

Clark Bass Conference Room  
EOSC McAlester Campus  
March 10, 2010

The McAlester City Council met in Special session on Thursday, March 10, 2010, at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, March 8, 2010, at 4:44 P.M.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Priddle called the meeting to order.

## **ROLL CALL**

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Chris Fiedler, Steve Harrison, John Browne, Robert Karr, Buddy Garvin & Mayor Priddle  
Absent: Louis Smitherman  
Presiding: Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

Staff Present: Pete Stasiak, Acting City Manager; Gayla Duke, Chief Financial Officer; John Modzelewski, City Engineer/Public Works Director and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

## **SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

### **1. Presentation and Discussion, Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), US 69 Bypass Interchange Project.**

Councilman Fiedler moved to open the presentation and discussion with ODOT concerning the US 69 Bypass Interchange Project. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Browne.

Mayor Priddle introduced ODOT representative Calvin Carney. Mr. Carney introduced three (3) other representatives from ODOT. Mr. Carney then began explaining the area of the bypass that would be affected with this highway project. He commented that the Comanche interchange was the worst in this area of the State. He explained that this phase of the highway project would impact Peaceable Road north to the railroad just north of Wyandotte Ave. He stated that the intent of the State was to provide a safe roadway through town with a short distance to turn around to get to the businesses. He added that the highway would be converted to controlled access for approximately twelve (12) miles, the road would be lowered approximately twenty five (25) feet with retaining walls and the frontage roads would be left at the current level.

Councilman Karr asked to be excused at 6:00 P.M. Councilman Smitherman arrived at the same time.

There was discussion among the Council and the representatives from ODOT concerning drawings of what the finished highway would look like, how this construction and change in the highway setup would affect the City's sales tax, how the frontage roads would be constructed, if there had been an impact study done on the inconvenience during the construction, where the construction material would come from, if the stop lights would be permanently removed, the actual time frame to move the utilities, and if the finished roadway would be lighted.

The representatives from ODOT addressed the Council's concerns explaining that at this time there was no rendering of the finished highway, impact studies had been done, the frontage roads would be moved closer to the highway, the purchase of the construction materials would be up to the company that gets the project, and there was no provision for replacement of lighting in the current plans

After the Council member's questions were addressed the representatives from ODOT took questions from the citizens in the audience. Many of those questions mirrored the concerns of the Council.

Mayor Priddle thanked the ODOT representatives for their time and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. He added that the ODOT representative would be in the room for some time to review the plans individually with the Council members and citizens that wished to stay.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, Vice-Mayor Browne moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fiedler. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Harrison, Browne, Karr, Garvin, Smitherman, Fiedler & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

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Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cora Middleton, City Clerk