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AURORA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

Community Center, Church Street
Thursday, November 7, 2013, at 6:00 pm

Mayor Linda Barton
Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez
Councilwoman Lisa Rentfro
Councilwoman Doris Colwell
Councilwoman Rosemary Henderson
All council members were noted present except Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez

Dan Salisbury, Assistant District Engineer, Kristi Bachman, Transportation Project Manager, and Shay Weimer from the MoDOT Design Department presented information on an overpass project for Hwy 39.

MoDot had previously met with the concerned railroads and laid out their plans and drawings and no problems arose during their conversation on the proposed project.

Estimated Cost of the Project:

Phase I	\$3,000,000	Highway 39 Overpass
Phase II	\$3,000,000	High Street Overpass

The entire project would be no cost to the city provided the city is agreeable to closing McNatt and Morgan Streets. A Quiet Zone would be placed on K Hwy crossing. There would be a lag of a couple years between construction of Phase I and II.

Questions arose on why close McNatt and Morgan Streets? It was explained that the road closings were the incentive the railroad needed to put money into the project. Eliminating road crossings improves safety for the railways. The only thing that could change street closings would be if the city wanted to put money into the project.

Mr. Salisbury stated once a consensus has been reached and the city has submitted a supporting ordinance to go ahead with the project preliminary engineering would be done and another public meeting would be held to review the drawings.

The project would likely take place in 2017. It would take approximately a year to complete the overpass. Property would have to be acquired and if an agreement could not be negotiated it would have to go through the court system.

The floor was opened to questions. Comments were made both positively and negatively. The consensus of most of the citizens attending the meeting was to move forward with the project.

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The City was asked to forward a supporting ordinance so MoDOT can start their engineering work on the project. Mr. Salisbury thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

Kathie Needham, City Clerk
Linda Barton, Mayor

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