

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 25, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Leeds Civic Center Meeting Room, 1000 Park Drive, Leeds, Alabama 35094.

1. CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER: The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM with Kenneth Washington, Eric Turner, Johnny Dutton, Craig Wadsworth present and with Devoris Roscha Ragland absent.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Brief Description of Public Hearing:

Discuss the City's Application for Transportation Alternative Program "TAP" funds regarding a project to alleviate the drainage matter on Highway 119 from Parkway Drive to Third Avenue.

b) Presentation by Project Engineer: Keith Strickland, P.E. from Goodwyn Mills and Cawood, Inc. gave a presentation to the Council and audience regarding the proposed project.

Strickland spoke about the TAP program.

Strickland spoke about the program as being typically associated with improvements for pedestrian and vehicular traffic around Schools.

Strickland spoke about the ability to make adjustments to the proposed project's defined map after tonight's hearing but the information must be processed before application submittal which is due Friday, June 28, 2013 and minor "scope of work" could be modified once the project start if something was unforeseen during the design/planning/implementation of the project.

Strickland informed council that the design engineering portion of the project is at the expense of the City.

Councilmember Turner asked what the design cost would be with Strickland answering typically 8% of the cost of the project.

The Mayor spoke about the need for the drainage as there are no Storm Water Drainage Inlets along this section of the roadway.

Councilmember Turner asked if this will help with traffic flow with Strickland answering no.

Councilmember Wadsworth spoke about the possible need to expand the sidewalk rehabilitation to the business district. Mayor's response was this is what the city could afford at this time and to work it with the schools as is the intention of the TAP funds.

Strickland spoke regarding budgeting for the City indicating that he expects notification to the City of receipt of the grant sometime in the fall. With that time line the City should expect to plan fiscal year 2014 for engineering and fiscal year 2015 budget for construction which would be the 20 percent match.

Councilmember Washington spoke about lighting in the area, Strickland spoke about installing fixtures that are geared to low level lighting for pedestrians.

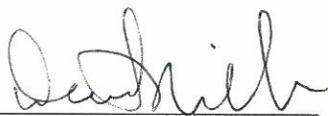
Councilmember Washington spoke about if the area defined in the current map boundary could be expanded to encompass the proposed new City Hall block area.

There was consensus to expand the map to encompass the additional city blocks.

c) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. G W Clayton, the District 5 Neighborhood Association President was present and indicated that the proposed project is good and will enhance the area.

With no other comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:20PM



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, Acting City Clerk