you would get a brand new street and this was good for the school and the residents.

City Manager Squyres ask Mr. Fletcher how much the school District had spent on repairs and he advised that he did not have the figures with him.

City Manager Squyres ask Mr. Fletcher what areas had been repaired along Burman and Mr. Fletcher advised that they had repaired all the driveway into the school.

Mr. Perez, Public Works Department, called attention to the use of 3" as opposed to our use of 4" and that with the heavy truck the asphalt was breaking off and they had put concrete there to help beef it up.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas stated that it should be the responsibility of the school district to beef up the street if it had to be beefed up, that he didn't think the city should have to be responsible and he didn't agreed with the city splitting the cost.

Council Member Garcia stated that the school had been here for years and as a city we do provide services and the street would be seeing a lot more traffic.

City Manager Squyres stated that it was our job to supply services and when we do water or sewer projects we take into consideration whether it is commercial or residential and we don't charge for a different size of pipe, etc.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas stated they had repaired driveways into the school but left the resident's driveways bad.

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Mr. Reed stated that in his opinion we were going to get a new street from Holland to Kerby for half of what it would cost us to do this and it would satisfy all the customers.

Council Member Lee ask what was the rationale behind this, where was it set in stone that we pay half of this, he thought it was a little much

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas agreed, there was a lot of streets that needed to be repaired and he thinks they should pay more. H advised Mr. Fletcher that he would like for him to go back to the school district and ask them to take another look and see what they could do.

Council Member Garcia ask if it would be less if we did it like we usually do streets and City Manager Squyres stated yes if we just did milling and paving.

City Manager Squyres advised this was on the agenda for Thursday night and someone would have to make a motion or table it.

City Manager Squyres ask Mr. Fletcher if they would still pay the \$46,000 and we used Trinity Paving with their bid of \$85,000.

Mr. Fletcher said what if they made it \$49,000, that he had a cap of \$50,00 but had to stay below that to avoid going out for bids.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas stated that would be easier to tell his constituents and they would also be getting a new street.

Council Member Lee stated that they do educate our kids.

City Manager Squyres stated so the School District would pay \$49,000 and the city would pay \$36,000 and it would be on the agenda in that Order, the contractor would bill the school district for the \$49,000 and the city for \$36,000.

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Mr. Reed stated it would be a good thing for the city, we would get a new street and everything would be fixed.

City Manager Squyres ask Mr. Fletcher to take their thanks back to Dr. Moore and the school District

Mr. Fletcher expressed his appreciation to the city staff and Fire Chief for helping in getting the school built, they were always available for whatever they needed and took their calls after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends, that the people they have here are amazing.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas stated that the City recently celebrated their 75th Anniversary and are proud of how well the school is taken care of and he is very proud of the city and what it has accomplished.

City Manager Squyres stated that we work with two school districts in our city and GPISD is easy to work with and you don't get that from HISD, they are as different as night and day.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas stated that he appreciated each and everyone who worked for the city, that it makes him look good as a Council Member, that when you ask for something it gets done.

Council Member Garcia stated that we appreciated Mr. Fletcher coming out and the comments he made about the staff, they are always available.

Mr. Reed ask if this would be paid out of this years's budget and was advised it would.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Raines, City Secretary

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