

# **LAKEWOOD VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAY 9, 2019**

### **Council Members:**

Dr. Mark Vargus, Mayor  
Darrell West – Mayor Pro-Tem  
Clint Bushong  
Serena Lepley  
Matt Bissonnette  
Eric Farage

### **Town Staff:**

Linda Asbell, TRMC, CMC – Town Secretary

### **REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 P.M.**

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Vargus called the Regular Meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019, in the Council Chambers of the Lakewood Village Town Hall, 100 Highridge Drive, Lakewood Village, Texas.

### **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

**(Agenda Item A)**

The members of Boy Scout Troup 45 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

**(Agenda Item B)**

Mayor Vargus presented a proclamation recognizing Chris and Alieen Cox for their service to Lakewood Village and their efforts sponsoring the annual Lakewood Village Crawfish Boil. Mayor Vargus thanked Mr. Cox for his dedication to the Town.

Mayor Vargus presented a flag flown over the Texas State Capital to outgoing Councilwoman Elizabeth Shields in honor of her service to the town.

Mayor Vargus presented a flag flown over the United States Capital to outgoing Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Reed in honor of his service to the town. Mayor Vargus also presented a special gift of a reading lamp made from a Lakewood Village streetlight in recognition of his hard work on the dark sky project. Mayor Pro-Tem Reed thanked the council and the town for support during his time of service. Mayor Pro-Tem Reed recognized his wife, Pam and two of his 13 grandchildren in the audience.

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Mayor Vargus administered the oath of office and presented the election certificate to re-elected Councilman Bushong and newly elected Councilman Matt Bissonnette. Councilwoman Serena Lepley administered the oath of office to newly elected Councilman Eric Farage. Council members Bushong, Bissonnette, and Farage took their seats on the dais.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**(Agenda Item C)**

1. Resolution Naming the Denton Record Chronical as the Official Newspaper (Asbell)
2. Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Council Meeting (Asbell)
3. Minutes of the March 25, 2019 Council Meeting (Asbell)
4. Renewal of the "380" Interlocal Agreement between Town of Lakewood Village and the Lakewood Village Municipal Development District (Asbell)
5. Approval of the Municipal Development District Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Amendment (Asbell)

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilman Bushong and seconded by Councilman West, council voted five (5) "ayes", no (0) "nays" to approve the consent agenda items as presented. *The motion carried.*

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**(Agenda Item D)**

**Consideration of Election of Mayor Pro-Tem  
(Asbell)**

**(Agenda Item D.1)**

Mayor Vargus reviewed the general qualifications and expectations of the position of Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Bushong nominated Councilman West for the position. Councilman Bushong stated that he appreciates the time Councilman West has dedicated to the town on top of his full-time job.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilman Bushong seconded by Councilwoman Lepley, council voted five (5) "ayes", no (0) "nays" to appoint Darrell West to the position of Mayor Pro-Tem of Lakewood Village. *The motion carried.*

**Consideration of Designation of Authorized  
Signers on Bank Accounts (Asbell)**

**(Agenda Item D.2)**

Mayor Vargus reported that previous Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Reed was a signer on the bank account. Councilman Bushong reported that all transactions require two signatures. Current authorized

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signers are Mayor Vargus, Councilman Bushong, and Linda Asbell. There was some discussion about adding Mayor Pro-Tem West

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Lepley and seconded by Councilman Farage, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to add Darrell West as an authorized signer on the bank accounts. *The motion carried.*

**Update on Concrete Road Project; Boring  
Results & Road Design (Vargus)**

**(Agenda Item D.3)**

Todd Strouse, Town Engineer, reviewed the geotechnical results of the borings that have been completed. Mr. Strouse reported that increasing the road thickness by one inch will provide an additional ten years of life from the road. The soil was determined to be primarily expansive clay. The final report from the geotechnical team will have recommendations about drainage and moisture barriers. There was some discussion about shoulders on roads and extending the road base beyond the edges of the road. The additional one inch of concrete will cost an estimated \$300,000 on an approximately \$4,000,000 project. There was some discussion about increasing the thickness of highly traveled roads like Highridge Drive.

Mr. Strouse also updated the projected timeline. Surveying in June would move the bid opening for road construction contractors to May 2020. The construction phase will take approximately eight months. There would not be any change in the timeline if the road thickness increased by the additional inch.

There was some discussion of next task order for the project.

**Consideration of Water Use Policy**

**(Agenda Item D.4)**

Mayor Vargus reported that he would like to establish standard watering policies which are a voluntary program to provide some stability and predictability for water use. The intent of the policy is to proactively educate citizens about water conservation rather than respond in a reactionary way to problems caused by large numbers of individual properties watering all at the same time. There was some discussion about the previous problems experienced by the town water system.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilman Lepley and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem West, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to approve the proposed water use policy. *The motion carried.*

**Discussion of Municipal Development  
District Financial Controls Ordinance  
(Bissonnette & Vargus)**

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**(Agenda Item D.5)**

Mayor Vargus reported that Councilman Bissonnette has been working on this ordinance. The goal was to allow the Municipal Development District Board to have some autonomy and discretion on spending while adhering to general financial controls. There was some discussion about placing a spending limit of \$5,000 on the MDD Board if the purchase has been approved within the budget. There was some discussion about the MDD Board meeting quarterly rather than monthly.

**Discussion of Rocky Point Emergency Water  
Management Ordinance (Farage & Asbell)**

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**(Agenda Item D.6)**

Councilman Farage stated that this ordinance puts some standard procedures in place for the Rocky Point Water System. This ordinance is similar to the ordinance adopted for Town water operations. There was some discussion about signs to alert Rocky Point about emergency conditions. There was some discussion about collecting email addresses from customers for emergency contact.

**Discussion of Municipal Court of Record  
Ordinance (Asbell)**

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**(Agenda Item D.7)**

Town Secretary Asbell reviewed the procedures for becoming a court of record and the history of the ordinance. Town Secretary Asbell reported that the Town Attorney has reviewed the ordinance and provided his input. The Municipal Judge has also reviewed the ordinance and has no concerns. Mayor Vargus reviewed the procedures for a case to be appealed from a court of record.

At this time Council held the visitor/citizen forum.

**VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:**

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**(Agenda Item F)**

Former Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Reed distributed a copy of the Lakewood Village application for Dark Sky Community Designation. Former Mayor Pro-Tem Reed reviewed some of the key elements of the application and reported the application has been submitted and is expecting an approval sometime in July or August.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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**(Agenda Item E)**

At 8:17 p.m. Mayor Vargus recessed into executive session in accordance with (1) § 551.071(2), Texas Government Code to wit: consultation with Town Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional

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Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter to receive legal advice. (2) § 551.072 Texas Government Code to wit: deliberations about real property; (3) § 551.087 Texas Government Code to wit: Economic Development Negotiations; and (4) § 551.076 Texas Government Code to wit: deliberations about Security Devices

**RECONVENE:**

**(Agenda Item F)**

Mayor Vargus reconvened the regular session of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 9:27 p.m. No action was taken.

**REPORTS**

**(Agenda Item H)**

Mayor Vargus reported that Town Secretary Asbell is having surgery on May 20<sup>th</sup> and will be out of the office for two weeks. Volunteers have been scheduled to answer phones and greet people at town hall while Secretary Asbell is out.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**(Agenda Item I)**

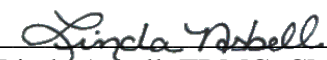
**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilman Lepley and seconded by Councilman Farage council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 9:28 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019. The motion carried.

These minutes approved by the Lakewood Village Town Council on the 13th day of June 2019.

APPROVED

  
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Darrell West  
MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

  
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Linda Asbell, TRMC, CMC  
TOWN SECRETARY

