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Mark Maloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, past city council member of the city of Jersey Village, Texas citizen's comments for the 06/19/2017 city council meeting. Please make my comments and documents given to the city secretary a permanent record of this meeting.

I am here tonight to talk about the reoccurring flooding issue that has plagued the Jersey Village property owners since the late 1990's. The flooding issue for Jersey Village was previously addressed in 1976. The Harris County Flood Control district (HCFCD) performed an evaluation of what would need to be done to the White Oak bayou main channel section through the city of Jersey village which was to increase the (HCFCD) easement from the then 150 feet width to 200 feet. The then mayor of Jersey Village Lonnie E. Crawford wrote a letter in response to this recommendation and requested that the (HCFCD) easement remain at the 150 feet width which is what happened because he felt the 50 feet increase would decrease the size of already platted land to the extent many lots would not be used. I am providing the city at this meeting with a copy of this letter. My question to the repetitively flooding property owners is do you think this was a good decision?

The current Jersey Village city government is now dealing with the flooding problem again which they most likely would not be doing if not for the April 18 2016 Jersey Village flood event which severely damaged an estimated 250 homes. The city has hired an engineering firm for an estimated \$650,000.00 dollars to do a study to determine what needs to be done to stop or reduce the reoccurring flooding of JV home owners. This engineering firm is now being investigated by the Federal Bureau of investigation (FBI) in another area of Texas and had records confiscated from their offices in several locations in other areas of Texas. At least one of the Texas ~~States~~ <sup>Countries</sup> that was doing business with this firm has ceased its business activities with this firm because of the ongoing investigation.

The citizens of Jersey Village deserve an honest unbiased outcome to what projects will really solve the flooding problem and not what the current city government and their newly hired city manager and some of the city staff are pitching that I feel are similar to the previous 1976 mayor's decisions and you know the predicament that's left us in.

I believe there are many citizens that don't know that the city of JV has an estimated 700 acres of extraterritorial jurisdiction on the South side of US290 along both sides of the Jones Rd extension and the city government has plans to incorporate that area into the city in the future. Most of that land area if not all plus other land areas not in the city's (ETJ) drains its storm water through the current original North of US290 side area of JV. I have documented and proposed positive repurposing of the golf course land area into a very effective storm water detention basin that can be designed into low maintenance park space similar to the already existing 43 acre detention basin for all the JV citizens to utilize and enjoy. This detention basin if developed like the current basin can detain an estimated 290 million gallons of storm water which would prevent it from flooding the homes that have now flooded 3 and 4 times. The golf course is not a fair use of the taxpayers money. The taxpayers are paying all of the golf courses debit service payments which will be per the city's documents \$12,793,114.00 dollars. The golf courses 2015-2016 most current fund balance since originally purchased by the city is a negative deficit of \$3,639,235.00 per city documents and I believe the taxpayers are paying all of this. At this council meeting the city government is considering spending another large amount of city revenue on the taxpayer funded money losing golf course. I believe the city uses various accounting methods to allow them to spend a lot of other city revenue on the golf course that is not counted as an expense to the golf course. An example of this is regular agenda item 9 dealing with the city's Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax Fund Revenue.

# CITY of JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS

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May 25, 1976

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Gentlemen:

We have reviewed the Interim Report on Upper White Oak Bayou, Feasibility Report for Flood Damage Prevention. The City of Jersey Village supports implementation of this plan with its considerable benefits to residents and businesses in this area. We do, however, have suggestions on a few aspects of the proposed project as follows:

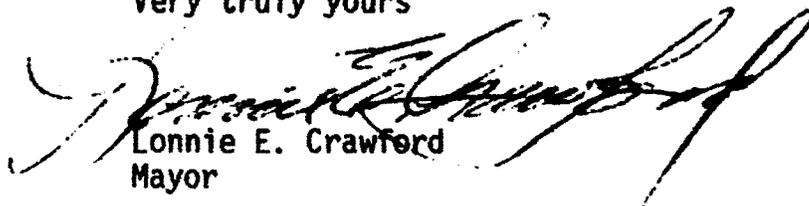
1. Our overall plan for Senate Avenue (referred to as the proposed West Outer Belt Freeway in Appendix 1, page D-7, paragraph 22), and Equador Street have included bridges over White Oak Bayou. Please include these bridges in this project as perhaps part of the contingent costs in Table F-1, Appendix 1, page F-5. The City of Jersey Village has gone on record as officially opposing the routing of the West Outer Belt Freeway in favor of other proposed routings around Jersey Village which would give fewer environmental and economic problems to the public.

2. The extent of hike and bike trails within the Jersey Village city park as depicted on plat E-9 is no longer practical considering recent and planned construction in the area. The new swimming pool, parking lot, and existing ball field have already greatly reduced the available area in this small park. This park is also the primary area for location of a future civic center building. We, therefore, feel that the hike and bike trail should end at mile 18.2.

3. From the junction of the South Fork of White Oak Bayou and Upper White Oak Bayou to mile 19.9 we request that the right of way be restricted to the 150 feet already acquired. This would prevent the reduction of lot sizes on already platted land to the extent that many lots would not be used.

On behalf of the City of Jersey Village I would like to compliment the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the excellent study you have performed and thank you for a job well done. We believe that the plan you have selected will provide the flood damage protection we need and we sincerely hope that the selected plan will be approved and implemented expeditiously.

Very truly yours



Lonnie E. Crawford  
Mayor

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## Commissioners: No Longer Doing Business with Dannenbaum Engineering

*Posted: May 02, 2017 4:11 PM CST  
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MCALLEN – Hidalgo County commissioners said they will no longer do business with Dannenbaum Engineering on the proposed new county courthouse.

The court approved that position Tuesday afternoon citing what happened last week when the FBI raided several officers of the engineering firm.

The county will now start working with Jacobs Project Management on the construction of the new courthouse.

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