

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2011**

Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M. Councilmember Alfred Bryant led the opening devotion.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr., Councilmembers Terry David Lynch, Don Mueller, Bryce D. Kocian, Alfred Bryant, and Jeff Gubbels.

Councilmember absent was: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Anel, City Secretary Paula Favors, Assistant to City Manager Jackie Jansky and City Attorney Paul Webb.

Visitors present were: David Schroeder with Wharton Economic Development Corporation, Rosemary Rust, Rachel Rust, Lloyd Shoppa, and Sherrell Speer.

The second item on the agenda was to administer Oath of Office to Appointed Official, Councilmember Alfred Bryant. City Attorney Paul Webb administered the oath of office to Councilmember Alfred Bryant.

The third item on the agenda was roll call and excused absences. Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr., and all the City Councilmembers were present. No action was taken.

The fourth item on the agenda was public comment. Ms. Rachel Rust addressed the City Council and stated that she was not for, nor against the extension of FM 1301. Ms. Rust added that she wanted to know what the railroad overpass was for and informed the City Council that citizens could only give feedback on projects when they were informed of what was going on.

Mr. Lloyd Shoppa addressed the City Council and stated that he would like the facts analyzed when it comes to the FM 1301 expansion issue. Mr. Shoppa added that alternatives need to be looked at and costs need to be discussed. Mr. Shoppa further stated that the expansion needed to be analyzed to get the best option for Wharton. No action was taken.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider the City Council direction to City Staff regarding the City of Wharton Transportation and Overpass Projects regarding the environmental and overpass studies. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented to the City Council a plan that

would allow the City to move forward with the project. City Manager Garza told the City Council that since the environmental clearance process would take nine to twelve months, it would give the City Council a chance to review all alternatives, also it would allow the City time to seek additional funding for the Highway 59 alternative. City Manager Garza further stated that he recommended the City Council approve having TxDOT pursue the FM 102 and Highway 59 route for environmental clearance since they were to perform that task. After some discussion, Councilmember Jeffery Gubbels moved to approve moving forward with the environmental clearance of both routes by TxDOT for the FM 102 Relocation or the FM 1301 to Highway 59 projects. Councilmember Don Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was adjournment. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to adjourn. Councilmember Alfred Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
Domingo Montalvo, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Paula Favors
City Secretary