

City Council Workshop Minutes
October 28, 2024
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The Workshop of the Crestview City Council was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Mayor JB Whitten. Council members: Andrew Rencich, Cynthia Brown (arrived at 4:03 p.m.), and Ryan Bullard (at 4:29 p.m.). Excused: Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Capps, Councilmember Joe Blocker, and City Attorney Jonathan Holloway, Also present: City Manager Tim Bolduc, City Clerk Maryanne Girard, and various staff members.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember-elect Brandon Frost and the Invocation was provided by Shannon Hayes.

3. Open Workshop

Mayor JB Whitten opened the workshop.

4. Approve Agenda

Mayor JB Whitten stated the agenda was approved by consensus.

5. Discussion Items

5.1. Mobility Fee

City Manager Tim Bolduc opened the workshop discussing the plan on the traffic study.

CDS Planning Administrator Nicholas Schwendt reviewed the traffic engineering study and the fee structure. He explained that the City Council was introduced to the subject in 2022 along with the city partnering with the county. He mentioned staff has been working with the county on mutual bypass roads, the overpass on I-10 and the local roads, as well as connectors. They have discussed 25 projects and have reviewed the project list and determined the associated fees. He displayed the schedule overhead.

City Manager Tim Bolduc explained the current fee and the proposed fee based on the impact, as well as the other options which are based on the development and what it will cost the city for the improvements. He went over the cost of a traffic lights and costs associated with the improvement.

CDS Planning Administrator Nicholas Schwendt went over the reduction that is based on the traffic on a system-wide basis. He added we are collecting the fees separately currently.

Councilmember Andrew Rencich clarified that it is taking only account of the traffic and no other factors. CDS Planning Administrator Nicholas Schwendt added it is based on the distance traveled.

City Manager Tim Bolduc pointed out the chart displays the actual cost which will allow us to get ahead of the curve in order to start the projects. He added the county discussed a joint collaboration to start the projects.

In response to Councilmember C. Brown, on how long they have to build once a development project is approved, CDS Planning Administrator Nicholas Schwendt replied it is one year.

CDS Planning Administrator Nicholas Schwendt went over the different commercial projects, and City Manager Tim Bolduc went over the challenges with the latest developments at the Commons. He added we want to ensure that we pair the projects with the 1/2 cent sales tax. He explained the process of calculation of projects currently and the fees the county charges. He explained that the chart shows how the fees are calculated based on the number of trips and other options on how charges could be calculated.

Discussion ensued on concerns for the established businesses, whether the fees will stifle growth, whether we can fund new growth and the concern of increased taxes.

City Manager Tim Bolduc explained the use of 1/2 sales tax, fuel tax and financing to fund the road projects, as we have to quantify where the money received is directed toward projects.

In response to Councilmember A. Rencich, City Manager Tim Bolduc said we could choose our projects over a five-to-ten-year schedule.

Discussion ensued on the displayed color-coded columns and where the fees should fall based on the number of road projects and expected growth. It was understood that fees needed to be raised. There was a consensus that a project list was needed for ten years out with a review at five years.

City Manager Tim Bolduc said the study displays the impacts of different type of business. This system will calculate based on the number of lanes. He added his job is to improve economic growth.

CDS Planning Administrator Nicholas Schwendt added that a schedule will assist us in the collection of fees. He will speak to the consultant again for incentives.

City Manager Tim Bolduc said he will speak to the attorney to inquire the legality of preferred use discounts and find out from the consultant how we could revisit the fees. We will also research grant funding. He said we would need to have the project list at ten years with a review at five years. He said he will come back to the City Council in December.

6. Comments from the Audience

Councilmember-elect Brandon Frost agreed with the assessment provided.

7. Comments from the Mayor and Council

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the public. No one came forward.

8. Adjournment

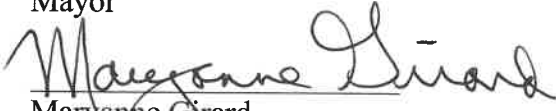
Mayor JB Whitten adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Minutes approved this 18th day of November 2024.



JB Whitten

Mayor



Maryanne Girard

City Clerk

Proper Notice having been duly given

