

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 2nd day of March, A.D., 2017, the City Council held a Special Called Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 5803 Thunderbird, Lago Vista, Texas, there being present and acting the following:

CALL TO ORDER, CALL OF ROLL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dale Mitchell	Mayor	Kenneth Reneau	Interim City Manager
Ron Smith	Council Member	Barbara Boulware-Wells	City Attorney
Kevin Sullivan	Council Member	Danny Smith	Police Chief
Ed Tidwell	Mayor Pro Tem	Sandra Barton	City Secretary
Stephanie Smith	Council Member	David Harrell	Dir. Of Dev. Svcs.
		Starr Lockwood	Finance Director
		Gary Graham	Int. Public Works Dir.
		Dave Street	IT Manager

Mayor Mitchell called the Special Called Meeting to order and recognized that all Council Members were present except Mark Tippetts and Suzanne Bland. Other Staff present: Greg DeLong and Donna Clark. Others present: Elaine Hughes, Executive Director of the Chamber and ESD President, Greg Johnston. Mayor Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

1. Mayor Mitchell will recognize and present the City's Proclamation to the Lago Vista Varsity Girls Basketball Team.

Mayor Mitchell read the Proclamation and recognized outstanding players of the basketball team. He also presented a framed Proclamation to Head Coach Walker and individual proclamations to the team members.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from acting or discussing (other than factual responses to specific questions) any items not on the agenda.

Greg Johnston, President of ESD1, appeared and provided an update of items happening regarding ESD7 and they will be swearing in six new paramedics at the banquet tomorrow night. They have set up a GoFundMe account for any donations to be used towards equipment and training for staff.

Melinda Faulk, 4120 Rimrock Dr., appeared and made comments regarding the new utility rates and asked that the Council consider revising the water schedule to make exceptions for the length of time that a leak is undetected.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Discussion and consideration of Finalizing Council Goals & Objectives from retreat.

Ron Cox, provided the Council with a draft Report and Strategic Plan and provided a brief oral overview of some main points of the draft plan and addressed questions from Council. The draft Report will be shared with Chris Hartung per Council direction.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding contract with Waste Connections.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager provided some background information regarding the current contract and the expiration of the contract. If neither party makes a declaration to not renew the current contract, it will automatically renew for an additional five years. Staff recommends no action be taken and let the contract renew.

Steve Shannon, Municipal Marketing Manager for Waste Connections appeared and provided some additional comments regarding the company and the services they provide and addressed Council questions and/or concerns.

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. At 7:26 p.m. the Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 (Advice of Counsel), 551.072 (Real Property), 551.074 (Personnel), Texas Government Code and Section 1.05 Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct regarding:

- B. Pending or threatened litigation pertaining to Cause No. D-1-GN-16-002483, Brian Atlas v. City of Lago Vista, Travis County 200th District Court.

ACTION ITEMS (action and/or a vote may be taken on the following agenda items):

15. At 7:56 p.m. the Council reconvened from Executive Session into open session to take action as deemed appropriate in City Council's discretion regarding:

- B. Pending or threatened litigation pertaining to Cause No. D-1-GN-16-002483, Brian Atlas v. City of Lago Vista, Travis County 200th District Court.

No action taken

3. Discussion and consideration of Resolution No. 17-1693; A Resolution of the City of Lago Vista, Texas, adopting the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lago Vista and the Lago Vista Independent School District.

David Harrell, Development Services Director gave a brief overview of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding. He advised Council that at their February meeting, the LVISD approved the MOU by unanimous vote. The plans should be going to TXDOT on April 7 and potential construction to begin early to mid-next year. David Harrell and Gary Graham addressed questions from Council.

On a motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 17-1693 as presented.

4. Discussion and consideration of Resolution No. 17-1694; A Resolution of the city of Lago Vista, Texas, in Opposition to Bills Advocating a Revenue Cap and/or Imposing a Mandatory Ratification Election.

Barbara Boulware-Wells, City Attorney provided an overview of bills being introduced this Legislative Session and the impact they will have on the City and addressed questions from Council.

On a motion by Mayor Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 17-1694 as presented.

5. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding creating funding and/or additional staffing and/or increasing funding in Professional Services to hire contract labor in the Public Works Department.

Gary Graham, Interim Public Works Director provided a brief overview of additional personnel positions needed to get caught up on the backlog of installation of water and sewer services and/or line extensions and how these positions would be funded. He also addressed questions from Council.

On a motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the use of water and sewer tap fees to compensate a contractor for installation of water and sewer service lines and/or line extensions, creating four full time temporary positions in Public Works to create an additional crew for installing service lines, line extensions and making utility line repairs as needed.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding improvements to Camille/Dawn Drive.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager stated that the CO's have funded this project and Gary had done an engineering design study that called for some excavation of an adjacent hill. Staff is asking for direction on which way to proceed to address this issue.

Jerry Nillson-Weiscott, 5900 Camille Ct. made comments in support of putting a stop sign at this intersection and re-route boat traffic.

Robyn Pond, 6105 Camille Ct. made comments in support of a stop sign and route boat traffic to Park.

Susan Nillson-Weiscott, 5900 Camille Ct. thanked Council and made comments in support of a stop sign and leave the island.

Peggy Brown, 6400 Camille Ct. made comments in support of a stop sign.

Gary Graham, Interim Public Works Director stated that he does not recommend a stop sign but will not stand in the way if this is what Council and citizens want.

On a motion by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, the Council voted unanimously to provide guidance to the City Manager that he proceed to bring back an Ordinance to put a stop sign at the Camille and Dawn intersection.

WORK SESSION

8. Discussion concerning overview of code enforcement activities.

David Harrell, provided information in the Council packet, containing a summarization of the overall process of Code Enforcement and the top violations they deal with. Greg DeLong, Code Enforcement Officer was also available to address questions from Council.

JoAnn Smith, 20609 Oakridge, had questions regarding cleaning up abandoned buildings and overgrown areas.
No action taken.

9. Review Golf Course Contractual Obligations.

The Council had requested this information to review and in the event that Council did not approve additional monies to the golf budget. This information was provided by Starr Lockwood, Finance Director and reviewed by City Attorney, Barbara Boulware-Wells. Starr was available to address questions from Council.
No action taken.

11. Proposed 2017-2018 Budget Calendar

A draft of the calendar was provided to the Council for review and discussion.
No action taken.

10. Discussion of some of the introduced legislation for the 85th Legislative Session of importance to the City.

Barbara Boulware-Wells, City Attorney, provided an oral summary of several bills that may be of importance to the City and addressed questions/concerns from Council.
No action taken.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

12. Update on the golf courses

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager stated that Mark has supplied in the packet, his written report of upcoming activities and events and status of the course conditions. Councilman Sullivan requested that Council receive the snapshot report on a monthly basis in the future and asked for an update on the tee markers.
Gina Williams, 20703 Dede Drive, asked if she could get the information that Mark submitted and the information that was handed out. She was given copies and the others are online.
No action taken.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Gary Graham, Interim Public Works Director announced that the City of Lago Vista has won the Blue Legacy Award, awarded by the Water Conservation Advisory Council to showcase Municipal water suppliers whose practices enhance water conservation while maintaining profitability in their systems. It will be awarded at the State Capital, tentatively on March 22.

13. Consider schedule and items for future Council meetings.

Councilman Smith, stated he may be late to the April 6 Council meeting. He also requests to consider moving City employees off of social security or offer a benefit package as an alternative to a “pay raise” and ask that staff look into and update Council.

He would also request an update on the Veteran's Memorial Park.
Kenneth will email the tentative list of future agenda items.
Some are Ordinance for stop sign on Camille and Dawn, Tee marker update and update on Veteran's Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. At 9:55 p.m., Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 (Advice of Counsel), 551.072 (Real Property), 551.074 (Personnel), Texas Government Code and Section 1.05 Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct regarding:
- A. Consultation with Legal Counsel concerning upcoming Legislative Session and possible items for consideration by Legislature.
 - C. Consultation with legal counsel regarding claims or possible claims or contractual claims or possible claims or charges, and possible issues and questions.
 - D. Consultation with Legal Counsel concerning possible real estate acquisition, management or divestiture and attendant matters thereto.

ACTION ITEMS (action and/or a vote may be taken on the following agenda items):

15. At 11:09 p.m., Council reconvened from Executive Session into open session to take action as deemed appropriate in City Council's discretion regarding:
- A. Consultation with Legal Counsel concerning upcoming Legislative Session and possible items for consideration by Legislature.

No action taken.
 - C. Consultation with legal counsel regarding claims or possible claims or contractual claims or possible claims or charges, and possible issues and questions.

No action taken.
 - D. Consultation with Legal Counsel concerning possible real estate acquisition, management or divestiture and attendant matters thereto.

No action taken

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.



ATTEST:

Sandra Barton

Sandra Barton, City Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Mitchell

Dale Mitchell, Mayor

On a motion by Council Member Kevin Sullivan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Tidwell, the above and foregoing instrument was passed and approved this 20th day of April, 2017.