

**REGULAR MEETING
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

6:30 P.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 Jeffry Michelson

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember Derrick David Bryant
Councilmember Kara McGregor
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

Staff present:

Steven Lewis, City Manager
Monte Akers, City Attorney
Pam Larison, Finance Director
Mike Kamerlander, Economic Development Director

Connie Constancio, City Secretary
Victoria Maranan, Public Information Officer
Sean Kelley, Public Works Director

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Kelly Jenkins of Endeavors; Citizens: Doug Alfier, Alexandra Worthington, Jenny Sanchez, Conley Covert, Casey Wilcox, Kip Portis, JJ Wells, Karen Jones, and Kevin Thuerwaechter.

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 Councilmember McGregor will be arriving late.

DISCUSSION ONLY

A. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH.

Mayor White presented the proclamation to Representatives of the Greater Caldwell County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

B. DISCUSS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH WESTY'S PHARMACY FOR A BIG GRANT.

Mr. Kamerlander stated that Westy's replaced its awning with a brand new one. The owner has met with the Lockhart Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) and submitted their BIG grant application which provides a 50% rebate for the façade improvements up to \$20,000. The economic development performance agreement outlines the work to be done on the building, the rebate the owner would be entitled to should the work be completed as stated and paid as required. The expected 50% rebate is \$1,528.75 on the \$3,057.50 worth of work on the façade. Of note, the owner has completed the work and provided the paperwork to show payment has been received by the contractor. There was discussion.

C. DISCUSS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 MEETING.

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

D. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2021-30 AMENDING THE LOCKHART CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 58, UTILITIES, SECTION 58-141, ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS" AND SECTION 58-142, ENTITLED "WATER RATES", ADJUSTING THE WATER BASE CHARGE TO COVER INCREASED COSTS IN WATER SUPPLY, DEBT PAYMENTS, AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF SUPPLYING RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL WATER TO ITS CUSTOMERS.

Ms. Larison stated that on February 2, 2021, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to provide the City of Lockhart with a water and wastewater study. The purpose of the rate study on water and wastewater rates was to determine the total cost of providing water and wastewater services, equitably distribute costs to customers, and design rates to safeguard the financial integrity of the City. A presentation of the study and three viable scenarios were presented to Council during the August 3, 2021 regular council meeting. According to the consultant, in order to recover costs for water supply land leases, debt payments, and maintenance and operations of supplying residential, commercial, and industrial water to its customers, the City should set rates according to the different sizes of the customers' meters and their usage, which is common among municipal utility providers. During the presentation, all three scenarios were compared to peer cities. The City of Lockhart was slightly higher than Brenham and Luling but less than Seguin, Bastrop, San Marcos and Taylor, even with the new rate increase. After reviewing each scenario, the Council requested that Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. return with a follow-up presentation using a 3-year phase-in option for rate implementation. At the August 17, 2021 Council meeting, Raftelis' consultant presented the three scenarios with a 3-year phase-in option. The Council directed staff to implement the scenario 2 rate plan with a three-year phase-in. The scenario 2 phase-in plan will have the least amount of impact on customers during the rate implementation but still allow the City of Lockhart to provide services and maintain financial integrity. The new water rates will be set according to the customer's meter size and usage. The new rates will be phased in over a three-year period and will begin with the second billing cycle in November 2021. In addition to the water rate increase, Ordinance 2021-30 will remove and replace definitions that will directly correspond to the new rate structure.

The following definitions have been affected:

- Fixed base charge – replaced by monthly fixed service charge shall mean the monthly dollar amount that is charged for water utility service by the size of the meter installed, even if there is no consumption, for all customer classes.
- Water development debt service fee – removed (the new rate structure will contain the cost of debt service).
- Water development lease rate – removed (the new rate structure will contain the cost of debt service).

There was discussion.

E. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2021-31 AMENDING THE LOCKHART CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 58, UTILITIES, ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 3, SECTION 58- 106, ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS"; SECTION 58-108(B), 58-108(C), 58-108(C)(2), AND 58-108(D) ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF CHARGES" TO RECOVER COSTS FOR WASTEWATER DEBT PAYMENTS AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF THE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM AND TRANSPORTING WASTEWATER TO SAID COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM.

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The following definitions have been affected:

- User charge – replaced by monthly fixed service charge, shall mean that a portion of the total wastewater service charge is levied by meter size for the cost of operation, maintenance, and replacement of the wastewater treatment and collection system for all customers.
- Non-residential customer - added - shall mean any customer that does not qualify as a single-family residential customer or a multifamily residential customer.
- Multifamily residential customers and single-family residential customers have been replaced by:
Residential customer shall mean any customer that has a single living unit served by a single lateral line transporting wastewater to the collection system and a domestic residential customer that has more than a single residential living unit that is served by the city's wastewater collection system.

This class shall include residential duplexes up to and including residential apartment housing units. Residential rates shall apply. Non-residential rates shall apply for offices in this class of customer. The owner(s) of this class must pay all applicable wastewater charges for each occupant if the occupants do not pay water or electric service charges directly to the city. Where there is one or more common occupant water meter and the occupants do not pay the city directly for electric service, the owner(s) of the unit(s) must pay all applicable wastewater charges for each occupant.

There was discussion.

F. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2021-12 ESTABLISHING FEES TO REFLECT THE NEWLY NEGOTIATED SOLID WASTE CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL TEXAS REFUSE (CTR) FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL, AND RECYCLING SERVICES.

Ms. Larison stated that during a special called Council meeting on May 25, 2021, the City Council awarded a new 5-year contract to Central Texas Refuse (CTR) for solid waste collection and recycling services. This newly revised contract has allowed for the Council to provide new lower rates for its citizens in terms of residential, senior citizens/disabled, recycling and additional residential carts. Commercial accounts will not see an increase nor a decrease in their current fees. On August 17, 2021, staff provided the City Council with four options to pass through the cost savings to its residential customers. The overall discounts ranged between \$5.50 to \$6.25. The City Council decided to provide the best cost savings of \$6.25, providing a \$2.70 decrease in all residential accounts; \$1.05 additional discount for all senior/disabled accounts; and lowering recycling services from \$5.87 to \$3.50. Being able to provide solid waste collection and disposal services for the citizens of Lockhart is necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the community. This resolution will go into effect on the first billing cycle in October 2021. There was discussion.

Councilmember McGregor arrived at the meeting. (6:50 p.m.)

G. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2021-13 AMENDING CHARGES FOR CEMETERY SPACES SOLD IN THE LOCKHART MUNICIPAL BURIAL PARK.

Mr. Kelley stated that the City Council has statutory authority to regulate and improve the City Cemetery. Resolution 2021-13 amends charges for cemetery spaces sold in the Lockhart Municipal Burial Park. Current fees for cemetery spaces sold are \$500 for Lockhart residents, \$600 for Caldwell County residents, and \$1,200 for non-residents of Caldwell County. Resolution 2021-13 would increase cemetery plot sale fees to \$800 for Lockhart residents, \$900 for Caldwell County residents, and \$1,500 for non-residents of Caldwell County. Section 14-4 of the Code of Ordinance authorizes City Council to amend and establish the price of cemetery lots. Cemetery rates are raised from time to time to assist with increasing maintenance and administrative costs and to be commensurate with other municipal cemeteries. The price of lots was last adjusted in 1999. The burial or interment permit fees will remain the same as adopted in 1999. In addition to established costs for the purchase of burial spaces, Section 14-33 requires a permit to be obtained and paid prior to each burial or interment.

There was discussion about the proposed fees and future discussion about changing the name of the Lockhart Municipal Burial Park at a future meeting.

H. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2021-16 NAMING CITY OF LOCKHART NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR THE 2022-2023 TERM.

Mr. Lewis stated that the City of Lockhart received a notice from the Caldwell County Appraisal District (CCAD) for nominations of up to five director positions for the 2022-2023 term. Nominations are to be submitted by written resolution by October 15, 2021. Qualifications are that a director must reside in the appraisal district for at least two years immediately preceding the date he or she takes office, and must not have delinquent property taxes. An employee of a taxing unit is not eligible to serve as a director unless the employee is also an elected official. If the Council chooses to make a nomination(s) to the CCAD Board of Directors, staff requests that nominees be named during the September 21 or October 5 Council meeting. The attached Resolution will be amended to reflect the nominee(s) that will thereafter be submitted to the CCAD to place the City's nominee(s) on a ballot that the Council will vote on in the future. The City of Lockhart's previous nominee (Alfredo Munoz) remains on the CCAD Board of Directors.

There was discussion regarding nominating Alfredo Munoz and Sally Daniel on behalf of the City of Lockhart.

I. DISCUSS THE LOCKHART ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BYLAWS, PROVIDING AMENDMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS, AS OUTLINED IN RESOLUTION 2021-14.

Mr. Kamerlander stated that the Lockhart Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) Board has had some new Directors appointed by City Council over the past year. Throughout these appointments, the question of residency is recurring. The LEDC Bylaws state in Article II, Section 1, Subsection (b) the following for Board of Directors Requirements: (b) The Board shall consist of seven (7) directors, each of whom shall be appointed by the Council (the "City Council) of the City. Each director shall occupy a place (individually, the "Place" and collectively, the "Places") as designated herein. Places 1-4 are designated for Council member Directors from Councilmember Districts 1 through 4 respectively. In the event that a particular Councilmember from said District is unable or unwilling to serve in the capacity as a Director, that Councilmember shall have the right to nominate a non-councilmember for approval and appointment. Places 5-7 are designated for Citizen Member Directors. State law allows for Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, in City's fewer than 20,000 people, to serve from as far as 10 miles from the corporate boundaries and in a neighboring county as long as it is within the distance requirement. It is staff's interpretation that Directors in places 1-4 are to be Councilmembers from those districts. If the councilmembers choose to appoint someone, they should reside in their district. The At-large and Mayoral appointees may be city-wide. To clarify this intent, the recommended changes would need to be added: (b) The Board shall consist of seven (7) directors, each of whom shall be appointed by the Council (the "City Council) of the City and reside within the City Limits of Lockhart, Texas. Each director shall occupy a place (individually, the "Place" and collectively, the "Places") as designated herein. Places 1-4 are designated for Council member Directors from Councilmember Districts 1 through 4 respectively. In the event that a particular Councilmember from said District is unable or unwilling to serve in the capacity as a Director, that Councilmember shall have the right to nominate a non-councilmember for approval and appointment. Places 5-7 are designated for Citizen Member Directors. To change the bylaws, according to the Articles of Incorporation in Article Ten, Section (b), the "Board of Directors of the corporation shall make application to the City Council for the approval of any proposed amendments, but the same shall not become effective until or unless the same shall be approved by resolution adopted by the City Council." The Lockhart EDC Board of Directors voted to amend the bylaws by unanimous vote at its regular board meeting on September 13, 2021. There was discussion.

J. DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER AMENDING ORDINANCES, PROCEDURES, AND POLICIES INVOLVING SIDEWALK INSTALLATION, REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY.

Mr. Kelley stated that staff has received increasing inquiries into sidewalk replacement, maintenance, and new installation. Unfortunately, current policies and ordinances lack the guidance needed to perform, delegate, and facilitate these requests. With this growing community demand, City Council has also been approached with requests to improve deteriorating sidewalks and installation of new sidewalk connections to meet the needs of the City. Creating a comprehensive sidewalk policy would clear up confusion regarding current sidewalk maintenance responsibility, establish guidelines for installation of new sidewalks and the replacement of existing sidewalks, along with allowing the City to take the proper steps to have necessary improvements made. While installation of new sidewalks and the replacement of existing sidewalks is most cost effective when coordinated with the reconstruction of a street project, there is the need for policies to advise on how to determine other replacements, maintenance responsibilities, installation/ replacement priorities, and funding sources for sidewalks.

Mr. Lewis requested feedback from the Council to assist city staff in creating a policy about sidewalks.

There was discussion regarding scheduling a workshop to discuss sidewalks and topics to consider during the workshop.

K. DISCUSSION REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19.

Mayor White announced that there are no changes to COVID-19 protocols. He outlined a few events that have been cancelled due to COVID-19 for the remainder of 2021.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:25 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mayor White requested the following citizens to address the Council:

Kelly Jenkins of Endeavors in Waco, Texas, stated that they offer a community housing program that is funded by the CARES Act that assists individuals that have been displaced due to COVID to get them into stable housing. The program assists with rent, utility payments, and housing. He encouraged citizens to contact them for assistance.

Doug Alfier, 1609 Sundown, Lockhart, requested that the City amend the wrecker storage facility ordinance to allow a vehicle storage facility within the City of Lockhart's extraterritorial jurisdiction in addition to within the city limits.

Alexandra Worthington, 701 Campbell, Lockhart, requested that the parklet remain permanent at 101 E. San Antonio Street. She stated that citizens and customers have expressed support and the desire of the parklet remaining on the downtown square. She stated that because of the unforeseen continued COVID issues and concerns, she requested that the city council consider allowing the parklet to remain at 101 E. San Antonio Street.

Jenny Sanchez, 102 S. Brazos, spoke about the City of Lockhart's policy of charging a 10 percent late fee for late utility bill payments. She stated that she believes that the late fee is outrageous and that she has not been able to pay what is due because to the lack of employment during COVID. She believes that the additional late fee added to her utility bills makes it impossible to keep her utility payments current and that disconnection of utilities should not be based on not paying the late fee.

Conley Covert, Austin, expressed support of keeping the parklet permanent at 101 E. San Antonio Street. He stated that it promotes tourism, assists in revenue for local businesses, and provides additional safe outdoor seating.

Casey Wilcox, 505 S. Guadalupe, spoke in support of the parklet remaining permanent at 101 E. San Antonio Street.

Kip Portis, 300 Westwood Road, spoke in favor of the parklet remaining permanent at 101 E. San Antonio Street. He stated that he believes that the parklet helps make the city a better place.

JJ Wells, 1007 W. Live Oak, questioned the city's parklet application process. He expressed support of the parklet remaining at 101 E. San Antonio Street and questioned the city's liability.

Karen Jones, 610 S. Frio, spoke in favor of the parklet remaining open at 101 E. San Antonio Street.

Kevin Thuerwaechter, 409 W. San Antonio St., spoke in favor of the parklet remaining open at 101 E. San Antonio Street.

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

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilmember Westmoreland requested that consent agenda item 4B be pulled because he will abstain from voting on the item due to a conflict of interest because he is the owner of Westy's Pharmacy.

ITEM 4-A. APPROVE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH WESTY'S PHARMACY FOR A BIG GRANT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve the Economic Development Performance Agreement with Westy's Pharmacy for a Business Improvement & Growth (BIG) Grant. Councilmember McGregor seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1, with Councilmember Westmoreland abstaining.

ITEM 4B. APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 MEETING.

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

ITEM 5-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2021-30 AMENDING THE LOCKHART CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 58, UTILITIES, SECTION 58-141, ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS" AND SECTION 58-142, ENTITLED "WATER RATES", ADJUSTING THE WATER BASE CHARGE TO COVER INCREASED COSTS IN WATER SUPPLY, DEBT PAYMENTS, AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF SUPPLYING RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL WATER TO ITS CUSTOMERS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-30, as presented. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2021-31 AMENDING THE LOCKHART CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 58, UTILITIES, ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 3, SECTION 58-106, ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS"; SECTION 58-108(B), 58-108(C), 58-108(C)(2), AND 58-108(D) ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF CHARGES" TO RECOVER COSTS FOR WASTEWATER DEBT PAYMENTS AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF THE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM AND TRANSPORTING WASTEWATER TO SAID COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM.

Councilmember McGregor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-31, as presented. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2021-12 ESTABLISHING FEES TO REFLECT THE NEWLY NEGOTIATED SOLID WASTE CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL TEXAS REFUSE (CTR) FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL, AND RECYCLING SERVICES.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-12, as presented. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2021-13 AMENDING CHARGES FOR CEMETERY SPACES SOLD IN THE LOCKHART MUNICIPAL BURIAL PARK.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-13, as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1 with Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez opposing.

ITEM 5-E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2021-16 NAMING CITY OF LOCKHART NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR THE 2022-2023 TERM.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to nominate Alfredo Munoz and Sally Daniel. Councilmember McGregor seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING THE LOCKHART ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BYLAWS, PROVIDING AMENDMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS, AS OUTLINED IN RESOLUTION 2021-14.

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 amending the Lockhart Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) bylaws to require LEDC Board of Directors to be residents within the city limits of Lockhart. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-G. DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER AMENDING ORDINANCES, PROCEDURES, AND POLICIES INVOLVING SIDEWALK INSTALLATION, REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY.

CONSENSUS: After discussion, the consensus of the Council was to direct staff to return with a proposed policy during a future agenda.

ITEM 5-H. DISCUSSION REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19.

No action taken.

ITEM 5-I. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES.

Mayor White requested appointments to boards and committees.

Mayor White stated that the appointment made by Councilmember Bryant to the Lockhart Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) no longer qualifies because he does not reside within the city limits of Lockhart.

Councilmember Bryant stated that he continues to stand by appointing Jessie Maciel, Jr. to the LEDC because Mr. Maciel is a trustworthy businessman that would be an asset to the LEDC. Due to the Council's previous action to remove Caldwell County residents to be able to serve on the LEDC, he withdrew the appointment of Mr. Maciel and stated that he will appoint himself to serve on the LEDC.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to appoint himself to the Lockhart Economic Development Corporation. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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

- Paving of the Lockhart Municipal Court parking lot is complete.
- Library Updates.

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

Mayor White questioned whether the Council would like to direct staff to return a policy to allow parklets on a permanent basis on a future agenda and whether to extend the parklet at 101 E. San Antonio for 30 days. The consensus of the Council was to extend the parklet permit at 101 E. San Antonio for 30 days and to direct staff to return with a policy about permanent parklets within 30 days.

Councilmember Mendoza expressed condolences to the families of Ira Guyton, Cleophas Cashe, and the Eckford families for their loss.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez expressed condolences to the families of Delia Martinez, Joe Galvan, Margie Espinoza, Refugia Gonzales, Guy Maiorka, Cleophas Cashe, and Ira Guyton for their loss.

Councilmember McGregor thanked citizens for participating in expressing their thoughts during tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Bryant also thanked citizens for speaking about the utility late fees and about the parklet. He expressed condolences to the families of Ira Guyton and Cleophas Cashe for their loss.

Mayor White thanked staff for their work during the budget process.

After discussion, the consensus of the Council was not to hold the October 5, 2021 Council meeting.

ITEM 8. 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 8:45 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 19th day of October 2021.



CITY OF LOCKHART

Lew White

 Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie Constancio

Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary