

**SPECIAL MEETING
WORKSHOP**

LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 2, 2019

8:00 A.M.

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

Council present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez
Councilmember Juan Mendoza
Councilmember Jeffrey Michelson

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember John Castillo
Councilmember Kara McGregor
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

Staff present:

Steve Lewis, City Manager

Connie Constancio, City Secretary

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Alysia Cook of Opportunity Strategies.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the special meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ITEM 2-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR
2019-2020.**

Alysia Cook of Opportunity Strategies suggested that the Council provide input regarding new goals to consider for the future. She stated that the Council would also review goals that were expressed by Department Heads during a workshop on Friday, February 1, 2019. The collaboration of goals would assist the City Council to determine the needs of the community.

There was discussion regarding the following:

- 2018 Accomplishments.
- Expectations for 2019-2020.
- Expectations/goals expressed by each Councilmember:
 - Councilmember Westmoreland – clean up unsightly residential properties.
 - Councilmember Castillo – work in unity and serve the community.
 - Councilmember Michelson – focus on Economic Development to recruit businesses that will fill the vacant lots at the Industrial Park.
 - Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez – Direction towards Economic Development and think bigger- accept change.
 - Mayor White – recruit new businesses, hire a public information officer, and clean up entrances to Lockhart.
 - Councilmember Mendoza – keep an open mind, increase employee wages, promote tourism, offer wi-fi in the downtown district and promote barbecue.
 - Councilmember McGregor – improve technology infrastructure such as using fiber technology and consider creating a walking tour application for mobile phones, and recruit residents that will work and stay in Lockhart, which will encourage them to also shop locally.
- Homeless population; encourage a strong Ministerial Alliance to create a program to address the needs of homeless individuals.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 9:30 a.m.

Mayor White reconvened the workshop at 9:45 a.m.

There was discussion regarding the following:

- City of Lockhart's strengths, weaknesses/challenges, threats, and opportunities.
- Update economic development website to allow potential businesses the opportunity to utilize economic development criteria to locate in Lockhart.
- Hotel occupancy. Ms. Cook suggested creating a hotel occupancy tax board that would make decisions about whether hotel occupancy tax recipients are abiding by required tax laws.
- Consider working closer with the school district about growth to enable all entities to be able to accommodate the needs of the citizens.
- Staff's recommended goals:
 - Restrooms downtown.
 - Improve employee wages.
 - Staff development program.
 - Communicate about policies and procedures to assure everyone understands.
 - City/School/County continue to communicate.
 - Replace capital equipment and vehicles.
 - Single stream recycling.
 - Improve in-house technology service.
 - In-house engineer.
 - Revamp purchasing policy.
 - Update office equipment.
 - Determine management and funding of downtown furniture/equipment.
- Additional Council goals:
 - Improve Lockhart Economic Development Corporation funding.
 - Update 2040 Comprehensive land use plan.
 - Consider approaching the Lockhart Independent School District to work cooperatively with the City on providing wi-fi downtown.
 - Economic Development Master Plan.
 - Improve Lockhart Economic Development website.
 - Work on hotel occupancy tax guidelines.
 - Review customer service and experience.

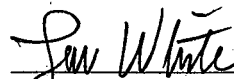
Ms. Cook stated that she will provide the City Manager with a detailed report of the workshops held with Department Heads and City Council.

ITEM 3. 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 ta 12:05 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 19th day of February 2019.

CITY OF LOCKHART


Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary

