

**REGULAR MEETING
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

MAY 2, 2023

6:30 P.M.

CLARK LIBRARY ANNEX-COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 217 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 3RD FLOOR, LOCKHART, TEXAS

Council present:

Councilmember John Castillo
Councilmember Juan Mendoza
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland
Councilmember Kara McGregor
Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez

Staff present:

Steve Lewis, City Manager
David Fowler, Planning Director
Julie Bowermon, Civil Service/HR Director

Monte Akers, City Attorney
Sean Kelley, Public Works Director
Travis Hughes, Parks Director

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Eddie Haus of Freese and Nichols; Citizen: Molly Salas; and, Jeff Meadows of TRC.

Work Session 6:30 p.m.

Mayor White opened the work session and advised the Council, staff and the audience that staff would provide information and explanations about the following items:

DISCUSSION ONLY

A. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON CITY OF LOCKHART WAYFINDING PROJECT AND KEEP LOCKHART BEAUTIFUL GCAA TXDOT HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Mr. Hughes stated that the City of Lockhart is developing a wayfinding plan that will include signage at the major entryways into the city, as well as informational, transportation, and pedestrian wayfinding signage. A master plan has been developed and unit pricing has been obtained for the signage. The Keep Lockhart Beautiful GCAA project is a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) highway improvement project utilizing grant funds. The project will transform the space beneath the Highway 183 overpass into a pedestrian gateway into City Park. There was discussion.

B. DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT OF A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND POSSIBLE SIZE AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Fowler stated this item is a discussion of the formation of a steering committee for the comprehensive planning process. The planning process is expected to last for 18 months. Freese and Nichols anticipates holding 5 public meetings to initiate the project, discuss key topics, explore possible scenarios, review draft work products, and craft the final comprehensive plan document. It is the city's responsibility to appoint a steering committee for the planning process that the city feels provides proper representation of key city issues and constituencies. The purpose of this discussion is to come to an understanding of the need to create a steering committee, and discuss the potential size and composition of the committee. The next step would be council appointment of members based upon this discussion at a future meeting. There will be an action item at a future meeting to nominate and appoint members of the steering committee.

Eddie Haus of Freese and Nichols provided information about the role of the focus groups and surveys.

Mayor White requested that the Council provide staff with suggestions of the composition of the steering committee so that Council can discuss and consider creating the committee during the next meeting.

C. DISCUSS THE NOMINATION OF JULIA HAUG TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION BY COUNCILMEMBER JUAN MENDOZA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE IN NOVEMBER 2025.

There was discussion regarding Ms. Haug's qualifications.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:11 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mayor White requested citizens to address the Council.

Molly Salas, 1310 Clearfork Street, expressed concern about why the neighbors continuously complain about her yard. She stated that she is tired of the complaints and asked that the city be concerned about other properties in the city that have much more litter and debris than her property.

ITEM 4-A. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2023-09, AMENDING CHAPTER 31 "IMPACT FEES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, INCORPORATING UPDATED LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS AND UPDATED WATER, WASTEWATER, AND ROADWAY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANS AS EXHIBITS, AMENDING THE FEES FOR WATER, WASTEWATER, AND ROAD IMPACT FEES AS SET FORTH IN APPENDIX I; AMENDING AFFECTED SECTIONS REFERENCING THE UPDATED APPENDICES AND EXHIBITS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A REPEALER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. and requested the staff background report.

Mr. Fowler stated that the public hearing for proposed revisions to Chapter 31, Impact Fees, of the Lockhart Code of Ordinances. The Ordinance, 2023-09, could be approved at this meeting if the Council feels that all proposed assumptions, projects, and fees are appropriate. City Council may also vote to approve the revisions to Chapter 31 at the Council meeting to be held May 16th without having to re-advertise the hearing.

Eddie Haus of Freese and Nichols provided an update about how land use assumptions and road impact fees benefit the city. He stated that Bastrop, Kyle nor San Marcos currently have road impact fees. There was discussion.

Jeff Meadows of TRC provided an update about the water and wastewater impact fees.

Mr. Fowler provided an update about the previous water, wastewater and roadway impact fees and the new impact fees to be assessed/collected if adopted as presented in Ordinance 2023-09. There was discussion.

Mayor White requested citizens in favor of or against the impact fees to address the Council. There were none. He closed the public hearing at 8:47 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-09, as presented. Councilmember McGregor seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3, with Mayor White and Councilmembers Michelson and Mendoza opposing.

ITEM 5-A. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND POSSIBLE SIZE AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

Mayor White requested that Council provide him with recommendations about the qualifications and number of members of the steering committee by next week. He will work with staff on an agenda item to consider the creation of the committee on the next council agenda.

ITEM 5-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING THE NOMINATION OF JULIA HAUG TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION BY COUNCILMEMBER JUAN MENDOZA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE IN NOVEMBER 2025.

Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to appoint Julia Haug to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- Update relative to the Housing and Development Committee's consideration of residential / non-residential landscaping requirements, fees and changes, and single family house repetition design standards.
- City Park Splash Pad opens May 2nd.
- 2023 Sidewalk Improvements update.
- Cinco de Mayo Celebration downtown on Saturday, May 6th.
- May 8th Budget Workshop: Economic Development Corporation, Caldwell County Appraisal District, and General Fund.
- May 9th Budget Workshop: Utility Funds.
- GBRA budget and presentations by non-profits will be included during the June 20th regular City Council meeting.

ITEM 7. COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS - ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Councilmember Mendoza thanked everyone that participated in the Running of the Bulls and the LISD Color Run. He reminded everyone about the Cinco de Mayo event this weekend.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez expressed condolences to families that have recently lost a loved one. She congratulated all that participated in recent events. She expressed best wishes for a successful Cinco de Mayo event. She expressed best wishes to senior students that selected a college to attend.

Councilmember McGregor invited all to attend upcoming events. She wished the students attending prom the best. She wished her daughter a Happy 21st birthday.

Councilmember Castillo congratulated everyone that attended the Mariachi event this past weekend. He invited all to attend upcoming events. He wished senior students the best and a Happy Birthday to all that have a birthday in May.

Councilmember Michelson wished the Hispanic Chamber the best for a successful Cinco de Mayo event. He congratulated the Lockhart Lion Band for playing at Carnegie Hall.

Mayor White also congratulated the Lockhart Lion Band for playing at Carnegie Hall. He wished graduating students the best and he thanked all involved in community events.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mendoza seconded.
The motion passed by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 19th day of March, 2024.

CITY OF LOCKHART


Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Bowermon
City Secretary

