

ITEM NO. 2 ANNEXATION OF 25.81 ACRES; SE OF MARY'S LAKE BETWEEN HASKELL AVE & O'CONNELL RD (SMS)

A-13-00296: Consider annexation of approximately 25.81 acres located southeast of Mary's Lake between Haskell Avenue and O'Connell Road for the construction of the extension of E 31st Street to tie into N 1300 Road east of the E 1600 Road/O'Connell Road intersection. The property owner of record is the Kansas Secretary of Transportation. *Initiated by City Commission on 8/6/13.*

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Amy Miller presented the item.

Mr. Chuck Soules, Public Works Director, said an earmark was received in 2006 for about \$800,000 to begin and design right-of-way acquisition for 31st Street, between Haskell Ave and O'Connell Road. He said it had taken this long because there wasn't construction funding until 2009 when KDOT announced they would build the SLT. He stated with the construction of the SLT the intersection of 31st and Haskell would become an interchange and the intersection would move to service the business park. He said in order to do that they were building a third of the way between Haskell Ave and O'Connell Road, which allowed the opportunity for the City to partner with KDOT. He said the project was tied to the SLT bid that would occur September 18th. He said the City would have to reimburse KDOT for the right-of-way acquired on the City's behalf. He said the City would pay for the construction from the Harrison Family Farms back to 31st Street. He stated the City entered into agreements with KDOT to provide funding but in order to do that the property had to be within the city limits which is why the annexation was requested.

Commissioner Jossierand inquired about the reconfiguration of 31st Street.

Mr. Soules said 31st Street would essentially remain in the same area as it was currently, to the northern part of the industrial park, but then would swing way to the south to follow the contours of the ground. He showed a visual aid on the overhead. He said in 2006 there was a large committee of different stakeholders that met for a year and went through the process of coming up with the alignment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Vickie Burggraf said she owns property at the corner of E 1600 Rd and N 1300 Rd. She said the corner with her house on it was acquired by KDOT, but that she still owns 1 acre (she pointed out her property on the overhead). She said she was told by KDOT that she would still be allowed access to her out buildings although now the access points would be within the city limits. She also wondered if traffic would go down N 1300 Rd or routed north and south.

Mr. Soules said they were only annexing what KDOT would acquire and that Ms. Burggraf would still have access. He said he was not sure where people would travel to and that the roundabout would function just like any intersection.

Mr. McCullough said it would be like any other urbanized road.

Ms. Karen Heeb said she was on the steering committee for the extension of N 1300 Road. She said at that time they talked about traffic coming down 31st Street with the goal of shooting traffic toward K-10 and that 31st Street extended would become a frontage road past O'Connell. She expressed concern about heavy traffic on N 1300 Road.

Mr. McCullough said that was the ultimate design for it and the presumption was that once improved to a light to the north that the behavior of traffic would take that as a more convenient efficient route.

Commissioner Liese asked if the annexation would be forwarded to the County Commission.

Mr. McCullough said it was not an island annexation so the County Commission would not see it. He said annexations over 10 acres are be sent to City Commission.

Ms. Bernice Vervynck said the 31st Street extension would not be built at the same time therefore traffic will be thrown onto N 1300 Road.

Mr. McCullough said yes, it could. He said the light would be a controlled access point that motorists would choose to take because it would be the easiest route.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Liese thanked the public members for attending the meeting.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Josserand, seconded by Commissioner Liese, to approve the requested annexation, A-13-00296, of approximately 25.81 acres located southeast of Mary's Lake between Haskell Avenue and O'Connell Road based on the findings in the body of the staff report and forwarding the request to the City Commission with a recommendation for approval.

Unanimously approved 9-0.