

**STREET MAINTENANCE ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 16, 2022**

Public notice have been posted, the Street Maintenance Advisory and Appeals Board meeting was held on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at the Abilene Public Library, South Branch, Mall of Abilene, 4310 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene, Texas.

Board Members Present:

James McCoy

Wayne Lanham

Tony Pallarez

David Todd

Joey Devora

Matthew Lubin, Sr.

Niccolus Moses

Other Present:

Jim Winward, Operations Manger

Michael Rice, P.E., Assistant City Manager

Max Johnson, Director of Public Works

Scott Chandler, P.E. City Engineer

Kevin Cheek, Street Services Manager

Stanley Smith, City Attorney

Mari Cockrell, Communications Director

Ruth Garcia, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by David Todd.

- 1) Approval of the minutes from the October 14, 2021:  
Matthew Lubin, Sr made a motion to accept minutes.  
Niccolus Moses 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.  
All were in favor and the motion passed.

## AGENDA ITEMS

- 2) **Abilene Roadway Network Inventory:** Scott Chandler presented a report from the company Furgo Roadware, Inc. The company was contracted in July 2021. They did their main driving of all the city streets between September and October of 2021. They covered 1396 lane miles of streets for the city which pretty well covered our whole network of city streets. The method used was a pavement condition index, which is used by many cities. The index starts with a score of 100, being a perfect street and then is deducted for different type of distresses. Data will be updated as we complete projects that have already started and are planned for 2023, as these will raise our overall PCI. Mr. Chandler concluded his report and added no action was needed on this item and opened the discussion up to questions.

Various board members had questions regarding the report and proposed future actions based on the report.

Mr. Todd opened the floor to public comment.

David Schwartz spoke about previous meetings and the amounts needed for street repair was quoted at a lower price. He felt we should borrow the money at one time and fix all the streets at once. He shared he believes the city needs to work within the means that have now.

With no other citizens wishing to address the board, Mr. Todd closed the public hearing.

- 3) **2019-2022 Sunset Review:** Max Johnson reported the Street Maintenance Fee has a five Year Sunset. The four-year mark is nearing for Sunset. Mr. Johnson reported many streets have been touched throughout the city and that fee has been beneficial to the overall pavement condition. The report from Furgo and data collection indicates we are not going to make much needed improvements at the present fee rate. The recommendation is to 1) continue the fee and 2) recommend to the city council to increase the fee. Mr. Johnson concluded his report and ask if there were any questions.

Various board members had questions regarding the actual Sunset date and possible amounts the fee should be raised.

Michael Rice spoke to the board and advised them to look at the original ordinance which commissions the board to decide if the Street Maintenance Fee should continue and if the fee should be increased.

Mr. Todd opened the floor to public comment:

David Schwartz spoke about the DCOA plans and referred back to the vote regarding the Street Maintenance Fee vote.

Bob Thomas spoke to the PCI and materials for street repairs and the spending in those areas. He shared he objection to the raising of the fee.

With no other citizens wishing to speak the two motions were set to a vote.

A motion was made by Mr. McCoy to continue the Street Maintenance Fee and Mr. Pallarez 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. There were six yes and one no, the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. McCoy to increase the fee and Mr. Lanham 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. There were 3 yes and 4 no, the motion failed.

- 4) **2023 Street Maintenance Program Update:** Max Johnson reported on the present budget with funds being at about 2 million. He explained money is being collected so that in April/May of 2023 enough will be in the fund to do four projects. He further explained in the past, projects were funded prior to actually having the money collected. He proposed not looking at a full subdivision at the meeting or the next but look at some of the intersections that are just as important. He suggested between now and the next meeting in September they look at the intersections and come back and make determinations. Mr. Johnson asked if the board had any questions.

With no questions from the board Mr. Todd opened the Public Hearing.

David Schwartz shared he wants people to speak to their council members and give their opinions on the Street Maintenance Fee and possible increase.

Bob Thomas spoke regarding some of the older streets that are failing and his concern.

A board member ask Mr. Thomas a question regarding the impact of the fee on him and his business.

With no other citizens wishing to speak Mr. Todd stated this was an action item and ask for a motion.

Mr. Lubin made a motion to accept the report and Mr. Pallarez 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. With all in favor the motion passed.

- 5) **Future Meeting Dates:** Max Johnson reported in the last meeting the future meeting dates had been discussed and ask if there was a need for a change in the dates.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to hold the next meeting on September 29, 2022. Mr. Lanham 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. With all in favor the motion passed.

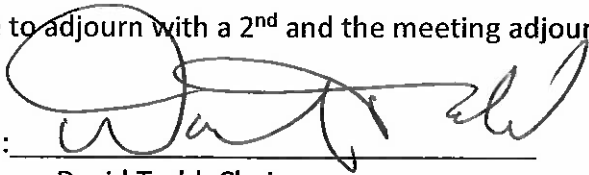
#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Schwartz shared his concern about the street maintenance fees. And ask the board to consider those who have a fixed income.

Bob Thomas shared his concern about bond debt and its effect on seniors.

A motion was made to adjourn with a 2<sup>nd</sup> and the meeting adjourned at 6:46

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
David Todd, Chairman