

**Regular City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes**



Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

**Anna Municipal Complex - Council Chambers
120 W. 7th Street, Anna, Texas 75409**

The City Council of the City of Anna met on June 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Anna Municipal Complex-Council Chambers, located at 120 W. 7th Street, to consider the following items.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum.

Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Members Present:

Mayor Nate Pike

Mayor Pro Tem Lee Miller

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Randy Atchley

Council Member Kevin Toten

Council Member Stan Carver

Council Member Elden Baker

Council Member Pete Cain

Members Absent:

None

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pike led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Neighbor Comments.

Janet Taylor spoke in favor of public transit in Anna.

Tana and Glenn Brown spoke in favor of Agenda Item 7.a.

Sahil Kurji spoke in favor of Agenda Item 7.a.

4. Reports.

Receive reports from Staff or the City Council about items of community interest.

- a. Recognition of Spring 2023 Neighbor Academy Graduates. (Assistant to the City Manager Kimberly Winarski)

For the first time this Spring, we have offered Neighbor Academy as a daytime, spring version. Anna's Neighbor Academy is a program designed for neighbors to learn more about the city and ways to become more involved in local government. Each cohort includes neighbors who are either new to civic engagement or have been actively volunteering in their neighborhood or with the city. This ten-session academy takes neighbors "behind the scenes" of City operations, programs, and initiatives. Participants are also empowered to take action by planning and completing a community service project at the end of the program.

Neighbor Academy Graduates:

David Bergholdt	Jeff Jones
Glenn Brown	Rahul Luthra
Valencia Edwards	Gabby McDonald
Alastair Hunte	Sade Sims
Justin Inesta	Chris Turner
Alice Jones	

5. Work Session.

- a. Zoning Discussion - The Home Depot. (Planning Manager Lauren Mecke)

Home Depot is looking to develop a 136,000 square foot store and associated site improvements on a tract of land that has existing Planned Development (PD) zoning that was established in 2014 (Ord. No. 648-2014). Some of the Development Standards within the PD include:

- Parking for retail uses: 4/1,000 sq.ft. (minimum)
- Outdoor display area (Garden Centers)
 - o An outdoor display area (garden centers) may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the adjoining building size.
 - o The outdoor display area shall be enclosed by a 4' masonry wall with decorative ornamental iron fencing above, to not be less than eight feet (8') total in height.

- o Height of materials being screened must be lower than the screening fencing.

- o Landscaping shall be planted along the exterior side of any outdoor display area and maintained at a height of 3 feet along the front and Landscaping shall be planted on the side of any outdoor display area and maintained at a height of 6 feet.

The Home Depot representatives discussed their proposed development, and the site constraints the existing zoning standards place on their conceptual layout.

b. Anna Senior Transit Discussion (Economic Development Coordinator Kimberly Garduno)

Over the past several years, Anna neighbors have reached out to city staff and elected officials expressing concern about the lack of affordable transportation services for medical appointments for senior and disabled residents. On March 10, 2023, the City Manager issued a memo to City Council summarizing the background and regional implications of implementing a transit program for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Anna. Staff hosted a virtual meeting on March 15, 2023, with senior officials representing the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Texas Department of Transportation, and Collin County Commissioners to consider Anna's request for transit funding assistance.

6. Consent Items.

MOTION: Council Member Baker moved to approve consent items 6.a. through l. Council Member Toten seconded. Motion carried 7-0

- a. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2023. (City Secretary Carrie Land)
- b. Review Minutes of the May 4, 2023, Joint Community Development Corporation and Economic Development Corporation Board Meetings. (Director of Economic Development Joey Grisham)
- c. Review Minutes of the May 1, 2023, Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting. (Planning Manager Lauren Mecke)
- d. Approve a Resolution regarding the Prose Town Square, Block A, Lot 1, Final Plat. (Planning Manager Lauren Mecke)

Multiple-family residences on one lot on 15.6± acres located on the north side of E. Foster Crossing, 2,280± feet east of S. Powell Parkway. Located in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). The purpose for the Final Plat is to

dedicate right-of-way, lot and block boundaries, and easements necessary for the multiple-family residential development.

The Final Plat is in conformance with the city's Subdivision Regulations and is subject to additions and/or alterations to the engineering plans as required by the Public Works Department.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval subject to additions and/or alterations to the engineering plans as required by the Public Works Department.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS APPROVING PROSE TOWN SQUARE, BLOCK A, LOT 1, FINAL PLAT.

- e. Approve a Resolution regarding the Anna Station, Block A, Lot 1, Final Plat. (Planning Manager Lauren Mecke)

Multiple-family residences on one lot on 16.3± acres located on the south side of County Road 1106, 185± feet east of N. Powell Parkway. Zoned: Planned Development (Ord. No. 1022-2022).

The purpose for the Final Plat is to dedicate right-of-way, lot and block boundaries, and easements necessary for the multiple-family residential development.

The Final Plat is in conformance with the adopted Planned Development standards and with the city's Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinances and is subject to additions and/or alterations to the engineering plans as required by the Public Works Department.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval subject to additions and/or alterations to the engineering plans as required by the Public Works Department.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS APPROVING ANNA STATION, BLOCK A, LOT 1, FINAL PLAT

- f. Approve a Resolution regarding the Anna Station, Block A, Lot 1, Site Plan. (Planning Manager Lauren Mecke)

Multiple-family residences on one lot on 16.3± acres located on the south side of County Road 1106, 185± feet east of N. Powell Parkway. Zoned: Planned Development (Ord. No. 1022-2022).

The purpose of the Site Plan is to show the proposed multiple-family residence development.

The Site Plan is in conformance with the adopted Planned Development standards and with the city's Subdivision Regulations and Zoning

Ordinances and is subject to additions and/or alterations to the engineering plans as required by the Public Works Department.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval subject to additions and/or alterations to the engineering plans as required by the Public Works Department.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS APPROVING ANNA STATION, BLOCK A, LOT 1, SITE PLAN

- g. Approve a Resolution regarding the extension request for the One Anna Two, Block B, Lots 1 & 2, Final Plat. (Planning Manager Lauren Mecke)

The applicant is requesting an extension of the approved Final Plat.

The Subdivision Regulations states in §9.02.041 (General Requirements for plats):

(i) Final plat expiration and extension.

(1) Expiration. An approved final plat shall expire and shall thereafter be deemed null and void if the final plat has not been recorded as required in section 9.02.044(g) within two years from the date of the city council's approval of the final plat. Upon expiration, or upon denial of a timely submitted request for extension of plat approval, a new preliminary plat application shall be required to be submitted, subject to requirements in effect at the time the new application is filed with the city.

(2) Extension. The city council may extend a final plat for a period not to exceed one year on the written request of the applicant. The request must be filed before the final plat expires and must document the reasons for the extension. In determining whether to grant a request, the council shall take into account the reasons for the requested extension, the ability of the applicant to comply with any conditions attached to the original approval, whether extension is likely to result in timely completion of the project, and the extent to which any newly adopted regulations should be applied to the proposed development. In granting an extension, the council may impose such conditions as are needed to assure that the land will be developed in a timely fashion and that the public interest is served, including compliance with one or more new adopted development standards.

The final plat is typically filed with the County Clerk's Office once the public improvements have been accepted by the City Engineer. The

groundbreaking for the multiple-family development occurred in March 2023 and paving for the fire lanes is projected to begin in July 2023.

The final plat will have to be resubmitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council, if:

- o City Council denies the request; or
- o If the request is approved and the applicant does not complete public improvements and record the final prior to the June 22, 2024 deadline.

Staff recommends approval of the applicant's extension request for the Final Plat of One Anna Two, Block B, Lots 1 & 2.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF ONE ANNA TWO ADDITION, BLOCK B, LOTS 1 & 2.

- h. Approve a Resolution approving the funding of Fire Department equipment needs related to SCBA replacement airpicks, in an amount not to exceed \$96,000. (Fire Chief Ray Isom)

The City of Anna is responsible for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the community and, in order to provide for the welfare of the community, the City's Fire Department is seeking to purchase equipment required for the safe and efficient operation of firefighter activities. The Anna Fire Department seeks to purchase (10) ten SCBA replacement air packs, (10) ten SCBA cylinders and (8) eight SCBA voice amps to replace the end-of-life equipment currently in service.

Funding for the ten SCBA air packs is available in the FY2023 Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$96,000.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$96,000); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- i. Approve a Resolution approving a contract with Valley View Consulting for Investment Advisory Services. (Finance Director Alan Guard)

As interest rates have increased significantly since 2021, staff believes the City's return on investment would be maximized by employing an investment advisory consultant. The City of Anna currently has funds in excess of \$190 million including more than \$100 million of bond funds and certificates of obligation.

All payments will come from interest earnings at the following rates: Average Quarter End Book Value: First \$100 million - Annual fee 0.030% (3 basis points); Next \$100 million - 0.020% (2 basis points); Balances over \$200 million 0.010% (1 basis point). In addition, the City will receive a \$7500 credit for the Bank Depository Consulting Fee paid to Valley View previously for that service.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES TO VALLEY VIEW CONSULTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT ON THE CITY'S BEHALF IN EXECUTING THE AGREEMENT

- j. Approve a Resolution for THI Water Well to perform the installation of new equipment on Well 7. (Interim Director of Public Works Steven Smith).

This item is for the replacement of a control panel, pump, motor, and approximately 200-feet of well section.

As this was an emergency repair, funding for Well #7 was not originally appropriated in the FY2023 budget, but the Water Department budget can absorb the cost of \$228,000.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE PAYMENT TO THI WATER WELL, LLC FOR EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND LABOR FOR THE REPAIR OF WELL 7 AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDERED TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETEEN NINETY-TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN DOLLARS AND NINTY FOUR CENTS (\$227,419.94); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- k. Approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Tower Site License Agreement by and between Towerstream Corporation and the City of Anna, Texas for the placement of telecommunications equipment on the existing Hackberry water tower located at 2609 Hackberry Dr. (Interim Director of Public Works Steven Smith)

Towerstream has requested that the City approve a license agreement allowing them to mount antenna equipment on the Hackberry Water Tower located at 2609 Hackberry Drive, Anna, TX 75409. The attached license agreement would allow Towerstream to use the tower to provide internet service to large portions of both developed and developing portions of the community which remain underserved. The City would receive a licensing fee (revenue) of \$2,000 per month for the next 10 years. In addition, the City will receive free internet service for three City facilities.

Towerstream has provided the following statement regarding their service: "Towerstream owns, manages, and operates their network, allowing them to provide the fastest, most affordable, and reliable Internet connectivity in select US markets."

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution approving the Agreement.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A TOWER SITE LICENSE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANNA AND TOWERSTREAM CORPORATION IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- I. Approve a Resolution approving an Amended Economic Development Incentive Agreement between the City of Anna and 3 Nations Brewing Co., LLC. (Director of Economic Development Joey Grisham)

Based on increased costs related to construction, the EDC staff recommended increasing the Economic Development Grant to 3 Nations Brewing by \$50,000. They received \$400,000 when they pulled a building permit and will receive an additional \$300,000 upon issuance of a certificate of occupancy. The EDC Board approved the Amended Agreement on June 1.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS APPROVING AN AMENDED INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ANNA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND 3 NATIONS BREWING CO., LLC

7. Items For Individual Consideration.

- a. Acting as the Anna Public Facility Corporation Board of Directors, Consider/Discuss/Action on approving a Memorandum of Understanding with JPI Real Estate Acquisition II, LLC for a multifamily project and resolutions authorizing the formation of entities and approving the form and substance of the respective limited liability company agreements. (Director of Economic Development Joey Grisham)

Mayor Pike recused himself from the meeting at 7:12 PM.

PFC Board President Stan Carver facilitated the meeting.

The Anna Public Facility Corporation was approached by JPI in pursuit of a partnership related to the Serenity on the Square project in Anna Town Square. Serenity on the Square is owned by GB Partners, LLC and JPI is

in negotiations with them for the purchase of the property. The Anna PFC has entered into agreements on two other projects with JPI—Parmore Anna Senior Living and The Villages of Waters Creek. JPI is one of the largest multifamily builders in Texas. JPI is proposing a 320-unit project that includes commitments to all the stipulations laid out in the zoning. Below is a summary of the unit breakdown/cost and term summary included in their Memorandum of Understanding that is currently being reviewed by staff. For reference, the current Area Median Income (AMI) for Collin County is just over \$102,000 and \$71,186 for the U.S.

The PFC is estimated to receive approximately \$2,000,000 over the first 10 years of the project, of which \$1,000,000 will be paid at closing. The city will also receive all impact fees, permit fees, and any other applicable city fees.

RESOLUTION OF ANNA PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION (THE "CORPORATION") REGARDING THE MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO BE KNOWN AS SHARP & FINLEY (THE "PROJECT"), APPROVING THE CORPORATION'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT SUCH FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO

MOTION: Board Member Atchley moved to approve. Board Member Miller seconded. Motion carried 6-0

Mayor Pike returned to the meeting at 7:38 PM.

- b. First reading of a Resolution authorizing the Anna Community Development Corporation to undertake a grant agreement with the Anna Economic Development Corporation for economic development projects. (Director of Economic Development Joey Grisham)

This is the first of two required readings. The presiding officer will read the following: ARESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA,TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ANNA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO UNDERTAKE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ANNA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ECONOIMC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

Based on the advice of our tax professionals, the CDC will provide a grant to the EDC. If the CDC does not make these payments to the EDC and

there were no other incoming contributions, the EDC would still be considered a non-profit, however, it would change to a private foundation rather than a public charity. A private foundation is subject to a 1.39% excise tax on its net investment income and is required to distribute roughly 5% of the fair market value of its assets each year. The funding from the EDC will be used for projects.

The CDC Board of Directors approved and authorized the Grant (a one-time lump-sum payment) to be made to the EDC in the amount of \$60,000 for further Economic Development Projects at their May 4th meeting.

- c. Second reading of a Resolution authorizing the Anna Community Development Corporation to undertake a grant agreement with the Anna Economic Development Corporation for economic development projects. (Director of Economic Development Joey Grisham)

This is the second of two required readings. The presiding officer will read the following: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ANNA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO UNDERTAKE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ANNA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

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- d. Consider/Discuss/Action regarding a Resolution authorizing the Anna Community Development Corporation to undertake a grant agreement with the Anna Economic Development Corporation for economic development projects. (Director of Economic Development Joey Grisham)

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS APPROVING A PROJECT INCLUDING A GRANT FROM THE ANNA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO THE ANNA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

MOTION: Mayor Pike moved to approve. Council Member Carver seconded. Motion carried 7-0

- e. Consider/Discuss/Action on a Resolution approving an Agreement Regarding Services including a plan for municipal services for 2.53± acres of land generally located on the east side of future N. Standridge Boulevard, 705± feet south of W Rosamond Parkway. (Planning Manager Lauren Mecke)

Mantua 30 Partners, Ltd. has submitted a petition to annex 2.53± acres of land.

The Agreement for Services is required by state law prior to approval of annexation.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT REGARDING SERVICES RELATED TO ANNEXATION OF A 5.33± ACRE TRACT OF LAND

MOTION: Council Member Toten moved to approve. Council Member Baker seconded. Motion carried 7-0

- f. Conduct a Public Hearing/Consider/Discuss/Action on an Ordinance to annex 2.53± acres of land generally located on the east side of future N. Standridge Boulevard, 705± feet south of W Rosamond Parkway. (Planning Manager Lauren Mecke)

Mayor Pike opened the public hearing at 7:47 PM.

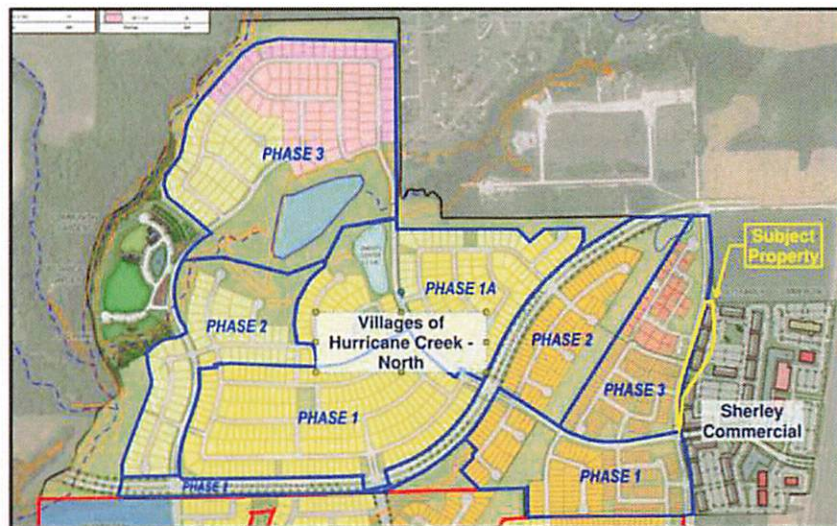
No public comments.

Mayor Pike closed the public hearing at 7:47 PM.

At the December 2019 City Council meeting, there was a presentation showing the expansion of the Villages of Hurricane Creek master planned community with two new tracts for the Villages of Hurricane Creek – North and Sherley Commercial. In this master planned design, existing County Road 368 would be realigned for future four-lane Standridge Boulevard and over 230 acres was planned to be annexed into the city. In June 2020, the zoning was established for the in-city, Sherley Commercial tract including multiple-family residential, commercial, and on the west side of Standridge Boulevard single-family, attached. A year later, the Villages of Hurricane Creek – North was annexed and zoned in August 2021.

There were two tracks of land (1.8± acres and 0.7± acre) under the same ownership as the Villages of Hurricane Creek - North and transferred ownership to Sherley Commercial. The two tracts were inadvertently not included in the metes and bounds for the 2021 annexation and zoning.

The applicant is requesting to annex 2.53± acres of additional land located on the east side of future N. Standridge Boulevard, 705± feet south of W Rosamond Parkway.



AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF ANNA, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID MUNICIPALITY SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN SAID MUNICIPAL CORPORATE LIMITS AND GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF SAID CITY AS SET FORTH HEREIN; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Council Member Toten moved to approve. Council Member Cain seconded. Motion carried 7-0

- g. Conduct a Public Hearing/Consider/Discuss/Action on an Ordinance to amend a Planned Development (Ord. No. 860-2020) to incorporate an additional 2.53± acres of land generally located on the east side of future N. Standridge Boulevard, 705± feet south of W Rosamond Parkway. (Planning Manager Lauren Mecke)

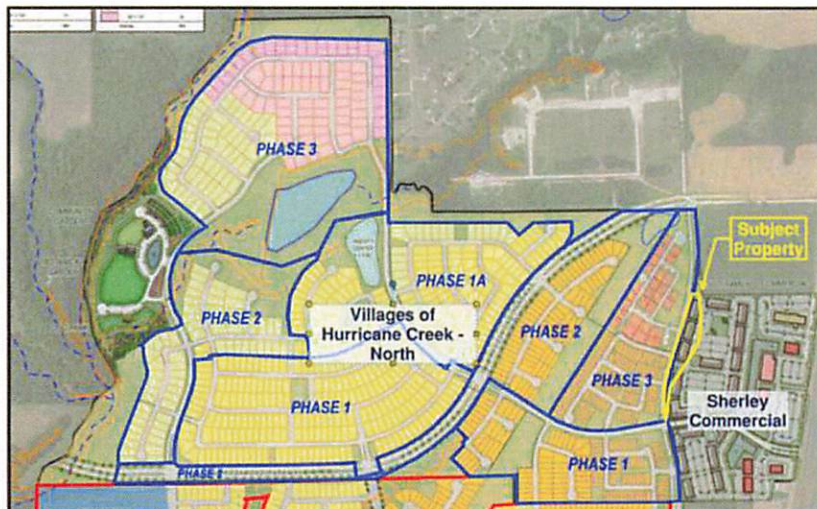
Mayor Pike opened the public hearing at 7:48 PM.

No Public comments.

Mayor Pike closed the public hearing at 7:48 PM.

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In accordance with state regulations, the property must go through the annexation and zoning public hearing process.



The applicant is requesting to establish zoning on properties currently located in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) by including them into an existing Planned Development (Ord. No. 860-2020). The subject properties were shown and included as part of the previously approved concept plan associated with the existing Planned Development zoning. The applicant is not proposing to modify the approved concept plan or any existing standards of the Planned Development. The property owner has submitted a voluntary annexation petition associated with this request.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ZONING MAP, AND ZONING ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF FUTURE N. STANDRIDGE BOULEVARD, 705± FEET SOUTH OF W ROSAMOND PARKWAY (W CR 370); PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS, REPEALING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY CLAUSE NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 OR THE HIGHEST PENALTY AMOUNT ALLOWED BY LAW, WHICHEVER IS LESS; AND, PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.

MOTION: Council Member Toten moved to approve. Council Member Cain seconded. Motion carried 7-0

- h. Consider/Discuss/Action on a Resolution regarding the White Rock Subdivision, Block A, Lots 1 -5, Final Plat. (Planning Manager Lauren Mecke)

Five lots on 5.5± acres located on the east side of White Rock Trail, 630± feet south of E. Farm-to-Market Road 455. Located in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

The purpose for the Final Plat is to dedicate lot and block boundaries, and easements necessary for future development.

ISSUES: As proposed the Final Plat does not conform to the City's Subdivision Regulations pertaining to streets, lots, and wastewater.

Streets & Lots

The applicant is requesting waivers from adopted city standards located within both the Subdivision Regulations and Design Standards. The property does not have frontage along a public right-of-way and the existing residence uses a private access easement labeled as White Rock Trail. As shown on the final plat, the new lots would not have frontage along an existing street since the applicant is proposing to retain the thirty foot easement and not dedicate the easement area as public-right-of-way.

Additionally, the existing condition of the thirty-foot easement for the purpose of ingress, egress, and construction & maintenance of utilities exceeds the maximum block length of 1,200 feet. As proposed, the Final Plat violates the following subsections of the Subdivision Regulations:

§ 9.02.081 Streets

(c) Adequacy of streets and thoroughfares

(1) Responsibility for adequacy of streets and thoroughfares. The property owner shall ensure that the subdivision is served by adequate streets and thoroughfares, and shall be responsible for the costs of rights-of-way and street improvements, in accordance with the following policies and standards, and subject to the city's cost participation policies on oversized facilities.

(6) Street dedications.

(A) Dedication of right-of-way. The developer shall dedicate all rights-of-way required for existing or future streets, and for all required street improvements, including perimeter streets and approach streets, as shown in the comprehensive plan and as required by the design standards or by other valid development plans approved by city council.

(o) Maximum and minimum length of block or street segments. The maximum length of any block or street segment, including a looped street, shall be 1,200 feet and the minimum length of any block or street segment shall be 400 feet, as measured along the street centerline and between the point(s) of intersection with other through streets. A cul-de-sac or dead-end street shall not be considered a through street. The block length is not measured along the side of a block that does not include the front of any lot.

§9.02.087 Lots

(b) Minimum frontage on a public street. Each lot on a subdivision plat shall front onto a dedicated, improved public street, unless platted as an approved private street subdivision in accordance with these subdivision regulations. All lots shall have a minimum of 40 feet of frontage along the property line of a dedicated, improved street unless other provisions have been authorized under article 9.04 or an approved planned development district.

The applicant submitted a justification letter associated with each of the waiver requests.

Wastewater

The applicant has failed to provide evidence that Lots 2, 3, 4, & 5 can each support a septic system. The Collin County Development Services Department conducts reviews of all on-site sewage facilities (OSSF) within Anna's planning jurisdiction. The County's rules for OSSF requires the minimum lot size of platted or subdivided lots after April 1983 to be one acre of useable surface area. The Collin County Subdivision Regulations defines usable acre as:

A unit of area equal to at least 43,560 square feet. When calculating the usable acreage of any lot, the gross square footage within the lot shall be used, provided that any area that is dedicated for right of way purposes, within a private roadway easement, an easement for a shared access driveway, or any unusable easements or areas as defined by [Texas Administrative Code], Title 30, Chapter 285 regarding On-Site Sewage Facilities shall be excluded.

The four one-acre lots each containing 0.08 acre or more of the access easement which would bring the usable acreage of the lots below the minimum requirement. Without documentation from the County that these lots could receive a septic permit, the application is in violation of the following subsection of the Subdivision Regulations:

§ 9.02.090 Water and wastewater facility design,

(c) Subdivider responsibilities

(4) Providing proof to the city of adequate water and wastewater service;

FINDINGS:

Where the city council finds that undue hardships will result from strict compliance with a certain provision(s) of the subdivision regulations and design regulations, or where the purposes of the regulations may be served to a greater extent by an alternative proposal, the city council may approve a waiver/suspension from any portion of the regulations so that substantial justice may be done and the public interest is secured, provided that the waiver/suspension shall not have the effect of nullifying the intent and purpose of the regulations, and further provided that the city council shall not approve a waiver/suspension unless it makes findings based upon the evidence presented to it in each specific case that:

(A) Granting the waiver/suspension will not be detrimental to the public safety, health or welfare, and will not be injurious to other property or to the owners of other property, and the waiver/suspension will not prevent the orderly subdivision of other property in the vicinity;

- The 30-foot easement already exists and serves as the only means of access/frontage for 3 existing tracts. The proposed Development Plat will create 4 additional tracts along the existing 30-foot easement that does not connect to another public right-of-way.

- The existing condition of the 30-foot easement, as a dirt and rock road, does not meet the adopted street standards. Section 2.12 (Pavement Design) of the City of Anna Design Standards states that residential and fire lane pavement shall be reinforced concrete.

- The Collin County Fire Marshall stipulates that municipal fire departments within Collin County have ultimate authority over emergency access within their given fire district, which includes the ETJ.

- o The City of Anna Fire Department has determined there are impediments to public safety access and maneuverability associated with the Development Plat.

(B) The conditions upon which the request for a waiver/suspension is based are unique to the property for which the waiver/suspension is sought, and are not applicable generally to other property;

- The violations of §9.02.081 & §9.02.087 are existing conditions of the property and not created by the applicant.

- The existing 30-foot easement for the purpose of ingress and egress and for the construction and maintenance of utilities was established by deed on December 6, 1982 (Instrument No. 19821217000419450). Previously, the City of Anna allowed lots to meet the minimum lot frontage requirements via an access easement. This regulation was removed on January 26, 2021 (Ord. No. 892-2021)

(C) Because of the particular physical surroundings, shape and/or topographical conditions of the specific property involved, a particular undue hardship to the property owner would result, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience or increased expense, if the strict letter of these regulations is carried out;

- The violations of §9.02.081 & §9.02.087 are existing conditions of the property and not created by the applicant.

(D) The waiver/suspension will not in any manner vary the provisions of the zoning ordinance, comprehensive plan (as amended), or any other adopted plan(s) or ordinance(s) of the city; and

- The waiver request is specific to standards contained within the Subdivision Ordinance.

(E) An alternate design will generally achieve the same result or intent as the standards and regulations prescribed herein.

- The existing easement was initially dedicated by deed (1982) to achieve the same result as right-of-way dedication.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial (7-0) for violation of §9.02.081, §9.02.087, & § 9.02.090 of the Subdivision Regulations.

MOTION: Mayor Pike moved to deny. Council Member Toten seconded. Motion carried 7-0

i. Slayter Creek Park, Henry Clay "Yank" Washington Park, and Natural Springs Park (Interim City Manager Ryan Henderson)

I. Consider/Discuss/Action on an Ordinance Amending the FY2023 Park Development Fund budget.

II. Consider/Discuss/Action on a Resolution awarding a construction agreement with A&C Construction for improvements to Slayter Creek Park, Henry Clay "Yank" Washington Park and Natural Springs Park.

Consider the award of a construction agreement for the construction of park improvements at Henry Clay "Yank" Washington Park, Natural Springs Park and Slayter Creek Park with A&C Construction.

The proposed budget amendment includes funding for the following purposes:

Natural Springs Park Improvements - Park Development Fund (+\$256,000)

An additional parking lot is needed at Natural Springs Park for Anna neighbors who use the Paw Park and to accommodate future events at the park. The parking lot will include lighting, landscaping, and irrigation. Accessible parking is included.

Yank Park Improvements - Park Development Fund (+\$186,000)

Yank Park was built by the developer of the adjacent subdivision. Funding is for the construction of park improvements, which include the addition of a half-basketball court east of the playground, installation of a drinking fountain, and construction of a concrete walk around the playground.

Slayter Creek Park Sports Court - Park Development Fund (+\$118,433)

Slayter Creek Park, named after one of the original families to settle in Anna, is the City's signature park, containing a wide range of amenities for neighbors. New features will allow for more experiences for a broader

segment of the community. Funding is for the construction of a parking lot expansion and pedestrian improvements on the north end of the park, nine pickleball courts, two basketball courts, lighting and resurfacing of existing tennis courts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for the Natural Springs Park project is being fully funded through an amendment to the FY2023 Community Investment Program budget in the amount of \$256,000 from the Park Development Fund. The total estimated cost of the Natural Springs Park project is \$456,000.

Funding for the Yank Park project is being fully funded through an amendment to the FY2023 Community Investment Program budget in the amount of \$186,000 from the Park Development Fund. The total estimated cost of the Yank Park project is \$489,500.

Funding for the Slayter Creek Park Sports Court and Parking Lot Expansion project is being fully funded through an amendment to the FY2023 Community Investment Program budget in the amount of \$118,433 from the Park Development Fund. The total estimated cost of the Slayter Creek Park Sports Court project is \$1,928,000 from 2021 General Obligation Bonds and \$388,500 from the Park Development Fund for a total project cost of \$2,316,500.

- I. Consider/Discuss/Action Conan Ordinance Amending the FY2023 Park Development Fund budget.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1002-2022 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS, SEVERABILITY, AND REPEALING CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.

MOTION: Council Member Toten moved to approve. Council Member Carver seconded. Motion carried 7-0

- II. Consider/Discuss/Action on a Resolution awarding a construction agreement with A&C Construction for improvements to Slayter Creek Park, Henry Clay "Yank" Washington Park and Natural Springs Park.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS APPROVING A CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT HENRY CLAY "YANK" WASHINGTON PARK, NATURAL SPRINGS PARK AND SLAYTER CREEK PARK WITH A&C CONSTRUCTION .

MOTION: Council Member Toten moved to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Miller seconded. Motion carried 7-0

j. Bryant Park (Interim City Manager Ryan Henderson)

Consider/Discuss/Action on an Ordinance Amending the FY2023 Park Development Fund budget.

Consider/Discuss/Action on a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction agreement with A New Deal, Inc. to install an irrigation system at Bryant Park.

The construction agreement with AND, Inc. is for the installation of an irrigation system at Bryant Park. The coverage area is the southern half of the park nearest to the existing water meters. The project was designed in-house. The bid was issued on April 27th and closed on May 19th. It was advertised as required by law. Two bids were received and one no-bid was submitted. The bid is a low-bid award.

The proposed budget amendment includes funding for the following purposes:

Bryant Park Improvements - Park Development Fund (\$64,000)

Bryant Park is a 5-acre tract located on the north side of CR371 just south of Bryant Elementary. Currently, the park is undeveloped but in the future will be available for outdoor athletic and recreational activities. The southern half of the park will be irrigated to facilitate the City's soccer program this season.

Funding for the Bryant Park project is being fully funded through an amendment to the FY2023 Community Investment Program budget in the amount of \$64,000 from the Park Development Fund. The total estimated cost of the Bryant Park project is \$64,143.

l. Consider/Discuss/Action on an Ordinance Amending the FY 2023 Park Development Fund budget.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1002-2022 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS, SEVERABILITY, AND REPEALING CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.

MOTION: Mayor Pike moved to approve. Council Member Toten seconded. Motion carried 7-0

- II. Consider/Discuss/Action on a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction agreement with A New Deal, Inc. to install an irrigation system at Bryant Park.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT BRYANT PARK, WITH AND, INC .

MOTION: Council Member Toten moved to approve. Council Member Baker seconded. Motion carried 7-0

- k. Consider/Discuss/Action on a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with Brinkley & Barfield for the design of a twelve-inch water line that will be constructed on FM 455 from Cowan Road to County Road 290. (CIP Manager Justin Clay)

This item is for consideration to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement for the design of public water system improvements along FM 455.

The existing water main exceeds the maximum number of connections to a public water main, which is 10, as determined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's rules in the Texas Administrative Code, 30 TAC §290.44(c). No new connections can be made to the water main until it is increased in size.

The City of Anna Water System Master Plan shows a future water main expansion required along FM 455 on the west side of Anna. The existing water main is only 2- inches in diameter, and is in poor condition. This existing main does not provide adequate water flow for firefighting capabilities in the area. In addition, the water main is not in compliance with modern TCEQ requirements. The existing water main has 20 connections, which exceeds the maximum allowable number of connections to a public water main, which is 10, as determined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's rules in the Texas Administrative Code, 30 TAC §290.44(c). No new connections can be made to the water main until it is increased in size.

Funding for the design of this water line is available in the FY2023 Water Department budget in the amount of \$250,000.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY WITH Binkley & Barfield, FOR THE ENGINEERING DESIGN RELATED TO THE FM 455 WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN A FORM APPROVED BY

THE CITY ATTORNEY PER THE PROPOSAL SHOWN IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Council Member Toten moved to approve. Council Member Carver seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

- I. Consider/Discuss/Action authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with BHC for the engineering design of the Highway 5 Utility Relocation Phase Two Project. (CIP Manager Justin Clay)

TXDOT requires cities to relocate all existing utilities within a road corridor to locations outside of the proposed right-of-way prior to TxDOT construction of the widening of State Highways. The City of Anna has already started working on Phase 1 of this project (Hackberry Drive to the Collin County Outer Loop). Phase 1 design is substantially complete, and the City is in the process of acquiring the necessary easements. This item is for Phase 2, which is from Hackberry Drive to the northern City limit.

Last month, TxDOT staff notified the City that the construction funding for widening State Highway 5 was going to be moved into their 5-year funding window in their upcoming budget. Based on that information, staff is seeking to begin the design work required to relocate existing utilities along the corridor for the northern (phase 2) section of the project.

This project includes the engineering design of relocating and expanding public water and sanitary sewer utilities along the State Highway 5 corridor from Hackberry Drive to the northern City Limit. The contract includes the design for the utility relocation of approximately 15,000 LF of water & sewer pipe on the East and West sides of Highway 5. The agreement also includes services for the bidding phase, easement acquisition negotiations (not including purchase price), Tx-Dot reimbursement, deed research, and surveying.

Funding for the State Highway 5 Utility Relocation project was appropriated in the FY2023 Community Investment Program budget in the amount of \$1.45 million from the Water Impact Fees Fund and Sewer Impact Fees Fund. The estimated cost of the contract is \$934,702. A portion of the City costs will be reimbursed by TxDOT, based on a calculation of the percentage of existing utilities located in City easements outside of the historical TxDOT Right-of-way. This calculation will be completed during the design process.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY WITH BIRKHOFF, HENDRICKS, & CARTER, LLC, FOR THE ENGINEERING

DESIGN RELATED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY 5 UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT, IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY PER THE PROPOSAL SHOWN IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Council Member Toten moved to approve. Council Member Carver seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

- m. Consider/Discuss/Action on adding local option property tax exemptions for FY2024. (Budget Manager Terri Doby)

Prior to FY2023, the City of Anna offered a \$30,000 exemption in the Over 65 category. In June of 2022, a 1% (\$5,000 minimum) General Homestead Exemption was added. In a workshop at the April 25th City Council meeting, Council was presented the choices that the City of Anna has regarding the structure of local property taxes. At that time, City Council was told that an item to establish those exemptions would be presented at a future meeting. The Texas Property Tax Code requires that all decisions regarding exemptions for the upcoming year be adopted by the taxing unit by July 1st.

All real and tangible personal property located in the state is taxable unless an exemption is required or permitted by the Texas Constitution. Local taxing units can offer a variety of partial or total exemptions from property appraised values. Local option exemptions are one way for cities to lower the property tax bill of their residents. Tonight staff is asking for the City Council to set local option property tax exemptions for FY2024.

Tax Structure Comparison:

	FY2023	Proposed FY2024
Homestead Exemption	1%, \$5,000 min	3%, \$5,000 min
Over Age 65 Exemption	\$30,000	\$30,000
Disabled Person Exemption	-	\$30,000
Property Tax Rate	0.539750	0.533000

Potential Revenue Change:

	FY2023	Proposed FY2024
Homestead Exemption	\$103,644	\$286,314
Over Age 65 Exemption	\$117,558	\$201,759
Disabled Person Exemption	-	\$29,794

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE 2.03 OF THE ANNA CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES FOR RESIDENTIAL

HOMESTEADS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.

MOTION: Council Member Atchley moved to approve. Council Member Miller seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

- n. Consider/Discuss/Action on an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Parks Advisory Board. (Interview Committee)

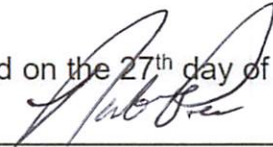
City Council appointed new board members on May 16, 2023. A newly appointed member will be moving out of Anna and declined his appointment to the Parks Advisory Board.

MOTION: Council Member Toten moved to appoint Justin Inesta to the Parks Advisory Board. Council Member Cain seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

8. Adjourn.

Mayor Pike adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM.

Approved on the 27th day of June 2023



Mayor Nate Pike

ATTEST:



City Secretary Carrie L. Land



June 13, 2023

Nate Pike, Mayor and City Council
120 W. 7th Street
Anna, TX 75409
Fax: 972-924-2620
Attn: Agenda Desk

Re: Item 5b., June 13, 2023, Council Meeting – Work Session
Topic: Anna Senior Transit Discussion

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

My name is Janet Taylor; I am a 56-year-old disabled resident on a fixed low-income, currently residing at the Palladium Apartments Anna, located in Anna Towne Square at 2020 Florence Way, Anna, TX 75409. I have been a resident of Anna, TX since October 2018. I currently have a non-working vehicle with no means to repair and am therefore without transportation. I am here to express my concerns and advocate for Public Transit for Anna residents.

I know you have heard the common phrase or expression “Houston, we have a problem” Well, I’m here today to coin the phrase, **“Anna, we have a problem”**. **More specifically we have a need, and that need is for access to Public Transit and this issue REQUIRES your immediate attention and action.** Collin County’s rural population lacks access to public transit, and this is why I am sounding the alarm.

As I am sure you are aware, there have been major growth changes in the Texas population from 2020 to present. Collin County had the second highest amount of domestic migration in the country, adding 29,696 people last year.
(Per article in Sachsenews.com dated Apr 11, 2023).

As of June 17, 2022, Collin County is listed as one of the wealthiest counties in Texas. (Per article in dallas.culturemap.com dated June 17, 2022)

The City of Anna is currently growing at a rate of 16.29% annually and its population has increased by 57.27% since the most recent census, which recorded a population of 17,407 in 2020 and is currently as of 2023 at a population of 27,376. (Per worldpopulationview.com)

I have personally witnessed another North Texas City that you might be familiar with that went through a growth and population expansion much like I suspect Anna is about to embark on and that City is Frisco, TX. My Mother and Sister are

now buried there but we jokingly said, they moved there when it was a one horse, one flashing light town. But in a matter of a few years, it grew very rapidly and is still growing into one of the largest cities in Texas.

With the City of Anna's current building and planning of more Multi-family Apartment developments and Senior Apartments coming as early as 2023. As well as hopes of a college Campus, this will change the infrastructure and these residents will need more access to Public Transit. **So, I am here to advocate not only for Seniors but for the Disabled and low-income residents who REQUIRE access to Public Transit (now).** Accessible transportation services are essential to ensuring older adults and disabled adults such as myself, can continue to live independently.

My disabilities and low-income does qualify me to have access to federal Medicaid transportation services but only for what is deemed medically necessary and reasonable and not all Seniors and the Disabled qualify. But what I do not have is access to the grocery stores, for food and household supplies, the Post Office, City parks and City social functions, nor the ability to get to the Voting locations so that I can Vote.

According to the 2020 Census, I believe the median age of our current homeowners is early to mid-30's BUT and I suspect (from my own experience) many of our residents will begin moving their parents in and caring for their declining health and social needs and this is something the City Council needs to consider funding and planning for now.

On behalf of our Seniors, the disabled and low-incomed residents, **TAKE ACTION NOW.** I urge you to seek County and Federal funding. I can assure you this is needed **Urgently now.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Janet A. Taylor

Please Print out and look at the Aging Texas Well | Transportation Issues for Older Adults

(Provided by Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee – www.hhs.texas.gov/about/community-engagement/age-well-live-well/aging-texas-well)

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/about-hhs/community-engagement/atw/atw-issue-brief-transportation.pdf>

Also Review

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/aging-texas-well-strategic-plan-2022-23.pdf>

Also consider:

4 Benefits to Public Transportation:

1. Improved Community Health and wellbeing

2. Economic Benefits to the Community

(For every dollar invested in public transportation can yield around \$4 in economic gains in the community).

3. Public Transportation Reduces Air Pollution

4. Improves Road Congestion

Issue Brief

Transportation Issues for Older Adults

BACKGROUND

Approximately 10,000 people turn 65 each day in the United States, and 90 percent of older adults choose to age in place in their communities.¹ Accessible transportation services are essential to ensuring older adults can continue to live independently. Inadequate transportation hinders their access to health care and may increase social isolation, which can create barriers to safe, healthy community living. Eighty-three percent of family caregivers provide or arrange for transportation for their loved ones.²

Current transportation options cannot meet the needs of this rapidly growing population. Funding is often fragmented by source, geography and comes with restrictive uses of allowed transportation services. Additionally, community transportation plans are often complicated and demand significant coordination across local, state and federal funding partners.

Nationally, two sources of funding that serve some seniors and people with disabilities are appropriated by the federal government specifically to enhance both the mobility of these populations, as well as transportation services offered through the federal Medicaid program. The Medical Transportation Program is an entitlement in the sense that any recipient of full Medicaid benefits can receive payments for transportation that is deemed medically necessary and reasonable. However, not everyone 65 or older or with a disability qualifies for Medicaid.

The Texas Department of Transportation, which receives regionally coordinated transportation plans from 24 planning regions, has issued a guidebook to direct the development of these plans.³ Coordinated planning provides more efficient and effective public transportation services, especially for priority populations, which includes people 65 and older. The guidebook also calls for local efforts to address fragmented transportation services and common gaps in services.

The Regional Coordinated Transportation Plan for the Texoma Region contains a transportation needs index based on the needs of the elderly population (65 and older) and other at-risk populations. The unmet transportation needs and gaps in transportation services identified in Texoma mirror many gaps found in other planning areas.

Accessible transportation services are essential to ensuring older adults can continue to live independently.

This information has been developed and provided by Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee.

UNMET TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND GAPS IN SERVICES

These needs were identified by participants through stakeholder workshops and mail-out survey responses:⁴

Need access to and from

- Medical appointments
- Community locations (grocery store, pharmacy, social activities, cultural events, support groups, shopping, social service organizations, banks and places of worship)
- Urban areas (Dallas, Houston, etc.)
- Place of employment
- College campuses
- Veterans Affairs' facilities, for veterans

Transportation services needed

- Timely and reliable transportation options
- Affordable transportation options, especially when traveling outside of the region
- Flexible public transportation scheduling
- Available transportation on nights and weekends
- Available fixed-route transportation service
- Services for people with limited English proficiency, older adults and people with disabilities
- Non-school related transportation for children
- Door-to-door (not curb-to-curb) service for both disabled and non-disabled people
- Wheelchair-accessible buses; vehicles specifically designed for older adults and people with disabilities
- Mobility assistants



Lack of alternative modes and amenities

- No sidewalks or bicycle routes (or existing sidewalks in poor condition)
- No safe area to cross busy roads
- Few waiting areas at public transportation pick-up and drop-off locations

Knowledge of available transportation services

- Confusion about call-in windows and process to schedule a ride with public transportation provider
- Communication about existing transportation services, especially for those without internet access
- Coordination among agencies in the region that provide transportation or have available capacity or unused vehicles
- Understanding federal regulations to share resources and underutilized vehicles
- Private partnerships
- Insurance costs to transport clients

CURRENT TRENDS

At present, most accessible and assisted transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities include public buses, vans, cars and taxi vouchers. However, some communities have volunteer driver programs in which volunteers drive their own vehicles and provide one-on-one trips to people who need transportation.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) provides funding to states for both traditional (buses, wheelchair lifts, mobility management etc.) and non-traditional projects (travel training, volunteer driver programs, enhanced accessibility to bus stops, etc.).

Travel training programs have specialized trainers to teach people how to travel safely and independently and use public transit. These kinds of programs help people who are not familiar with or comfortable using public transportation learn how to access and navigate their local options.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Increased funding for public transportation such as buses, trains, vanpools, specialized transit and ridesharing. Consider whether any Section 5310 funds are unused due to lack of match (the match is 20 percent for capital projects and 50 percent for operating assistance).
- Make sure that operators of fixed-route services supported by Section 5307 (49 United States Code § 5307) funds do not charge more during off-peak hours than half fare for older adults who present a Medicare card and people with disabilities who present a Medicare card.
- Increase funding incentives for transit operators, nonprofit organizations and local communities to promote innovative planning, enhance coordination among existing programs, develop public-private partnerships, and expand outreach and education programs to help make systems more efficient and customer-friendly.

- Use mobility managers to coordinate policy, broker services and act as customer system navigators.
- Promote local community-based options such as shuttle services to medical facilities and shopping centers tailored to specific needs or routes.
- Expand services beyond geographic jurisdictional boundaries through better coordination.
- Promote “complete streets” policies to ensure safety for everyone.
- Promote inter-regional coordination as a step toward coordinating public transportation services statewide.
- Support and expand volunteer driver, voucher and rideshare options such as transportation network companies, including Uber and Lyft. There may be an opportunity to use Section 5310 funds to purchase service from these companies, as long as the purchasing entity (such as a transit system) determines routes and schedules.
- Promote awareness of existing public transportation services so service gaps that come from lack of consumer knowledge can be addressed with existing services. Improved use of the internet and social media can provide education and allow for statewide trip planning when the services of private providers and public providers are needed to complete a trip.

RESOURCES

- **Federal Transit Administration**
Information on Section 5310 grants for seniors and individuals with disabilities: transit.dot.gov/grants
- **National Association of Area Agencies on Aging**
Information and resources for transportation options • 202-872-0888: n4a.org/transportation
- **National Aging and Disability Transportation Center**
Provides assistance and information to communities and organizations looking to increase transportation access • 866-983-3222: nadtc.org
- **National Center for Mobility Management**
Information on various ways to increase community mobility options: 866-846-6400 or nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org

- **National Volunteer Transportation Center**

Operates a database of volunteer transportation programs and provides materials related to the planning, organization and operations of volunteer transportation: 505-222-0620 or ctaa.org

- **Transportation for America Report - Aging in Place, Stuck Without Options:**

<https://t4america.org/docs/SeniorsMobilityCrisis.pdf>

- **The Texas Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning Guidebook:**

http://regionalserviceplanning.org/coordination/workshops/feb-mar-2015/session-2/Guidebook_Workshops_2015_F.pdf

- **Texas Transportation Institute of the Texas A&M University's Regional Transit Coordination Guidebook:**

<http://static.tti.tamu.edu/tti.tamu.edu/documents/0-5345-P1.pdf>

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