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Districts 8 and 2 Main Street Expansion Project Meeting
Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr. and Council Member Mike Gay
1:30 p.m. – May 17, 2024 | Don Davis Room

Minutes

Attendees: Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr.(D8), Council Member Mike Gay (D2), Jim Knight – FDOT, Karen Nasrallah, Nina Sickler, Ed Randolph, Bethany Bryan, Roshanda Shine and others

Convened: 1:30 p.m.

Welcome and thanks were given by CM Gaffney Jr.

The Main Street Expansion Project was discussed. Per Karen Nasrallah the Main Street project funding was broken down over a 3-year period.

The Office of Economic Development, Districts 8 and 2 explained how they all are receiving a ton of calls from constituents inquiring when this project will start and be completed.

FDOT stated job is broken into two (2) projects. Total costs increased from 45million (\$23m City, \$22m DOT and TPO) to \$95million within 5 years. FDOT stated they are struggling to pay. Parts of the project are funded and will start construction FY 26/27. FDOT stated they need additional funding for the second portion of the project in the amount of \$25m-\$32m.

Councilman Gaffney Jr. discussed the increasing growth in District 8 and 2 and requested that this project be made a FDOT priority.

Councilman Gay stated that the City funded this project back in 21, and the FDOT delayed the start of this project, and any cost increase are due to FDOT's delay and the responsibility of cost increase should be FDOT.

FDOT disagreed and explained.

There were no public comments.

The meeting concluded with all parties agreeing to continue identifying ways to move forward with the start of this project.

Meeting adjourned: 2:09 p.m.



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