

LAKWOOD VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 28, 2009

Council Members:

Mike Schnittker, Mayor
Mark Vargus
Ken Guthrie
Harold Wood
Carolyn Coleman
Dave Getka

Town Staff:

Linda Asbell, Town Secretary

REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 P.M.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Schnittker called the Town Council to order at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2009, in the Council Chambers of the Lakewood Village Town Hall, 100 Highridge Drive, Lakewood Village, Texas.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

(Agenda Item A)

Mayor Schnittker

VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

(Agenda Item B)

Betty Lisk, 800 Carrie, Lakewood Village, stated she would like to see the fencing ordinance changed. Privacy fences that have been installed on Melody have been installed so the poles show on the outside of the fence and the wood sections of the fence face in to the backyard. Mrs. Lisk requested Council drive by and look at the fencing, and requested the ordinance be changed to require the more attractive side of the fence be directed outward.

REGULAR AGENDA:

(Agenda Item C)

**Consideration of Ordinance Amending Fiscal
Year 2008-2009 Budget**

(Agenda Item C.1)

Councilman Guthrie stated that he requested this item to amend the budget to provide for paying off the time warrant during this fiscal year. Councilman Guthrie reviewed the changes in the Utility Fund expenditures section of the 2008-2009 budget.

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MOTION: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus and seconded by Councilman Guthrie, the Council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to approve the ordinance amending the fiscal year 2008-2009 budget. The motion carried.

**Consideration of Ordinance Repealing the
Telecommunications Sales Tax Exemption**

(Agenda Item C.2)

Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus explained the history of the telecommunications sales tax exemption. There was some discussion on the passage of this ordinance and the financial impact on residents.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Guthrie and seconded by Councilman Getka, the Council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to approve the ordinance repealing the sales tax exemption on telecommunications. The motion carried.

**Consideration of Ordinance Adopting Fiscal
Year 2009-2010 Budget**

(Agenda Item C.3)

Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus reviewed the draft proposed budget. There was some discussion about the franchise fee on solid waste collections and the collection costs on the new solid waste contract. There was some discussion on the additional cost the Town incurs for billing and collection for solid waste. There was some discussion on the Fire/EMS contract expense. Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus reported that Little Elm homeowner’s paid higher property taxes this year and the fire department is expanding, which together resulted in the increase to the contract price for Lakewood Village. Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus reported that Lake Cities Fire Department will respond to Lakewood Village via a mutual aid agreement with Little Elm Fire Department. Councilman Getka expressed his desire to see additional signage for “no outlet” and “no littering” near the entrance to Town. Councilwoman Coleman reported that she would like to have a contract for mowing and litter collection that covers the frontage along Eldorado in order to maintain a more attractive appearance. Councilman Getka stated he would like to lower the speed limit to 25 mph and add additional speed limit signage. Councilman Wood reported that vehicles are constantly speeding and ignoring the speed limit. There was some discussion about street lights. There was some discussion on street repair and attorney fees. There was some discussion on computers and data backup procedures and needs. Councilwoman Coleman inquired about advertising and promoting the Town via a billboard and/or other promotional activities. There was some discussion about the Economic Development funding of those type activities. There was some discussion about capital improvement projects in the utility fund. There was some discussion on the condition of the sewer system. Council discussed creating a list of capital improvement projects for the August 11th meeting.

MOTION: No motion was made

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ADJOURNMENT

(Agenda Item F)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Getka and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman the Council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to adjourn the Regular Session of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 8:59 on Tuesday, July 28, 2009. The motion carried.

These minutes approved by the Lakewood Village Town Council on the 11th day of August, 2009.

APPROVED

Mike Schnittker
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Asbell
CITY SECRETARY