

City Council
January 3, 2011

A **Work Session** of the Mayor and City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Waxahachie, Texas, was held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers on **Monday, January 3, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: N.B. (Buck) Jordan, Mayor
John Wray, Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Beatty, Councilman
Kevin Strength, Councilman
Mark Singleton, Councilman

Planning & Zoning
Commission Members
Present: Jim Cooper, Chairman
Betty Jefferson, Vice Chairman
Rick Keeler
Bonney Ramsey
Mary Lou Shipley
Anthony Mottla
Melissa Ballard

Others Present: Paul Stevens, City Manager
Michael Scott, Assistant City Manager
Steve Chapman, City Attorney
Lori Saunders, City Secretary

Chairman Jim Cooper called the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to order.

Mayor Buck Jordan called the City Council meeting to order and announced the meeting had been called to hear presentation and discuss Highway 77 Corridor Study.

Planning Director Clyde Melick reported the City of Waxahachie and Parsons Engineering conducted the Highway 77 Corridor Study and noted the purpose of the study was to review the northern limit from YMCA Drive to the southern limit being Sycamore Street due to congestion in this area. He reviewed multiple driveways for single business noting with access points to close together, it leads to increase in congestion as well as increased crash rates. Intersections were analyzed and options such as raised medians, driveways, and driveway closures were options to alleviate the given problems. Mr. Melick presented other options as follows:

US 77 at YMCA Drive – add additional eastbound lane to allow greater north south green light time to alleviate delays at this light.

US 77 and north Lowes Driveway – alter signal timing to allow eastbound and westbound driveways to run concurrently and separate left hand turn lanes for both eastbound and westbound driveways.

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US 77 and US 287 frontage –additional lanes need to be added to both frontage roads; additional lanes added to through lanes on US 77 and intersection should be studied at five year increments based on growth projections.

US 77 at Northgate Drive – Eastbound Northgate will need two dedicated left turn lanes; additional right turn lane on north bound 77; additional southbound through lane and right turn lane added.

US 77 and Indian Drive – Eastbound and Westbound Indian Drive should have separate left hand turn lanes from through lanes; Eastbound shall have separate right turn lane; Northbound will need dedicated right turn lane; Southbound will need additional through lane and dedicated right turn lane.

Mr. Melick noted the next steps will include phasing, Letter of Interest to TxDot and additional stakeholder meetings.

Mr. Scott Morrow, TxDot reported TxDot is able to use \$442,000 in safety funds to make improvements to US 77 at US 287 intersection. TxDot proposes to add additional lanes to the US 287 frontage roads as they approach US 77. Extra lanes at the frontage road will allow for a dedicated right turn with second lane being right turn and/or straight. He explained these changes will help with the traffic congestion at this intersection. Mr. Morrow announced the approximate start date will be August 2011 and noted all lane closure type work will be done at night with project taking approximately three (3) to four (4) months, weather pending. He noted this will be the first step in configuring the Highway 77 Corridor.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders
City Secretary