



MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: February 15, 2018 at 5:15pm

Members Present:

Greg Spears
James Johnson
John Hyak
Michael Atkinson
Jill Trevino
Julia Welder
Mary Ann Wyatt

Members Absent:

Philip Johns
Gail Hoad

Staff Present:

Development Services

Julie Fulgham, Director
Rick Madrid, Assistant Director
Alina Phillips, Planning Manager
Larry Badon, Transportation Planner
Celeste Menchaca, Planner
Lila Foster, Planning Technician

City Manager's Office

John Kaminski, Assistant City Manager

City Attorney's Office:

A: CALL TO ORDER

February 15, 2018 – Regular Meeting 5:15pm

B: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Welder, Motion passed unanimously

C: CITIZEN COMMUNICATION - None

D: DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS/FORMAL ACTION

1. Amendment to the City of Victoria's Thoroughfare Plan

a. Staff Report – Larry Badon

Background Information: A Thoroughfare Plan provides a functional hierarchy of major streets that permits travel between origins and destinations with directness, ease and safety, and is designed to: provide for the orderly development of an adequate major street system as land development occurs or as traffic increases; reduce the costs of major street improvements, mainly through coordination with

private action; reduce travel and transportation costs; enable private interests to plan their actions, improvements, and development with full knowledge of public intent; minimize the disruption of people and business (development can be prohibited in a road corridor, saving future disruption); reduce environmental impacts on air quality, wetlands, historic sites, parks and other publicly used recreational areas, archeological sites, endangered species, and neighborhoods.

The City of Victoria's City Council adopted its Thoroughfare Plan in November 1998. Because of recent development interest, a proposed secondary arterial extension needs to be realigned in the plan. The City of Victoria's Master Thoroughfare Plan is enforced through the City's Subdivision Ordinance.

Ball Airport Road from proposed extension of East Airline Road to Business US 59. This section of roadway is currently designated to line up as an entrance to the Brentwood Subdivision. However, due to a recent development interest in an abutting 150-acre tract, the owners of the tract, as well as the owners of an adjacent property, would like to readjust the proposed alignment to straddle their two tracts of land along existing property lines. The proposed realignment extension of Ball Airport Road from East Airport Road to Business US 59 would allow a 150-acre tract of land to be more attractive to future economic development. Brentwood Subdivision provides a barrier to further develop Ball Airport Road towards the southern portion of the County. The realignment to the existing property lines would create about 500' of intersection separation from the original entrance to the Brentwood Subdivision, and would not generate negative impacts to the residential community.

The proposed amendment to the City of Victoria's Thoroughfare Plan would move the alignment approximately 500' from its current position and will not produce any negative effects to the surrounding residential communities or commercial activities. However, there would be a positive economic impact to the entire Victoria region as the property would be more attractive to new businesses wanting to locate operations near the vicinity of the Victoria Regional Airport because aligning the proposed thoroughfare along the property line, the property becomes more easily developable. Staff recommends approval of this Master Thoroughfare Plan Amendment; if approved, this amendment will be forwarded to City Council for consideration at their March 6, 2018 regular meeting.

b. Planning Commission Deliberations/Action

After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the proposed amendment was made by Ms. Trevino, seconded by Ms. Welder. Motion passed unanimously.

E: OTHER BUSINESS

1. Development Services Monthly Development Report

Ms. Julie Fulgham presented the Monthly Development Report.

2. Introduction of Celeste Menchaca – Planner

Ms. Julie Fulgham introduced the new Planner, Ms. Celeste Menchaca.

F: ITEMS FROM PLANNING COMMISSIONERS - None

G: ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Spears adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.

APPROVED:

Greg Spears, Chairperson
Victoria Planning Commission

APPROVED:

James Johnson, Secretary
Victoria Planning Commission