

**REGULAR MEETING
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

MAY 16, 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

Brad Bullock, City Attorney
Sean Kelley, Public Works Director
Bob Leos, Electric Superintendent

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Will Wachel of TRC Engineering; Kylie Mycock and Bobby Eichholz of Rialto Studio; and Ronda Reagan.

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 BY TRC ENGINEERING AND RIALTO STUDIO REGARDING THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT (90% DESIGN REPORT).

Mr. Kelley stated that TRC will be providing a project update regarding the 90% design milestone.

Will Wachel of TRC and Kylie Mycock and Bobby Eichholz of Rialto Studio provided the progress report about changes to the project that included the following topics:

- Completed tasks
- Parking space count update
- Discuss affected events
- Arborist report update
- Next steps and scheduling

In July of 2023, staff will receive the 100% plans for the Downtown Revitalization Project. An additional update by TRC will follow the release of the 100% plans to explain the next steps in the process. There was discussion.

Mayor White requested the following to address the Council:

Ronda Reagan, 412 W. San Antonio, Lockhart, stated that many buildings in the downtown square still have gutters with downspout systems that come off the front of the building that floods parked vehicles and buildings. She requested that the city fix the gutter system to an underground gutter system during the renovation process. She stated that she has considered installing a new awning on one of her buildings but that she hesitates because of the city's plan to widen the sidewalks in front of her building. She

requested that the city consider accommodating the 18-wheeler truck that delivers beverages to her business.

Mr. Wachel stated that they would take Ms. Reagan's requests into consideration. There was discussion.

B. DISCUSS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOCKHART AND TECHLINE REGARDING COMPLETING LK30 CONDUCTOR UPGRADE (PROJECT #16) AS PART OF THE 2017-2022 LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY (LCRA) FIVE YEAR SYSTEM STUDY.

Mr. Leos stated that Techline Construction is LCRA's preferred contractor for projects because they are experienced with high voltage line repairs. Techline has conducted the majority of LCRA projects for the City of Lockhart since 1995. Project #16 is part of the LCRA's five-year system study that includes conductor upgrade of LK30 from 337-MCM ACSR to 477-MCM ACSR, which will upgrade approximately 600 feet of overhead distribution line starting at the intersection of Brazos Street and East Live Oak Street, crossing over Colorado Street and San Antonio Street. Mr. Leos recommended approval.

C. DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT, COMPOSITION, ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES, AND PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS OF A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Mr. Fowler stated that this item is a continuation of the discussion regarding 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 refine the composition of the committee, create a process for the appointment of members and establish the expectations for appointed committee members. There was discussion.

After discussion, the consensus was to compile the membership as follows:

Membership

- 2 persons from City Council;
- 2 persons from the Planning & Zoning Commission;
- 1 person from the Lockhart Independent School District;
- 2 persons – one from each of the Chamber of Commerce;
- 1 local economic development professional;
- 1 representative from Downtown Business Association;
- 1 representative from Lockhart Historical Preservation Commission;
- 1 representative from Parks Board;
- 1 County Commissioner or County Representative; and
- 3 community leaders.

After discussion, the consensus of the Council was to implement the following of the steering committee:

- Attendance requirements – miss no more than 2 meetings.
- Allow residency outside the city limits (in Caldwell County) for organizations whose membership consists of residents outside the city limits.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez and Councilmember Michelson will recommend members to the steering committee.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:50 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor White 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. There were none.

ITEM 5-C. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING THE 2022-2023 COUNCIL GOALS UPDATE.

Mr. Lewis stated that in April 2022, the City Council, City Manager, and City Management Team met and worked to establish strategic planning goals for 2022 - 2023. Six major areas were identified: City facilities, human resources/staffing, parks and recreation, infrastructure, modernization and communications, development and quality of life, and revenue sustainability. Staff is currently working on the following: interviewing candidates for the Assistant City Manager; pool and park improvements are being researched; and staff is looking into the development fee updates.

ITEM 4-A. POSTPONE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING APPLICATION ZC-23-03 BY MONTE J. GUIDRY REQUESTING A ZONING CHANGE FROM CHB COMMERCIAL HEAVY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO RMD RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT ON A TOTAL OF 0.205 ACRES IN THE BYRD LOCKHART LEAGUE, ABSTRACT NO. 17, LOCATED AT 1013 NORTH COLORADO STREET (US 183) UNTIL JUNE 20, 2023 AT 7:30 PM.

Mayor White announced that the public hearing was postponed to June 20, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

ITEM 5-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOCHART AND TECHLINE REGARDING COMPLETING LK30 CONDUCTOR UPGRADE (PROJECT #16) AS PART OF THE 2017-2022 LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY (LCRA) FIVE YEAR SYSTEM STUDY.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve the agreement, as presented. Councilmember McGregor seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT, COMPOSITION, ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES, AND PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS OF A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Councilmember Westmoreland made a motion to approve the membership composition of citizens and entities as discussed during the work session and to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez and Councilmember Michelson to make recommendations of individuals to appoint to the committee. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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

- Lockhart Municipal Airport Update
- Maple Street Splash Pad Update
- McCoy's Building Supply Groundbreaking
- 2023 Police Week Event at the Caldwell County Justice Center

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

Councilmember Mendoza thanked the Hispanic Chamber for hosting the 5K and 10K runs this weekend. He congratulated Coach Hippensteel for his continued tenure as athletic coach for 35 years and more to come.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez congratulated the Hispanic Chamber for a successful Cinco de Mayo event and to the downtown businesses for their patience and support during the downtown events. She congratulated the graduating Class of 2023.

Councilmember McGregor congratulated Courthouse Nights for their musical events. She wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

Councilmember Castillo congratulated the graduating Class of 2023. He encouraged everyone to keep their belongings and home safe and secure to avoid being a victim of a burglary. He congratulated the Hispanic Chamber for a successful Cinco de Mayo event.

Councilmember Michelson congratulated the Hispanic Chamber for a successful Cinco de Mayo event. He congratulated the graduating Class of 2023 and to the teachers that were awarded grants through the Lockhart Education Foundation.

Mayor White congratulated the Hispanic Chamber for a successful Cinco de Mayo event. He congratulated the graduating Class of 2023. He congratulated McCoys on their groundbreaking ceremony tomorrow.

ITEM 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, TITLE 5, SUBCHAPTER D, SECTION 551.074, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE. Conduct City Manager's evaluation.

Mayor White announced that the Council would enter Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

ITEM 9. OPEN SESSION A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2023-06 AUTHORIZING A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR CITY MANAGER STEVEN LEWIS AND ADDENDUM TO THE CITY MANAGER AGREEMENT DATED EFFECTIVE AUGUST 18, 2018 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOCKHART AND STEVEN LEWIS.

Mayor White announced that the Council would enter Open Session at 9:26 p.m.

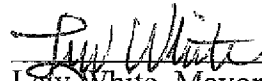
Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06, as presented. Councilmember McGregor seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 11. 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 9:27 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 2nd day of April, 2024.

CITY OF LOCKHART


Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:




Julie Bowermon
City Secretary