

**THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP
AD HOC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 10, 2014
MINUTES**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF HARRIS & MONTGOMERY §**

The Ad Hoc Transportation Committee of The Woodlands Township Board of Directors met in regular session, open to the public, on July 10, 2014, posted to begin at 2 p.m. The committee meeting was held in a meeting room at the office of The Woodlands Township Town Hall, 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard, The Woodlands, Texas, within the boundaries of The Woodlands Township.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Long, Mike Bass, Bruce Tough

STAFF/ADVISORS: Don Norrell, President/General Manager, Monique Sharp, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Administration, John Powers, Assistant General Manager for Community Services, Chris LaRue, Transit Planner, Nick Wolda, President of the CVB, Scott Barker, HDR, Attorney Mike Page

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

1. Call to Order;

Chairman Long called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. As there was a quorum of members present, the committee proceeded to conduct business regarding the following matters:

2. Receive, consider and act upon adoption of the meeting agenda;

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to adopt the agenda; second by Director Tough.

VOTE: **Ayes:** Jeff Long
 Mike Bass
 Bruce Tough

8. Receive, consider and act upon approval of a Resolution of Support for Conroe/The Friendship Center/The Woodlands grant application for new buses and sharing of the local match;

Committee recommended that upon approval of a grant application, submitted by The Goodman Corporation, for new buses for The Friendship Center, with sharing of local match between Conroe and The Woodlands, that the Township Board approve a funding allocation of one-half or up to \$20,000 for the Township share of the grant match.

MOTION: Motion by Director Tough to recommend to the Township Board to approve as represented above; second by Director Bass.

VOTE: **Ayes:** Jeff Long
 Mike Bass
 Bruce Tough

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (3-0).

9. Receive, consider and act upon 2015 transportation budget proposals;

Monique Sharp gave a presentation covering the proposed 2015 Transportation Fund for inclusion in the Township budget, including programs (Park & Ride, trolleys, demand response services, transit planning, transit initiatives, Transit Center) applicable grants, revenues and expenditures. The proposed 2015 budget includes a \$1.8 million placeholder for Transportation projects. Director Bass recommended reducing the \$1.8 million placeholder to fund the expansion of the trolley service (new operating and capital costs). This proposed change would be shown as a 2015 budget initiative.

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to recommend to the Township Board to approve as represented above; second by Director Tough.

VOTE: **Ayes:** Jeff Long
 Mike Bass
 Bruce Tough

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (3-0).

10. Receive, consider and act upon an update regarding the Township's application to H-GAC for Transit Fleet Expansion Program funding;

Chris LaRue updated the Committee indicating that the H-GAC staff has recommended approval of a grant to fund 25 buses for the Township Park and Ride operation. The H-GAC Board will consider at their meeting on July 15th.

No action taken.

ITEM 12 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

12. Receive, consider and act upon a recommendation to appoint a Township Board Director to serve as a Director on The Woodlands Road Utility District No. 1 Board of Directors;

Chairman Long recommended that the Township Board appoint Director Bass to represent the Township on The Woodlands Road Utility District No. 1 Board of Directors.

MOTION: Motion by Chairman Long to recommend to the Township Board to approve as represented above; second by Director Tough.

VOTE: **Ayes:** Jeff Long
 Mike Bass
 Bruce Tough

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Chairman Long left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

11. Receive, consider and act upon approval of a Resolution of Support for passage of Proposition 1;

Committee approved recommending approval of a resolution of support by the Township Board for passage of Proposition 1, a proposed constitutional amendment allowing for dedication of certain money to the state highway fund for construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads.

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to recommend to the Township Board to approve as represented above; second by Director Tough.

VOTE: **Ayes:** Mike Bass
 Bruce Tough

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (2-0).

CLOSED MEETING

13. The Committee recessed to Executive Session at 3:43 p.m. with counsel, staff and/or affected third parties to discuss matters relating to real property, deliberation of economic development negotiations, discuss personnel matters, consult with The Woodlands Township attorney, discuss funding alternatives and potential agreements with other local, state or federal agencies;

14. The Committee reconvened in public session at 4:30 p.m.

No action was taken.

15. Consideration of items to be place on the agenda for the next committee meeting;

None

16. Adjournment 4:31 p.m.