

## MINUTES

The **Rogers Planning Commission** met for a *Public Hearing* on the Master Street Plan in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman Building on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim White.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioners James Gosserand, Susan Mills, Ron Shelby, Don Spann, and Jim White. Absent were Chad Campbell, Mark Myers, Mike Shupe and David Thrasher.

### OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Director of Planning and Transportation Steve Glass, City Planner Derrel Smith, Project Manager Lance Jobe, Administrative Assistant Donna Johnston, Council Members Larry Daniel and Bob Goodwin, and State Highway Commissioner Dick Trammel.

City Planner Smith said the main change to this Master Street Plan is the addition of a proposed corridor from New Hope Road to Highway 102 in the vicinity of 1<sup>st</sup> and D Streets. Smith said what is shown is not an exact route, but an area where we would like to see this arterial built. Smith said other than that change, the Master Street Plan is the same plan presented in November 2009. Smith reminded the Commissioners the November plan added the extension of Oak Street and made some changes from minor arterials to major arterials.

Commissioner Spann asked what the proposed right of way would be on this new corridor. Smith said we are looking at 100' with possibly 120' or more at the intersections. Smith said it would be a five-lane or divided four-lane road.

Commissioner Shelby asked if this goes into the Lowell City limits. Smith said yes. They have worked with Lowell to make sure this will line up.

Spann asked if there was an estimated time schedule or budget. Smith said no. An eastern corridor has always been considered by Regional Planning. The original corridor was shown to be closer to the lake, but with the terrain, this is not feasible. Smith said Regional

Planning did a traffic study on this corridor and they feel 20,000 to 30,000 cars a day would use this route. Smith said taking that many cars off Hwy 71-B and I-540 would be a big help and probably extend the life of I-540 by several years.

Bob Crafton, 707 North “E” Street, stated the citizens on the eastern side of Rogers have been looking forward at some point in time to having an eastern bypass which will help the people in the lake area and this part of town. Crafton commended Staff and the Commission for putting this corridor on the Master Street Plan.

Dick Trammel, 9954 South View Drive, said he would like to compliment City Planner Smith and the City for the vision of an eastern corridor. Trammel stated this is the most efficient, effective, economical, and fastest way to have a new corridor from Hwy 16 in Fayetteville to Hwy 62 in Avoca. Trammel said he has requested a study by the Arkansas Highway Commission on this tract and has also met with the Mayor of Lowell and Regional Planning concerning this corridor. Trammel said this has his support and, as a Highway Commissioner, this is a priority to him. Trammel said this will be a regional project that will help every City along this route. Trammel said he would like to go on record as a citizen and Highway Commissioner supporting this corridor.

There was no opposition to the Master Street Plan.

The Public Hearing was declared closed.

**APPROVED.**

Motion by Shelby, second by Gosserand to recommend the Master Street Plan with the addition of the eastern corridor from New Hope Road to Hwy 102 to City Council for approval. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous.  
**Motion carried.**

Chairman White thanked City Planner Smith and Planning and Transportation Director Glass for their work in getting the Master Street Plan ready for City Council approval.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

**ATTEST**

**APPROVED**

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Susan Mills, Secretary

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Jim White, Chairman