

**THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP
AD HOC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2014
MINUTES**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF HARRIS & MONTGOMERY §**

The Ad Hoc Transportation Committee of The Woodlands Township Board of Directors met in regular session, open to the public, on January 20, 2014, posted to begin at 2 p.m. The committee meeting was held in a meeting room at the office of The Woodlands Township Town Hall, 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard, The Woodlands, Texas, within the boundaries of The Woodlands Township.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jeff Long, Mike Bass, with Bruce Tough arriving late

STAFF/ADVISORS: Don Norrell, President/General Manager, John Powers, Assistant General Manager for Community Services, Monique Sharp, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Administration; Chris LaRue, Transit Planner, Miles McKinney, Director of Intergovernmental Relations; Management Analyst Karen Dempsey; Nick Wolda, President of the CVB, Jim Webb, The Goodman Corporation

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Long called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. As there was a quorum of members present, the committee proceeded to conduct business regarding the following matters:

2. Receive, consider and act upon adoption of the meeting agenda:

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to adopt the agenda; second by Chairman Long.

VOTE: **Ayes:** Jeff Long
Mike Bass

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (2-0).

3. Public comment:

There was no comment.

4. Receive, consider and act upon submittal of letters to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) regarding existing roadway widening project on Lake Woodlands Parkway and completion of IH 45 high occupancy vehicle lane from FM 1960 in Harris County to Loop 336 in Montgomery County;

After discussion staff was directed to draft a letter to TxDOT containing stronger, emphatic language urging construction of the IH 45 high occupancy vehicle lane from FM 1960 in Harris County to Loop 336 in Montgomery County while noting the traffic growth and congestion within the community.

Woodlands Parkway expansion would be discussed in executive session.

Agenda Item 5 was taken out of order after executive session.

CLOSED MEETING

6. The Committee recessed to Executive Session at 2:11 p.m. with counsel, staff and/or affected third parties to discuss matters relating to real property, deliberation of economic development negotiations, discuss personnel matters, consult with The Woodlands Township attorney, discuss funding alternatives and potential agreements with other local, state or federal agencies;

7. The Committee reconvened in public session at 3:02 p.m.

5. Receive, consider and act upon staff recommendation for contract for transit consulting services for the 2014 calendar year;

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to recommend to the Township Board of Directors to approve hiring HDR for transit consulting services for the 2014 calendar year; second by Chairman Long.

VOTE: **Ayes:** Jeff Long
Mike Bass

Nays: Bruce Tough

Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed (2-1).

8. Adjourn 3:04 p.m.