

CITY OF LAKE WORTH
Minutes for
City Council
Workshop/Special Meeting
Tuesday, July 22, 2008
3805 Adam Grubb • Lake Worth, Texas
6:45 PM ~ City Hall Conference Room

1. Call to Order Workshop/Special Meeting.

Mayor Walter Bowen called the City Council Workshop/Special Meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Geoffrey White gave invocation and attendees recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call.

Members present were Mayor Walter Bowen, Myrt Fowlkes, Perry Lunsford, Dona Stuard, Pat O. Hill, Geoffrey White, and Clint Narmore. Eugene Brooks was absent.

Staff present were Joey Highfill, City Manager; Vicki Mikel, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance; Linda Rhodes, City Secretary; Brett McGuire, Police Chief; Jamye Sexton, Public Works Director; Mark Cone, Fire Chief; Mark Ramsey, IT Manager; and Danielle Hackbusch, HR/Risk Management. City Attorney Cara White was present.

4. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. **Resolution #881-Approval of Standing Steering Committee Participation Agreement to work collectively in a coalition of other cities to assure electric rates charged by Oncor Electric Delivery Company are just and reasonable.**

Joey Highfill explained that this steering committee is similar to the ACSC (Atmos Cities' Steering Committee) that the city is a part of to help assure rates charged are just and reasonable. The ACSC is for gas rates and this Standing Steering Committee is for electric rates. The initial participation cost is 10 cents per capita, which is \$485.00, based on TML's population estimate for the city.

Clint Narmore made a motion, seconded by Dona Stuard, to approve Resolution #881 for the Standing Steering Committee participation regarding Oncor Electric rates. Motion passed with all present voting in favor and none opposed.

b. Resolution #882-Approval of a 90-day Suspension of the Effective Date for Oncor Electric Delivery Company's Proposed Rate Change.

Joey Highfill explained that Oncor Electric has filed for a rate increase. The increase will take effect on August 8, 2008 unless action is taken to suspend the effective date for 90 days. Cara White stated that the suspension would allow time for review and final action of the rates.

Myrt Fowlkes made a motion, seconded by Geoffrey White, to approve Resolution #882, to suspend the effective date 90 days for Oncor Electric's proposed rate change. Motion passed with all present voting in favor and none opposed.

c. Discussion/Action regarding Financial Services Agreement with Consolidated Financial Resources.

Ken Joyce and Tom Shirey, representatives of Consolidated Financial Resources Advisors, presented to Council two financing options for the proposed city facility projects, which is a three to five year project. Option 1, for about \$10 million, finances only the new debt and option 2, for about \$12 million, includes old debt. Consolidated Financial recommends option 1. Myrt Fowlkes inquired what their fee is; Mr. Shirey indicated it was 1% of the amount financed. She also asked if approving the financing would result in having to raise taxes. Vicki Mikel stated it would not for this year. Proposed projects include a new Senior Citizens Center, Library/Activities Center, Animal Control Facility, remodel of the existing Council Chambers/Library, Comanche Creek Drainage, and Telephone Road Drainage.

Should Council approve this agreement, a Notice of Intent to Proceed and Reimbursement Resolution would need to be on the August Council agenda. Mr. Shirey said, if approved, the funding would begin 60 days from the August agenda.

Perry Lunsford made a motion, seconded by Geoffrey White, to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Consolidated Financial Advisors for funding of the proposed City facilities under option 1 in the amount of \$10 million for the new debt only. Motion passed with all present voting in favor and none opposed.

5. Workshop on Proposed City Charter Amendments and Discussion/Action regarding whether to Call a Special Election in November for Proposed City Charter Amendments.

Cara White went over the proposed charter amendments. One of the suggested amendments was whether to include a section addressing Council member absenteeism from meetings. Council discussed different wording and decided that a Council member should forfeit office if the member fails to attend three (3) consecutive regular scheduled meetings unless the absence is caused by illness or by the illness of a family member, or fails to maintain a seventy-five (75) percent attendance record for each elected year (including all scheduled budget and special meetings) unless the absence is caused by illness or by the illness of a family member, whereupon the Council must declare a vacancy at its next regular meeting and shall fill the vacancy as set forth in the Charter.

There were other incidental changes to the Charter such as gender, grammatical, typographical, and clarification changes. Council consensus was to go ahead and have a charter amendment election in November. There was no action on this agenda item; the Mayor directed staff to put on the August Council agenda to call for a Special Election in November 2008 for Charter Amendments.

Mayor Bowen closed the open session of the Council meeting and opened the Executive Session of the meeting at 7:52 p.m. pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meeting Act to discuss the deliberation, appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

6. 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 551.071-Consultation with attorney with regard to any item posted on the agenda or pending or contemplated litigation.

b. Pursuant to Section 551.074-The deliberation, appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

1. City Manager Contract.

Mayor Bowen closed the Executive Session of the meeting and reconvened into open, regular session at 9:51 p.m.

7. Reconvene into Regular Session.

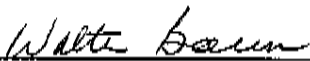
a. Take any action necessary pursuant to Executive Session Items as listed above.

Clint Narmore made a motion, seconded by Geoffrey White, to take no action regarding the City Manager Contract at this time and to revisit the contract in 90 days. Motion passed with all present voting in favor and none opposed.

8. Adjourn.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Bowen closed the Workshop/Special Meeting at 9:52 P.M.

APPROVED:



 Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Linda Rhodes, TRMC/CMC
 City Secretary