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SPECIAL MEETING  
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**JUNE 25, 2009**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Council present:**

Councilmember Paul Gomez  
Councilmember Richard Banks

Mayor James Bertram  
Councilmember Richard Wieland

**Council absent:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Frank Estrada  
Councilmember Lew White  
Councilmember Kenny Roland

**Staff present:**

Vance Rodgers, City Manager  
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director

Connie Ortiz, City Secretary  
Stephanie House, Controller

**Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council:** None.

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor James Bertram called the budget workshop of the Lockhart City Council to order on this date at 7:10 p.m.

**ITEM 2. CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS.**

Mayor Bertram requested citizens to address the Council. There were none.

**ITEM 3-A. PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 PROPOSED BUDGET.**

Mayor Bertram requested that staff make the budget presentation.

Mr. Rodgers provided information about the following:

- General Funds/Utilities/Solid Waste/Airport budget synopsis.
- General fund expense synopsis.
- Discussion regarding transferring funds from the utility fund accounts to the general funds to assist in keeping a balanced budget.
- Discussion regarding the fund balance analysis for major funds in fiscal year 2009.
- Mr. Hinson explained the methods that the City took to obtain a high bond rating to keep interest rates low when financing certificates of obligation and bonds.
- Discussion regarding funds allocated for additional sidewalks.
- Funds currently not allocated to increase wages for regular employees.
- Brief discussion regarding possible future upcoming retirees and new key positions that would be discussed in detail at a future budget workshop.
- Discussion regarding the bond indebtedness and the payment schedule.
- Discussion regarding whether to attempt to add a salary increase for employees. After discussion, the consensus of the Council was not to include a salary increase. Mr. Rodgers stated he had not included a COLA raise at this point.

**ITEM 3-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING TENTATIVE BUDGET AND TAX RATE ADOPTION CALENDAR.**

There was discussion regarding upcoming meetings.

**ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Wieland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Gomez seconded.  
The motion carried by a vote of 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2009.

CITY OF LOCKHART

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James Bertram, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Connie Ortiz, TRMC, City Secretary