

**REGULAR MEETING
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

APRIL 2, 2024

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 John Lairsen
Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez

Staff present:

Steve Lewis, City Manager
Joseph Resendez, Assistant City Manager
David Fowler, Planning Director
Gary Williamson, Police Chief

Brad Bullock, City Attorney
Julie Bowermon, City Secretary
Sean Kelley, Public Works Director

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Representatives of the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center; Ryan Garcia of JES Holdings; and Citizens: Angie Mesa, Alondra Amaya, and Patsy Jevas.

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 OF PROCLAMATIONS DECLARING APRIL 2024 AS CHILD ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH.

Mayor White presented proclamations to the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center.

B. DISCUSS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2023, MAY 9, 2023, MAY 16, 2023 AND FEBRUARY 6, 2024 MEETINGS.

Mayor White requested corrections to the minutes. There were none.

C. DISCUSS RENEWING LEASE FOR A TERM OF 5-YEARS WITH COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. OF CENTRAL TEXAS AND SUBLEASE WITH WIC OF TEXAS CO-LOCATED AT 901 BOIS D' ARC STREET, AND APPOINTING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE LEASE IF APPROVED.

Mr. Kelley stated that Community Action and WIC are currently leasing space at 901 Bois D' Arc Street (former Lockhart Hospital). These groups serve vital roles in the community and have complimentary services. WIC serves approximately 1,000 low-income Women, Infants and Children clients per month in Lockhart and has been providing these services at the Bois D' Arc Street location since 2018. Community Action provides a variety of community services ranging from early childhood education, adult literacy programming, and health services to name a few. The current lease is set to expire on May 31, 2024. The lease presented would extend the term for an additional 5-year term from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2029 and has a renewal option for an additional 5-years. There was discussion.

D. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2024-12 STATING SUPPORT FOR MAPLE PARK MANOR IN OBTAINING FUNDING FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM OF THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF DALLAS.

Mr. Fowler stated that the subject resolution is to express support for the Maple Park Manor senior housing project as JES Dev Co, Inc., the project's developer, applies for Affordable Housing funds through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas. The proposed project would be a two-story senior housing project located northwest of the intersection of Clearfork Street and City Line Road, immediately north of the existing one-story senior housing development within the Lincoln Park Planned Development District. This project had previously received a resolution of support from City Council for its application for Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) funding in May 2023. That TDHCA funding application was successful, and this resolution represents a different potential source of funds.

Ryan Garcia of JES Holdings provided details and there was discussion about the Maple Park Manor project.

E. DISCUSS THE MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FYE 2024.

Mr. Resendez stated that in an effort to keep the City Council updated and informed on the City of Lockhart's budget, a mid-year financial status report is presented that focuses on financial and operational performance and provides updates on revenues and expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. This financial management practice is recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

F. DISCUSS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND TAX CALENDAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.

Mr. Resendez stated that this document is the preliminary budget and tax calendar for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025. Tentative dates are subject to Council acceptance of the proposed Council workshops. The budget workshops will provide dedicated days for management to present and discuss the City Manager's FY 2024-2025 Proposed Budget.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:03 p.m.

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 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.

Angie Mesa, 1515 Foxglove Drive, Lockhart, spoke against the construction of the Maple Street Truck Stop. She stated that she believed that it was no longer suitable for the area because of high traffic hazards, heavy truck traffic, possible human trafficking, decreased property values, and noise and vehicle pollution.

Alondra Amaya, 1511 Foxglove Drive, Lockhart, spoke against the construction of the Maple Street Truck Stop. She stated that her husband sustained injuries when involved in a traffic accident where he was hit

by a large truck at a truck stop. She believes that the traffic at a truck stop creates traffic hazards and requested that the proposed truck stop be located to another location.

Patsy Jevas, Silent Valley Road, expressed concern about her livestock being shot, on four occasions, from gunfire coming from Stueve Lane. She stated that elected officials, animal control and police officers took reports and are investigating the incidents. She stated that she is offering a \$2,000 reward to someone that reports the individual(s) that is shooting her livestock. She requested assistance from the community to find the individual(s) committing the crime.

Mayor White requested additional citizens to address the Council. There were none.

ITEM 4-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2023, MAY 9, 2023, MAY 16, 2023 AND FEBRUARY 6, 2024 MEETINGS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 4-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER RENEWING LEASE FOR A TERM OF 5-YEARS WITH COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. OF CENTRAL TEXAS AND SUBLEASE WITH WIC OF TEXAS CO-LOCATED AT 901 BOIS D' ARC STREET, AND APPOINTING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE LEASE IF APPROVED.

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to renew the lease with Community Action, Inc. for a term of five years, as presented. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 4-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 2024-12, STATING SUPPORT FOR MAPLE PARK MANOR IN OBTAINING FUNDING FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM OF THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF DALLAS.

Councilmember Lairsen made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-12, as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 4-D. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FYE 2024.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to accept the Mid-Year Financial report, as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 4-E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND TAX CALENDAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.

There was discussion.

Councilmember Castillo made a motion to approve the budget and tax calendar, as presented. Councilmember Lairsen seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- Dr. Eugene Clark Library held a Solar Eclipse Countdown educational event.
- Update regarding Citywide Spring Clean Up event held on March 23rd.
- Update: KidFish event held March 23rd.

- Aquatics Facility Project: staff attended meeting with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) to discuss project and Outdoor Recreation Grant.
- Splash pads opened for the season March 30, 2024.

ITEM 6. COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS - ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez expressed condolences to families that have lost a loved one. She congratulated all that participated in the KidFish event. She invited all to attend the Education Foundation fundraising event this week.

Councilmember Lairsen thanked city employees for their work.

Councilmember Castillo thanked the Parks Department employees for maintaining city parks.

Councilmember Michelson thanked employees and invited all to attend the Education Foundation fundraiser.

Mayor White thanked city staff for their work, and all involved with the KidFish event. He invited all to participate in the annual Sip-n-Stroll event that will be held this weekend.

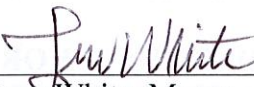
ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT

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 7:58 p.m.

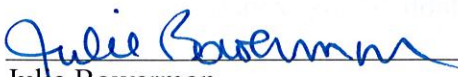
PASSED and APPROVED this the 4th day of March, 2025.



CITY OF LOCKHART


Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Bowermon
City Secretary