

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
CAPITAL PROJECTS WORKSHOP
MAY 20, 2025
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present

Curtis Bergthold, Mayor
Mike Witt, Place 1
Travis Malone, Place 2
Theresa Bledsoe, Place 3
John Skier, Place 4
G.W. Estep, Place 5
Roland Goveas, Place 6

Council absent

Staff present

Candice Edmondson, City Manager
Lindsay Rawlinson, City Secretary
Kimberly Sylvester, Assistant City Manager/Police Chief
Russell Shelley, Fire Chief
JP Ducay, Director of Planning and Development Services
Kip Dernovich, Director of Public Works and Capital Projects
Eric Valdez, Director of Parks and Recreation
Chantele Hancock, Library Director

CITY COUNCIL CAPITAL PROJECTS WORKSHOP– 5:00 P.M.

1. Call to order

Mayor Bergthold called the Workshop to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Discussion: FY 2025 Capital Projects Update

Fire Chief Russell Shelley provided a brief overview of projects completed in the last year including the renovation of the City Council Chambers, replacing HVAC units at several City facilities, renovation of the Old Fire Admin Office creating several new offices, and the creation of the Mayor Office and Council Conference Room.

He advised of several in progress projects including the renovation of the City Hall Lobby and City Hall restrooms.

Director of Parks and Recreation Eric Valdez provided a brief overview of in-progress Parks projects including Kate Baker Park and Rosebud Park as well as the water feature and gym floor at The Link.

City Manager Candice Edmondson discussed proposed projects that the City Council has previously discussed including the Police Department Rooftop Mechanical Screening

installation, the Hike & Bike Trailhead and Connection Design, and updating Monument signs at the City's entry points. She advised that the City is anticipating lower revenues in the next budget year and requested feedback from the Council regarding these projects.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed projects with the consensus being that the roof screening project and the Hike & Bike Trailhead project could be put on hold until revenue projections show an upward trend. The Council agreed that the proposed monument sign project should move forward.

Mayor Bergthold introduced newly elected and sworn-in Councilmember Mike Witt.

3. Discussion: Glenview Drive Improvements

City Manager Candice Edmondson provided a history of the entire Glenview Drive Improvements project stating that on March 22, 2021, the City Council approved Resolution No. 536-21, requesting that Tarrant County include "Reconstruction of Glenview Drive from east city limit with Hurst to Boulevard 26 to include pavement reconstruction, new curb and gutter, drainage improvements and new signalization" as part of the 2021 Transportation Bond Program. As a condition of the City's participation in the Transportation Bond Program, the City Council agreed that funds have been designated for the 50 percent local funding match required from Richland Hills in order to fund the Glenview Drive project. The City Council further confirmed that construction can begin on this project within five years from the date the Transportation Bond Program is approved by the voters. The Transportation Bond Program was approved by Tarrant County voters on November 3, 2021, which provides a \$5.32 million match to improve Glenview Drive and the surrounding infrastructure.

On May 13, 2024, the City Council approved an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County as part of the Glenview Drive reconstruction and provided an updated reimbursement match in the amount of \$5,821,025 to include funding from the 2021 Transportation Bond Program and the 2006 Transportation Bond Program.

On November 11, 2024, the City Council approved a professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for preliminary engineering and planning services for the Glenview Drive project. The agreement included completion of a traffic impact study, preparation of conceptual layout options, and feasibility and cost estimates for reconstructing the roadway to meet the City's long-term goals for the corridor.

City Manager Candice Edmondson introduced Engineer Misty Christian, Project Manager with Kimley-Horn. Ms. Christian introduced Deputy Project Manager Trenton Tidwell and Transportation Planner Jeff Whitacre. Ms. Christian provided an overview of Glenview Drive Project and advised that Kimley-Horn was tasked with several items including a traffic analysis, receiving public input, deciding on a roadway type, and providing a conceptual layout.

The goal of this agenda item is to allow the Council to make a final decision regarding moving forward with either a 3-lane reconstruction option, a 4-lane reconstruction option or mill and overlay, or to not move forward with the project at all.

Ms. Christian provided probable construction costs and stated that a three-lane option with sidewalks is estimated to cost approximately \$12,900,000, a four-lane option with sidewalks is estimated to cost approximately \$13,400,000, and a mill and overlay option is estimated to cost approximately \$5,000,000. These proposed costs do not include obtaining rights of way, franchise utility relocation costs, special aesthetics, hard scaping, amenities, or major drainage crossing at creek.

Discussion ensued regarding hiring an urban planner for the corridor and creating a cohesive vision, taking into account traffic considerations.

Although they noted an overall reduction in traffic between 2009 and 2024, the proposed analysis evaluation assumed a two percent growth in traffic which will reflect a redeveloped corridor (20-year planning horizon), a three-lane roadway in the segment between SH 26 to Booth Calloway Road, and a four-lane roadway in the segment between Booth Calloway Road to IH 820. The consultants confirmed that travel times between the three and four-lane options is estimated to be about a one-minute difference.

As a summary of the analysis, Ms. Christian advised that the consultants removed a two-lane option as a consideration due to a raised median and reduction in capacity, a final decision on type of roadway needs to consider the existing and future redevelopment of the corridor, a three-lane option seemed to address priorities for the corridor (safety, redevelopment), and a four-lane option provided more capacity for traffic but limited opportunities in parkway for sidewalks and streetlights without the need to acquire additional rights of way.

Additionally, she provided a feasibility comparison between a paving surface restoration project and a full reconstruction of the corridor and advised that, according to records found, utilities were originally installed in the 1980's, and the road was last rehabilitated in the 1990s. Pavement life for asphalt is generally approximately 20 years and concrete pavement life is generally approximately 30 years. Due to the aging infrastructure, it is recommended to reconstruct the below ground utilities with a roadway reconstruction – especially if the choice is made to utilize concrete in reconstruction.

Discussion ensued regarding infrastructure needs and partnering with the City of North Richland Hills to clearly define city limits as well as flooding issues along Calloway Creek.

Director of Planning and Development Services JP Ducay introduced Scott Baumbach with Oncor Electric and discussed issues related to moving or burying utility poles.

Mr. Baumbach addressed questions related to the age of the utility poles along the Glenview Corridor and the height of poles versus burying utilities.

Further discussion ensued regarding the cost of the mill and overlay option and the costs of a full reconstruction for either a 3-lane or 4-lane option.

Following discussion, Ms. Edmondson clarified that the consensus of the Council was to move forward with a full reconstruction of Glenview Drive from Booth Calloway Road to Boulevard 26 as a 4-lane road utilizing concrete pavement, no Calloway Creek culvert replacement or modification, no underground utilities, and no enhanced sidewalks or pedestrian crossings.

For: Mayor Bergthold, Councilmembers Witt, Skier, and Bledsoe

Against: Councilmembers Malone, Estep, and Goveas

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Bergthold declared the meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lindsay Rawlinson, City Secretary

Curtis Bergthold, Mayor