

**CITY OF LAKE WORTH**  
**Minutes for**  
**City Council**  
**Budget Workshop/Special Meeting**  
**Saturday, August 16, 2008**  
**3805 Adam Grubb • Lake Worth, Texas**  
**8:00 AM ~ City Hall Conference Room**

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Walter Bowen called the City Council Budget Workshop Meeting to order at 8:27 a.m.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**

Clint Narmore gave invocation and attendees recited the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Roll Call.**

Members present were Mayor Walter Bowen, Myrt Fowlkes, Dona Stuard, Pat O. Hill, and Clint Narmore. Geoffrey White arrived at 10:35 a.m. and Eugene Brooks arrived at 10:40 a.m. Perry Lunsford was absent.

Staff present were Vicki Mikel, Acting City Manager/Director of Finance; Linda Rhodes, City Secretary; Brett McGuire, Police Chief; Debbie Whitley, Senior Accountant; Mark Cone, Fire Chief; Mark Ramsey, IT Manager; Jami Woodall, EDC Coordinator; Jamye Sexton, Director of Public Works; Sean Densmore, Public Works Superintendent; Natacha Schwarz, Municipal Court Coordinator; Danielle Hackbusch, HR/Risk Management; Cheryl Vess, Community Activities Director; and Lara Strother, Library Director.

*Mayor Walter Bowen closed the open session of the meeting and opened the Executive Session at 8:28 a.m.*

**4. Executive Session:**

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to convene in executive session as necessary during this meeting to discuss the following:

**a. Pursuant to Section 551.072- Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.**

- 1. Property at 3708 Merrett Drive, offered by property owner Phillip B. Wallis.**

Mayor Walter Bowen closed the Executive Session and re-opened the regular session of the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

**5. Reconvene into Regular Session.**

- a. Take any action necessary pursuant to Executive Session Item(s) as listed above.

Pat O. Hill made a motion, seconded by Myrt Fowlkes, to decline the offer discussed in Executive Session pertaining to the property at 3708 Merrett Drive and authorize Vicki Mikel to send a letter stating such to the property owner, Phillip B. Wallis. Motion passed with all that were present voting in favor and none opposed.

**6. Discussion/Action Items:**

- a. **Workshop for proposed budget for fiscal year 2008/2009.**

Larry Thompson was present to explain the request of \$29,478 from Hotel-Motel Tax Revenue by the Northwest Tarrant Chamber of Commerce; an increase of \$3,476 from last year. The funds requested will be used to directly enhance and promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry in the City of Lake Worth. The increase is due to a proposed booklet, called Lake Worth Magazine, to be used to promote Lake Worth. He explained that the recent Lake Worth Shop Fest again had very good business response; most felt like it was very worthwhile. Council consensus was to include the requested increase in the budget.

City Council and staff went over each department's budget. This was a workshop only; no action needed.

**7. Adjourn.**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Bowen closed the Budget Workshop/Special Meeting at 1:58 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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 Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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 Linda Rhodes, TRMC/CMC  
 City Secretary