

CITY OF LAKE WORTH
Minutes for
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2009
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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Clint Narmore gave invocation and 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; Brian Benningfield, Police Lieutenant; Mike Voorhies, EMC; Andrew Ailara, Fire Marshall; Debbie Whitley, Finance Director; Jami Woodall, EDC Coordinator; Suzanne Meason, Planning and Zoning Coordinator; Sean Densmore, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Barry Barber, Building Official; Lara Strother, Library Director; Mark Ramsey, IT Manager; Natacha Schwarz, Municipal Court Coordinator; Cheryl Vess, Community Activities Director; and Danielle Hackbusch, HR/Risk Management. City Attorney Kathleen Wells and City Engineer Aaron Rader were present.

4. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of minutes for the Joint City Council/Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing/Regular Meeting on May 19, 2009.**
- b. Approval of minutes for the Council Special meeting on May 27, 2009.**
- c. Approval of Finance Reports for the month of May 2009.**

- d. **Approval of Tarrant County Tax Office Annual Agreement for the Assessment and Collections of 2009 Ad Valorem Taxes.**
- e. **Approval of Bank Signature Card Updates.**
- f. **Approval of Annual Audit Engagement Letter for the year ending September 30, 2009 from Snow, Garrett and Company.**

Pat Hill made a motion, seconded by Dona Stuard, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

5. Presentations:

a. Proclamations/Awards/Presentations.

1. Presentation by Mike Voorhies on behalf of the US Air Force. Mike Voorhies presented Mayor Bowen with a plaque and flag as a thank you for the city's support of employees serving in the military. The flag was flown on May 9th during an air raid in Afghanistan.

b. Citizen/Visitor Comments.

There were no Citizen/Visitor Comments.

6. Public Hearing/Action Items.

There were no Public Hearing/Action Items.

7. Ordinances/Resolutions:

There were no Ordinances/Resolutions.

8. Contracts/Agreements.

There were no Contracts/Agreements.

9. Bids, Proposals, and Specifications.

There were no Bids, Proposals, and Specifications.

10. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. **Appointment/Re-Appointment of EDC board members for place numbers 1, 3, 5, and 7 for two year terms beginning July 2009.**

Jami Woodall explained that place numbers 1 and 3 are Council held positions and place numbers 5 and 7 are citizen held positions, all of which are up for appointment/re-appointment. According to past appointments, the next appointments to the EDC board from the Council will be Myrt Fowlkes to place 1 and Curtis McKay to place 3.

Current citizen positions are held by Ben Mauldin and Todd Blair, both of which have re-applied. Applications were also received from Earl Fowlkes and Robert Horney.

Dona Stuard made a motion, seconded by Geoffrey White, to approve the following EDC board member appointments: Myrt Fowlkes, place 1, Curtis McKay, place 3, Earl Fowlkes, place 5, and Robert Horney, place 7. Voting in favor of the motion were Dona Stuard, Geoffrey White, Curtis McKay, Myrt Fowlkes, Perry Lunsford, and Clint Narmore. Voting against the motion was Pat Hill. Motion passed with a 6-1 vote.

b. Consideration of Recycling Options for Residential Customers.

Brett McGuire updated Council that, feedback from the Town Hall meeting held on residential recycling options, resulted in 33 people wanting some type of recycling, 16 people not wanting any type of recycling, and 1 person undecided; response was only about 1% of the population. IESI representatives Norm Bulaich and Paul Hansen were present to answer any questions. Persons in the audience that spoke were Linda Potter of 4112 Lakewood Drive, Cherie Fritzler of 7312 Malta, and Kay Cornett of 6321 Canyon Trail.

After much discussion, Council consensus was that they were not against recycling; they just felt that there was not enough feedback, or a true feeling, from the majority of the citizens. There are still 99% of the people that have not responded to this "all or none" participation; some may not be able to afford it. Mayor Bowen suggested inserting a questionnaire in the utility bills to hopefully get more response before making a decision.

Pat Hill made a motion, seconded by Clint Narmore, to direct staff to proceed with mailers in the Utility Bills for recycling options and to bring this item back for consideration at the September Council meeting. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

c. Approval of revised Purchasing Policy.

Debbie Whitley explained that the purchasing policy needs to be updated by adding the Assistant City Manager approval on all purchases that exceed \$1,500. Curtis McKay noted that the dollar amount on the chart did not match what was in the content. Debbie

indicated that the correct amount was in the content; the chart will be corrected.

Geoffrey White made a motion, seconded by Myrt Fowlkes, to approve the revised Purchasing Policy. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

d. Discussion/Action regarding Historical Designation plaques/marker expenditures.

Since there are currently no funds designated for historical designation plaques/markers, Clint Narmore made a motion, seconded by Pat Hill, to table this item and discuss it during the budget workshops and to bring it back for Council consideration at that time. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

11. Mayor and Council Items.

a. Update on Tarrant County Mayor's Council.

There was nothing to report on.

12. City Manager and Staff Reports:

a. City Manager Reports.

1. Foster House Project Update.

There was nothing new to report.

2. Report on City Hall office hours, pursuant to Section 3.05 of the Personnel Policy Manual.

Brett McGuire informed Council that, effective July 6, 2009, city hall hours will be from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Schedule changes (of a 9 days/80 hours) will be made to the customer service employees only; this change is to ensure better coverage for customer service.

b. Staff Reports.

1. P&Z Coordinator:

a. Quentin McGown to speak at June 23, 2009 HPC meeting.

Suzanne Meason reported that Mr. McGown, author and historian, is scheduled to present a slideshow at the June 23rd HPC meeting.

2. Water/Sewer Superintendent:

a. Update on Dakota Trail Sewer Line CDBG Project.

Sean Densmore stated the 34th year CDBG project has been completed and signed for.

b. Update on Edgemere Lift Station.

Sean Densmore said the lift station is up and running. The SCADA needs completed.

c. Update on Street Projects.

Sean Densmore noted that the county street projects (of four streets) have all been completed.

d. Update on lights at City Park.

Sean Densmore updated Council that the cost estimate to replace the city park lights that are down is about \$250,000.

13. 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.**

There was no Executive Session.

14. Reconvene into Regular Session:

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

There was no Executive Session.

15. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mayor Walter Bowen closed the Council meeting at 7:19 p.m.

APPROVED:



 Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Linda Rhodes, TRMC/CMC
 City Secretary