



**MINUTES  
OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held on Thursday March 2, 2017 at 7:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers at 911 Winscott Road with the following Council members present:

Renee Franklin  
Larry Marshall  
Rickie Allison  
Jim Wilson  
Mark Washburn  
Ron Sauma

Also Present:

Andy Wayman, City Manager  
Joanna King, City Secretary  
Jim Hinderaker, Assistant City Manager  
Bennett Howell, Public Services Director

Others Present:

Hillary Cromer, EDC Specialist  
Bill Smith  
Lynette Spence  
Scott Cooner, Texas Department of Transportation  
Ram Gupta, Texas Department of Transportation  
Wes Myers, Mont Del HOA President  
Dave Wendee  
Bonnie Brewington  
and approximately 20 other citizens

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p. m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Allison.

**II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation given by Pastor Jack Cook with Living Waters Baptist Church.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### III. MINUTES

#### 1. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 16, 2017

Motion by Ms. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Washburn to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 16, 2017.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Dr. Marshall, Mr. Allison, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

### IV. CITIZEN PRESENTATION

#### 1. Benbrook Boulevard Project Update – Scott Cooner, Texas Department of Transportation

Mr. Scott Cooner, Mobility Coordinator with Texas Department of Transportation updated City Council on the Benbrook Boulevard construction project.

### IV. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

#### A. GENERAL

#### G-2286 Adopt Resolutions approving Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program – Dutch Branch Park Pedestrian/Bicycle Access Way and Clear Fork Bridge

Bennett Howell gave the following report: The Transportation Set-Aside Program is a grant funded through the Federal Highway Administration Program. The States are allocated the funds from the Federal Government and it is then sub allocated to regions based on population. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) selects the projects in Benbrook's region based on competitive bid process. NCTCOG contains five (5) counties. In Tarrant County alone there are forty-one (41) cities. There will be a large number of potential projects that Benbrook would be competing against.

The program is a grant reimbursement program. The City would first front the money and be reimbursed the funding. The program is for pedestrian and bicycle access projects. The total allocation of funds is \$8,038,519. The maximum funding is \$5,000,000 with the minimum funding of \$250,000. The project must be completed in a three-year timeframe.

Proposed projects for Benbrook include the Dutch Branch Park Pedestrian/Bicycle Access Way and the Clear Fork Bridge Pedestrian/Bicycle Access.

1. Dutch Branch Park Pedestrian/Bicycle Access Way

The first proposed project is a pedestrian/bicycle access way under U.S. 377 near Dutch Branch Park. The Dutch Branch Park Pedestrian/Bicycle Access Way is a grade separated crossing allowing pedestrians and bicyclists to travel under U.S. 377 without any direct contact with heavy traffic. The project also connects to the Regional Veloweb. This call for projects will not fund the entire construction of the bridge but the City can apply to fund the pedestrian/bicycle portion of the project.

Cost for the access way

Total Cost	\$2,507,129
City Match	\$501,426
Federal Match	\$2,005,703

2. Clear Fork Bridge Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing

The second proposed project is the Clear Fork Bridge. The planned concrete bridge includes a pedestrian/bicycle path allowing users safe crossing of the Trinity River Clear Fork with direct access to the regional trail system. This project also connects to the Regional Veloweb.

Cost of Pedestrian/Bicycle Cost	\$561,950
City Match	\$112,390
Federal Match	\$449,560

Remaining Cost \$1,141,510

City Council is not approving construction of the bridge or anything else on this agenda item. The bridge is on the City's Capital Improvements plan for the year 2020. Staff is recommending that City Council approve a grant application that would help cover the cost of construction in the future. Benbrook is competing for the grant funding with cities from five (5) counties – Tarrant, Parker, Johnson, Wise and Hood. The City is applying for the grant now because the deadline for application is April. If Benbrook is chosen, the grant funding window is three (3) years.

City Council has not made a decision on bridge design or access. An engineering firm is currently developing concept plans so that City Council can evaluate costs and general layout. Once this basic information is determined, the City Council will initiate a process to receive citizen input prior to making any decisions.

Following discussion Motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Ms. Franklin to adopt the Resolutions approving the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for Dutch Branch Park Pedestrian/Bicycle Access Way and Clear Fork Bridge.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Dr. Marshall, Mr. Allison, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

Resolution No. 2017-01 being "RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DUTCH BRANCH PARK PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE ACCESS PROJECT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM PROJECT".

Resolution No. 2017-02 being "RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CLEAR FORK BRIDGE PROJECT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM PROJECT".

**VI. INFORMAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Wes Myers, Dave Wendee, and Bonnie Brewington spoke regarding the Clear Fork Bridge.

**VI. COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sauma reminded citizens of the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Lions Club Chili Supper to be held March 4, 2017 at the Benbrook United Methodist Church.

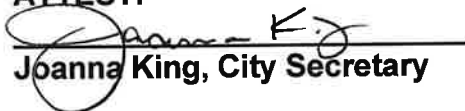
**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Joanna King, City Secretary