

**REGULAR MEETING
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

6:30 P.M.

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

Council present:

Mayor Lew White	Councilmember Derrick David Bryant
Councilmember Juan Mendoza	Councilmember Kara McGregor (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson	Councilmember Brad Westmoreland
Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)	

Staff present:

Steven Lewis, City Manager	Connie Constancio, City Secretary
Monte Akers, City Attorney	Victoria Maranan, Public Information Officer
Bob Leos, Electric Superintendent	Dan Gibson, City Planner
Pam Larison, Finance Director	Sean Kelley, Public Works Director
Julie Bowermon, Civil Service/HR Director	Randy Jenkins, Fire Chief
Mike Kamerlander, Economic Development Dir.	Bertha Martinez, Library Director

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Citizens: Nita McBride, Terry Black, and Elida Castillo.

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:

Mayor White announced that Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez and Councilmember McGregor will be late.

DISCUSSION ONLY

A. DISCUSS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2021 MEETING.

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

B. DISCUSS COMPLETING ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UPGRADE TO LK30 AND LK40 (PROJECT #11) AS PART OF THE 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 #11 is part of the LCRA's five-year System Study that includes electric construction which will upgrade the double circuit, LK30 and LK40 to 795 MCM ACSR. This project includes taller poles with pole framing to increase separation and install separate neutrals on each circuit. This project will reduce simultaneous feeder faults. Starting from the substation (LK30) to the intersection of Blackjack and Commerce and from the substation (LK40) to the intersection of S Main and Blackjack to upgrade the section of overhead conductor (1350 ft) from 336 MCM ACSR to 795 MCM ACSR. Mr. Leos recommended approval. There was discussion.

C. DISCUSS UTILIZATION OF TREE TRIMMING SERVICE THROUGH THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY (LCRA) AND MCCOY TREE SURGERY, CO. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CUSTOMER SERVICE CONTRACT.

Mr. Leos stated that staff recommends that the city continue the tree trimming program with McCoy Tree Surgery in an effort to reduce voltage flicker, outages, losses, and improve public safety and satisfaction. Tree and tree limbs falling onto power lines is the most common cause of power outages. Downed power lines caused by falling trees are a public safety hazard. Utilities that fail to maintain a tree trimming program frequently experience higher than normal expenses during severe storm conditions, which include overtime, purchase of additional inventory to replace damaged poles, and wire and electric equipment. McCoy was first awarded this project in FY 2019. There was no renewal clause in the contract, but staff was very satisfied with the tree trimming service. McCoy Tree Surgery specializes in vegetation management for the electric utility industry. Their pruning methods comply with industry standards for safety and tree care and are endorsed by the International Society of Arboriculture and Tree Care Industry. There is no charge to the customer for these services. The City contracts with vegetation management companies to assist with the tree trimming program. Prior to trimming, door hangers (in English and Spanish) are left at the residences in the area and provide the name and phone number of the City's contractor. Mr. Leos recommended approval. There was discussion.

Councilmember Mendoza asked if the cost increased. Mr. Leos replied that the fees will remain as the city has paid the past three years.

Mr. Leos provided details about the areas of town where the trees will be trimmed.

Councilmember McGregor arrived (6:35 p.m.)

D. DISCUSS LOCKHART LITTLE LEAGUE (LLL) FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT RENEWAL REQUEST FOR USE OF THE CITY'S SPORTS COMPLEX AND FIELDS ON CARVER STREET.

Mr. Kelley stated that the current agreement with Lockhart Little League (LLL) for use of the Sports Complex is set to expire on September 7, 2021 and does allow for a five -year extension. LLL met to discuss the five-year extension of the Sports Complex Agreement and has submitted for consideration renewal of the agreement with no requested changes. The Parks and Recreation Board has reviewed LLL's request and unanimously voted in favor to recommend approval to City Council for the renewal of the Sports Complex Agreement with LLL. Mr. Kelley recommended approval. There was discussion.

E. DISCUSS EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE WASTEWATER MAIN EXTENSION FOR FUTURE LINCOLN LANE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

Mr. Akers stated that this is an easement from the Manumit Investment Group comprising 3.453 acres out of a tract of 56.691 acres in the Frances Berry Survey, Abstract A-2 in the City of Lockhart, for the installation and maintenance of water and wastewater lines for Lincoln Lane and the senior housing project. All of the utilities for Lincoln Lane have been installed but the road ROW has not been dedicated to the city yet because that public infrastructure improvement has not been constructed. This easement will take care of that issue. There was discussion regarding the development of Maple Park that would encompass Lincoln Lane.

F. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2021-26 ADOPTING THE CITY MANAGER'S ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 FOR THE CITY OF LOCKHART, CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS AND THE LOCKHART ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND READOPTING THE CITY'S INVESTMENT AND STRATEGIES POLICY AND FUND BALANCE - STABILIZATION AND EXCESS OF RESERVES POLICIES.

Ms. Larison stated that in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 9.09 of the City of Lockhart Charter - A vote is required for adoption; the budget shall be adopted by the favorable vote of a majority of the members of the whole city council. This budget sets forth the fiduciary policies for the City of Lockhart and the Lockhart Economic Development Corporation for the fiscal year October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. This ordinance will readopt the City's Investment Policy and Fund Balance - Stabilization and Excess of Reserve Policy. This agenda item allows for Council to suggest any budget allocations or deletions to the budget before a vote is taken. If no allocations or deletions are presented, action can be taken to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Operating Budget for the City of Lockhart, Caldwell County, Texas and the Lockhart Economic Development Corporation. There was discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez arrived (6:50 p.m.)

G. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2021-27 LEVYING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS AND INTEREST AND SINKING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

Ms. Larison stated that a proposed tax rate is \$0.6354 per \$100 of assessed value. The Ordinance describes the two required components of the tax rate: Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and Interest and Sinking (I&S). State law requires a statement regarding the amount by which taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home will be raised. Based on the proposed tax rate, the maintenance and operations portion of the rate will be \$0.5297 per \$100 assessed value compared to last year's maintenance and operation rate of \$0.5521 per \$100, resulting in a decrease of \$0.0224 or 4.06%. The interest and sinking portion of the tax rate increased from \$0.0833 to \$0.1057 per \$100 of assessed value, resulting in an increase of \$0.0224 or 26.9%. Therefore, there will be no increase in the maintenance and operations tax due on a \$100,000 home. The City of Lockhart's portion of a homeowner's property tax bill is only 27% of their total bill based on current tax rates. The remaining 73% of the tax bill is for property taxes charged by the other taxing jurisdictions including the Lockhart Independent School District (42%), Caldwell County (29%), Farm-to-Market (0.004%), and Plum Creek Conservation District and Groundwater tax (2.0%). Property taxes paid to the City of Lockhart make up approximately 37% of the City's General Fund revenues. Sales tax revenue makes up another 15%, while other fees and services cover the remaining 48%. The revenues from the General Fund provide maintenance and support for infrastructure that includes city streets and parks and also allows the City to provide public safety for its citizens by way of fire and police protection. The verbiage contained within the Ordinance is in strict compliance with requirements of Section 26.05(b)(1)(B) of the Texas Tax Code. There was discussion.

H. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2021-29 REPEALING UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE 2020-22 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING THIS ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CITY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL; REMOVING PERFORMANCE OR MERIT PAY FOR POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL AND ADOPTING A STEP PAY PLAN FOR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS UNDER CIVIL SERVICE.

Ms. Bowermon stated that the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget includes a 3% pay increase for all full-time and part-time regular City of Lockhart employees. In compliance with Civil Service, classified police and fire positions are paid per a step pay plan, which is set by ordinance. The proposed ordinance reflects increasing the step plans as included in the budget. In addition to the 3% increase, it is also proposed to adjust the tenure progression for the rank of Fire Fighter. Currently, newly hired fire fighters must complete 2 years of service before moving up on the step plan. The proposed change would allow for a newly hired fire fighter to receive a step increase after the completion of their first year of service. The intent of this adjustment is to enhance not only recruitment, but also retention of fire fighters and it only applies to the rank of Fire Fighter. This "step-at-one-year" design mirrors the practice in the Police Department. Lastly, the proposed ordinance includes a salary adjustment for the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. The Fire Chief has recommended an adjustment that will help relieve compression between other Fire ranks and address internal equity. The 2020 Evergreen Solutions compensation study did identify this salary as being below market average. The proposed adjustments to the fire step pay plan, as well as the 3% pay increase, are included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget. There was discussion.

I. DISCUSS A ONE-TIME PREMIUM PAYMENT TO CITY OF LOCKHART EMPLOYEES UTILIZING FUNDS FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AND THE CITY OF LOCKHART AS PRESENTED.

Ms. Bowermon stated that ARPA funds are federal dollars being distributed to cities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is not from locally collected tax dollars. There are certain options that the federal funds can be used for, premium pay for essential workers is one. Premium pay is a direct payment to an essential worker that was involved in regular in-person interactions or regular physical handling of items that were also handled by others. Premium pay can be retroactive. The United States Treasury encourages cities to prioritize retrospective premium pay when possible, recognizing that many essential workers have not yet received additional pay for work that they conducted throughout the pandemic. Premium pay cannot be paid to teleworkers. Premium pay is limited to only employees that are below 150% percent of the state average income. The City of Lockhart has approximately 13 employees that may fall above the 150% state average income and cannot be paid with ARPA funding. These employees are essential workers and could still receive premium pay, funded by the City instead of ARPA. These employees worked well beyond their normal work schedule and duties, frequently meeting in-person with residents, staff, and business owners to ensure the continuation of essential City operations during the pandemic. The proposed one-time premium payment to City of Lockhart employees would be administered based on the eligibility criteria presented in the agenda packet attachment for employees that worked during March 1, 2020 - February 28, 2021. There was discussion.

J. DISCUSSION REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE USE OF CITY FACILITIES FOR UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS SUCH AS EVENING WITH THE AUTHORS, NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, HILL COUNTRY BARBECUE COOKOFF, SPEAKING OF THE DEAD, COURTHOUSE NIGHTS, AND DICKENS.

There was discussion about whether to allow events to continue due to the increase in COVID-19 cases.

There was discussion regarding the Council requiring a strict COVID plan from each event holder that is to be approved by staff.

Nita McBride, Chair of Evening with the Authors, provided information about why the Evening with the Authors decided to host their 2021 event in the Clark Library instead of outdoors at a residence.

There was discussion.

CONSENSUS: After discussion, the consensus of the Council was to review each event's COVID policy that promotes social distancing, hand sanitizers, facial coverings, and consideration of limiting attendance. The Fire Chief and Dr. Laurence will approve each event plan.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:34 p.m.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Mendoza gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags

ITEM 3-A. HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LOCKHART AND LOCKHART ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FY 2021-2022 BUDGETS.

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

Ms. Larison stated that the City Charter requires that the City Council hold a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City of Lockhart Budget. On August 3, 2021, the City Council approved two public hearings on the budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. Notice of public hearings for the City of Lockhart and the Lockhart Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2021-2022 were published in the Lockhart Post Register on August 12, 2021 and September 2, 2021. According to the City of Lockhart Charter, Article 9, Section 9.07, Public Hearing on Budget, the City Council shall hold a public hearing on the budget submitted and all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard for or against any item or the amount of any item therein contained.

Mayor White requested citizens to address the Council in favor of or against the budgets. There were none. He closed the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

ITEM 3-B. HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2021.

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

Ms. Larison stated that City Council is required to hold a public hearing on the proposal to increase the tax revenues if the proposed tax rate exceeds the No New revenue rate proposed by the Caldwell County Appraisal District. This public hearing is required by the Truth-In-Taxation laws of the State of Texas.

Mayor White requested citizens to address the Council in favor of or against the budgets. There were none. He closed the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

ITEM 3-C. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION ZC-21-11 BY BERK RE, LLC, ON BEHALF OF TERRY BLACK, AND DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2021-28, FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY DISTRICT TO CHB COMMERCIAL HEAVY BUSINESS DISTRICT ON 1.022 ACRES IN THE BYRD LOCKHART SURVEY, ABSTRACT 17, LOCATED AT 900 NORTH COLORADO STREET (US 183).

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Gibson stated that the subject property was recently purchased by the owner. It's a land-locked parcel that abuts a tract at 900 North Colorado Street that already belongs to the owner. That tract currently contains a small warehouse building that will be modified to be part of a new restaurant planned for the property. Ultimately, both tracts will be platted to become one large lot. Because the original parcel is already zoned CHB, the applicant is proposing the same classification for the subject property so that it will be available for development of a food processing and preparation facility for off-site sales of products associated with the restaurant. One person inquired by phone about the proposed zoning and use of the property, but no opposition has been expressed either in writing or in person at the Planning and Zoning Commission hearing. The proposed CHB zoning classification is not consistent with the Land Use Plan map, which designates the subject property as Low Density Residential.

Mayor White requested the applicant to address the Council.

Terry Black, Connolly Circle, stated that the request to rezone to CHB is that it is consistent with the future land use plan and that he would like to rezone it to allow open a restaurant and a wholesale meat product facility.

Mayor White requested citizens in favor of the zoning change to address the Council. There were none.

Elida Castillo, 213 and 317 Laredo Street, expressed opposition. She stated that the new building would be directly behind her home that could create additional drainage problems that might flood her home and that a barbecue restaurant would generate a constant smokey odor.

There was discussion regarding the drainage plans of the new construction and about the required six-foot high screen fence abutting the residential neighborhood.

Mayor White requested additional citizens against the zoning change to address the Council. There were none. He closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Councilmember McGregor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-28, as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to approve consent agenda items 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, and 5E. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

The following are the consent agenda items that were approved:

- 5A: Approve City Council minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting.
- 5B: Approve completing electric distribution upgrade to LK30 and LK40 (Project #11) as part of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) five-year System Study.
- 5C: Approve utilization of tree trimming service through the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and McCoy Tree Surgery, Co. and authorizing the City Manager to execute the customer service contract.
- 5D: Approve Lockhart Little League (LLL) five (5) year contract renewal request for use of the City's Sports Complex and fields on Carver Street.
- 5E: Approve Easement Agreement for Public Utilities for the wastewater main extension for future Lincoln Lane right-of-way and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

ITEM 6-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2021-26 ADOPTING THE CITY MANAGER'S ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 FOR THE CITY OF LOCKHART, CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS AND THE LOCKHART ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND READOPTING THE CITY'S INVESTMENT AND STRATEGIES POLICY AND FUND BALANCE - STABILIZATION AND EXCESS OF RESERVES POLICIES.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-26, as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION FOR CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2021-27 LEVYING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS AND INTEREST AND SINKING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

Mayor White made a motion that the maintenance and operation rate be adopted at \$0.5297 per \$100 of assessed value as indicated/listed in Ordinance 2021-27, thereby adopting said ordinance. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Councilmember McGregor made a motion that the interest and sinking rate be adopted at \$0.1057 per \$100 of assessed value as indicated/listed in Ordinance 2021-27, thereby adopting said ordinance. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2021-29 REPEALING UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE 2020-22 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING THIS ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CITY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL; REMOVING PERFORMANCE OR MERIT PAY FOR POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL AND ADOPTING A STEP PAY PLAN FOR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS UNDER CIVIL SERVICE.

Councilmember Westmoreland made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-29, as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER A ONE-TIME PREMIUM PAYMENT TO CITY OF LOCKHART EMPLOYEES UTILIZING FUNDS FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AND THE CITY OF LOCKHART AS PRESENTED.

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to approve a one-time premium payment to City of Lockhart employees utilizing funds from American Rescue Plan Act and the City of Lockhart, as presented. Councilmember McGregor seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-E. DISCUSSION REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE USE OF CITY FACILITIES FOR UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS SUCH AS EVENING WITH THE AUTHORS, NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, HILL COUNTRY BARBECUE COOKOFF, SPEAKING OF THE DEAD, COURTHOUSE NIGHTS, AND DICKENS.

Councilmember McGregor made a motion to authorize events to continue with the provision that each organization submit a COVID policy that promotes social distancing, use of hand sanitizers, facial coverings, and consideration of limiting attendance to the Lockhart Emergency Management Coordinator and Health Director for approval. Councilmember Bryant seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez opposing.

ITEM 6-F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES.

Mayor White requested appointments to boards and committees.

Mayor White stated that Councilmember David Bryant appointed a member to the Lockhart Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) that resides outside the city limits. The LEDC will meet to consider whether the residency provision in the LEDC bylaws should be amended to allow members to serve on the LEDC Board of Directors that reside outside the city limits yet within Caldwell County.

ITEM 7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.

- Update regarding Fire Department.
- Caldwell County Appraisal District (CCAD) seeking nominations for Directors of the CCAD Board for the 2022-2023 term.
- City Cemetery cleanup begins October 4, 2021.

ITEM 8. COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS - ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Councilmember Mendoza expressed condolences to the Woodridge and Navarro families for their loss.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez expressed condolences to the families of Andrew Navarro, David Navarro, Mary Peralez, Joe Jennings, Louis Young, Jason Donaldson, Wanda Griffin, Jose "Big Red" Garcia, and Juan Urrutia for their loss.

Councilmember McGregor commended the LISD Board of Directors for implementing a mask mandate in all schools.

Councilmember Bryant thanked Ms. Castillo for expressing comments during the public hearing.

Councilmember Michelson encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Mayor White reminded everyone about the COVID and vaccination sites at the Scott Annex.

Mayor White announced that the Council would enter Executive Session for the following items at 8:29 p.m.

ITEM 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, TITLE 5, SUBCHAPTER D, SECTION 551.087 TO DELIBERATE OR FOR DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS RECEIVED FROM A BUSINESS PROSPECT THAT THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY SEEKS TO HAVE LOCATE, STAY, OR EXPAND IN OR NEAR THE TERRITORY OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY AND WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY IS CONDUCTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS; OR TO DELIBERATE THE OFFER OF A FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVE TO A BUSINESS PROSPECT.

- A. Discussion regarding Economic Development negotiations with Project Dynamo.
- B. Discussion regarding Economic Development negotiations with Project Evergreen.

ITEM 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, TITLE 5, SUBCHAPTER D, SECTION 551.072 - TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY IF DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PERSON.

- A. Discussion regarding possible land acquisition.

ITEM 11. OPEN SESSION. 10:01 p.m.

Mayor White announced the Council would enter Open Session at 10:02 p.m. regarding the following items:

A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PROJECT DYNAMO.

Mayor White made a motion to authorize the Lockhart Economic Development Director to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PROJECT EVERGREEN.

Mayor White made a motion to authorize the Lockhart Economic Development Director to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE LAND ACQUISITION.

There was no action.

ITEM 12. 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 10:05 p.m.


PASSED and APPROVED this the 21st day of September 2021.

CITY OF LOCKHART



Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary

