

CITY OF LAKE WORTH
Minutes for
City Council Public Hearing/Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2010
3801 Adam Grubb • Lake Worth, Texas
6:30 P.M. – Council Chambers

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Walter Bowen called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Locke introduced Jeff Hunter with Fellowship of Lake Worth Church, whom gave invocation. Attendees recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call.

Council members present were Mayor Walter Bowen, Curtis McKay, Myrt Fowlkes, Perry Lunsford, Dona Stuard, Pat O. Hill, Geoffrey White, and Clint Narmore.

Staff present were Brett McGuire, City Manager; Ken West, Assistant City Manager; Linda Rhodes, City Secretary; Dave Tatsak, Police Chief; Mark Cone, Fire Chief; Jami Woodall, EDC Coordinator; Suzanne Meason, Planning and Zoning Coordinator; Jamye Sexton, Public Works Director; Debbie Whitley, Director of Finance; Barry Barber, Building Official; Kim Davis, Permit Clerk; Danielle Hackbusch, HR/Risk Management; Lara Strother, Library Director; and Cheryl Vess, Community Activities Director. City Attorney Wayne Olson and City Engineer Aaron Rader were present.

4. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approval of minutes for the City Council Regular meeting on January 12, 2010.**
- b. **Approval of Finance Reports for the month of January 2010.**
- c. **Resolution #917- Calling/Ordering the May 8, 2010 General Election, Approving to joint contract with the Tarrant County Elections Administration to Administer the Election, and authorizing other election provisions as necessary.**
- d. **Annual Racial Profiling Report.**

Perry Lunsford made a motion, seconded by Geoffrey White, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

5. Presentations:

- a. **Proclamations/Awards/Presentations.**
- b. **Citizen/Visitor Comments.**

Jeff Hunter, Fellowship of Lake Worth Church at 4024 Dakota Trail, invited Council to a Northwest Tarrant County Voter Forum that will be held at the

church on February 15, 2010. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the forum will begin at 7:00 pm.

6. Public Hearing/Action Items.

Mayor Bowen opened the Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m. and closed the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m.

a. Public Hearing/Action to receive citizen comments regarding the 36th Year Tarrant County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project for replacement of the sanitary sewer line along Foster Drive from Lakewood Drive to Dakota Trail.

Aaron Rader explained that the 36th year CDBG project was for replacement of the sewer line along Foster Drive from Lakewood Drive to Dakota Trail. Bryan Burns, reporter with the Grizzly Detail, asked what the cost of the project was going to be, when it would start, and what effects will it have on citizens (i.e.: road closures, etc.). Aaron stated the total estimated cost, including engineering fees, is \$192,700. The project will start around July or August. There will be a very minor effect on the citizens. No other persons wished to speak on this Public Hearing item.

Geoffrey White made a motion, seconded by Pat Hill, to approve the 36th year Tarrant County CDBG Project for replacement of the sanitary sewer line along Foster Drive from Lakewood Drive to Dakota Trail. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

Mayor Bowen opened the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m. and closed the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.

b. Public Hearing/Action to request a variance/waiver to keep razor wire on the fence located at 3100 Roberts Cut Off Rd.

Barry Barber explained that this property is a split boundary between the City of Lake Worth and Sansom Park. Sixty-two feet (62') of the property is in our City and the remainder is in Sansom Park. The fence was actually installed in 2006 without a permit. The request is for a variance to allow a razor wire fence, which is not allowed in any of our zoning districts. The fence was constructed due to break-ins at the property. Since the installation, there have been no break-ins. Proper public notice was sent to property owners within 200' and only 2 responses came back, both in favor of the request. The fence is not allowed in Sansom Park either, but the owner has been in contact with them and they have indicated they are not going to do anything about it. Barry has recommended that Ms. McCrary makes this same request to the City of Sansom Park to alleviate any problems down the road.

Ms. Delana McCrary, business owner at 3100 Roberts Cut Off, addressed Council and explained her need for the variance request. She said that they hired Allied Fence to install the fence. They told them to get a permit and assumed they had, but found out differently when they received a letter from Ray Moody, Code Enforcement Officer with the City of Lake Worth. She said that

barbed wire fence and cameras did not keep people out; however, there have been no break-ins since the razor wire fence was installed. Barry clarified that 62' on each side of the property and 49' that runs alongside of their property on the east is inside the city limits of the City of Lake Worth.

No other persons wished to speak on this Public Hearing item.

Myrt Fowlkes made a motion, seconded by Dona Stuard, to approve the variance request and allow the razor wire fence to remain at 3100 Roberts Cut Off Rd. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

7. Ordinances/Resolutions:

There were no Ordinances/Resolutions Items.

8. Contracts/Agreements.

a. Ordinance #938- Joint Ordinance and Boundary Agreement between the City of Lake Worth and the City of Fort Worth Releasing and Accepting Corporate Limits.

Brett McGuire explained that the City of Fort Worth approved this ordinance at their Council meeting on February 2, 2010. This will allow a boundary adjustment on the lot next to TGI Fridays on Charbonneau.

Dona Stuard made a motion, seconded by Clint Narmore, to approve Ordinance #938, a joint ordinance and boundary agreement between the City of Lake Worth and the City of Fort Worth. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

9. Bids, Proposals, and Specifications.

There were no Bids, Proposals, and Specifications Items.

10. Discussion/Action Items:

a. Consider request by contractor VCC for Saturday work hours for the Multi-Use/Animal Control Facility Project.

Jamye Sexton explained that, due to weather conditions, VCC has requested permission to work on Saturdays for the Multi-Use/Animal Control Facility Project. The hours would be from 7:00 am to 7:00 p.m.

Myrt Fowlkes made a motion, seconded by Perry Lunsford, to approve Saturday work hours from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for contractor VCC to work on the Multi-Use/Animal Control Facility Project. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

11. Mayor and Council Items.

a. Update on Tarrant County Mayor's Council by Mayor Bowen.

Mayor Bowen noted that he has been asked to serve on the Ranking Committee again this year. The meeting will be held sometime during the last week of this month.

b. Update on Joint Council/LWISD meeting by Mayor Bowen.

Mayor Bowen said the meeting went well with the ISD last evening. Myrt Fowlkes recognized Bryan Burns, with the Grizzly Detail, and that he was in attendance at the joint meeting as well. Mr. Burns thanked Council for allowing him to be present.

12. City Manager and Staff Reports:

a. City Manager Report.

1. Foster House Project Update.

No further update from yesterday's meeting.

2. Multi-Use/Animal Control Facility Project Update.

No further update from yesterday's meeting.

3. Update on Traffic-Calming Devices on Hodgkins Road.

Brett McGuire stated the next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

b. Parks Department Reports:

1. Annual Report/Review of Parks Fees for 501 (c) 3 Groups.

Jamye Sexton informed Council that everything with the park fees has gone well the past year; staff has received no complaints.

c. HR/Risk Management Reports:

1. Report on Blood Drive.

Danielle Hackbusch reported that there were 20 actual donors out of 22 people that showed up to donate blood.

There was no need for Executive Session.

13. Executive Session:

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to convene into 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 551.072- Deliberation regarding real property. Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

c. Pursuant to Section 551.074- Deliberation the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including but not limited to items listed as follows.

14. Reconvene into Regular Session:

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

There were no Executive Session Items.


15. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mayor Walter Bowen closed the Council meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED:


Walter Bowen
Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Linda Rhodes, TRMC/CMC
City Secretary