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AGENDA OF: November 15, 2016 AGENDA ITEM: F

DATE SUBMITTED: November 15, 2016 DEPARTMENT; Administration

PREPARED BY: CJ Snipes, City
Manager PRESENTER: CJ Snipes

SUBJECTS: West Park Tollway

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution No. 2016-329

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED:

AMOUNT BUDGETED: FUNDING ACCOUNT:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

REQUIRED:

FUNDING ACCOUNT:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Mayor and I recently met with Commissioner Meyers about a number of subjects including the extension of the West Park Tollway. The Commissioner explained that the Poll Road Authority was preparing to begin review the financial expediency of carrying the West Park Tollway into the City Limits of Fulshear to past the future intersection of the Texas dentage Parkway. Prior discussions with the County and Toll Road Authority have included an idea that the Toll Road might someday come to that point but that point was far into the future. The current plan has the Toll Road to the intersection of FM 723/ Spring Green and 1093.

In November 2013, the City adopted Resolution No. 2016-236 which approved the expansion of the Right of Way for FM 1093 to 300 feet. This action was undertaken for a number of reasons including the creation of access for development on the south side of FM 1093 as well as providing an extra wide median between the lanes of FM 1093 creating a signature boulevard for our community.

Given that there are already significant traffic issues on West Park Tollway and that there are no plans to add additional lane capacity staff can seem logic in extending lanes into the City Limits. Additionally, the Commissioner hinted that the funds used for studying the extension into Fulshear could be used to aid in adding additional flyovers for other West Park exits aiding in relieving the significant traffic that burdens the road currently.

RECOMMENDATION

Given a lack of additional capacity, the detrimental impact of a restricted access roadway on commercial development and the potential to have resources allocated to diffusing existing traffic problems on the West Park; staff recommends Council act to announce the City's preference that the West Park not enter the City Limits of Fulshear at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-329

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULSHEAR, TEXAS REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF THE WEST PARK TOLLWAY

WHEREAS, the City previously adopted Resolution No. 2013-236 regarding the City's preferred alignment for FM 1093; and

WHEREAS, the City hopes to preserve the broad median and wide Right of Way width; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the extension of the West Park Tollway into the City Limits will provide no benefit to the mobility of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the County has requested the City clarify its position on this matter.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULSHEAR, TEXAS THAT:

The City Council of the City of Fulshear hereby resolves that the extension of the West Park Tollway into the City Limits would detract from the appeal of our City without providing meaningful benefit to the mobility of our citizens.

This Resolution duly passed this <u>15th</u> day of N	November, 2016.	
	Jeff W. Roberts, Mayor	
ATTEST:		
D. Gordon Offord, City Secretary		