

AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY – AGENDA ITEM #10

ITEM TITLE

Consider and take appropriate action on appointment of City representative to the MPO Policy Committee

INITIATOR/STAFF INFORMATION SOURCE

Randy Criswell, City Manager

BACKGROUND

Wolfforth is a member of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization, which is an entity that studies and addresses transportation-based issues within the MPO boundaries. It is a federally mandated organization developed to coordinate the highway, transit, and land use planning process to receive federal funds for highway and transit improvements. The Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) consists of two functional components. The first is the MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the second is the MPO Policy Committee. The Bylaws state that the City Manager of Wolfforth sits on the TAC, and the Mayor of Wolfforth sits on the Policy Committee. Mayor Addington has requested an amendment to the MPO Bylaws that would allow you, the Wolfforth City Council to select a representative from among yourselves.

That Bylaw amendment has been through the TAC process and is recommended for approval at the upcoming Policy Committee meeting to be held on December 19. If the Policy Committee approves the amendment, Wolfforth will need our representative ready to serve for the January 16th Policy Committee Meeting, if possible. The meetings are typically on the third Tuesday of the month at 8:30 am, Lubbock City Council chambers.

The other members of the Policy Committee are Curtis Parish (Lubbock County Judge), Jarrett Atkinson (Lubbock City Manager), Sheila Patterson Harris (Lubbock City Council), Dr. Jennifer Wilson (Lubbock City Council), Steve Massengale (Lubbock City Council), Terence Kovar (Lubbock County Commissioner), Steve Warren (TxDOT District Engineer), and Chris Mandrell (GM Citibus).

EXHIBITS

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Council discretion