

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL RETREAT
MONDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2018**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 17th day of December, A.D., 2018, the City Council held a special meeting at 8:00 a.m. at 18001 Marshall's Point in Lago Vista, Texas.

Mayor Tidwell called the special meeting to order at 8:16 a.m. and recognized that all Council Members were present. In addition, City Manager Joshua Ray was present.

The following items were discussed:

Council-Manager form of government

- City Manager explained the form of government to Council and explained how both the Manager and the Council should interact with each other and staff. It was addressed that Council has the authority to meet with the Mayor, City Manager or department heads to obtain information but that no Council member should give orders directly to the City Manager or any other City employee. The City Manager requested that Council add him on emails to department heads.

Meeting Rules of Interaction

- Council discussed the newly adopted rules of interaction for Council meetings.

Council Liaison rules of interaction

- Council discussed how to properly and effectively interact with boards and commissions.

Council Budget

- Council discussed the approved Council budget and training for the year.

Relationship with Property Owners Associations

- Lago Vista POA
- Rusty Allen POA
- Lakeside at Tessera POA
- Montechino/Shoreline Ranch POAs?

City Comprehensive Plan discussion

- Council reviewed the plan and discussed project successes from the past year.
- Council discussed planning a workshop with the community to discuss how the plan moves forward.

Town Center

- Council discussed the opportunity to create a town center in the existing City Hall complex.

Community Center

- Council discussed the need for a community center that would provide for meeting space and community activity spaces.

Youth Center

- Council discussed the need to provide youth services to the youth of our City.

Downtown

- Council discussed where traffic is located within our City. Council stated that the majority of traffic is focused on the 1431 corridor and that the City should focus our efforts on economic development in that area.

What does Lago look like in 5 years?

- Council discussed the current rate of development within our City and how this rate will impact our City over the next 5 years.

How do we effectively interact with our Citizens?

- Council discussed providing additional opportunities for interacting with the public. Mayor discussed new opportunities to provide web-casts and public information segments to our online presence. City Manager discussed community meetings that involve members of the Council and staff.

City Financial Health

- City Manager presented Council with information concerning the previous 10 years of City budgets and estimates for how the City will create projects in the future.

Debt

- Council discussed the \$49 million in debt that the City currently has and methods for alleviating some of the debt over the next 5 years.

City Owned Property

- Council discussed the number of City owned lots and how to effectively utilize those lots. Council requested that the City Manager compile a list of those lots with explanations of uses and present that information back to Council.

Budget

- Council discussed the budget process for next year and how we will move forward. In addition, it was discussed that once ad valorem taxes begin to be realized in 2019, Council will consider the existing budget and if any changes should be made at that time.

The City Manager provided updates on the following projects:

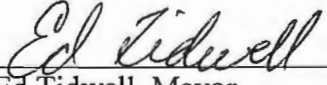
- a. New Staff Positions (GIS, Economic Development Director)
- b. Marshall Point House
- c. Highland Lakes Golf Course
- d. Development on Bronco – 55 plus housing
- e. Cedar Breaks Park
- f. Airport Pilots Lounge
- g. Green Center Development Plan

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

*Note. Council member Tim Collins left the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,




Ed Tidwell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sandra Barton, City Secretary

On a motion by Councilman Robbins, seconded by Councilman Weatherly, the above and foregoing instrument was passed and approved this 17th day of January 2019.