

LAKEWOOD VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 13, 2017

Council Members:

Dr. Mark Vargus, Mayor
Ed Reed – Mayor Pro-Tem
Clint Bushong
Gary Newsome
Dan Tantalo
Elizabeth Shields

Town Staff:

Linda Asbell, TRMC, 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, July 13, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Lakewood Village Town Hall, 100 Highridge Drive, Lakewood Village, Texas.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

(Agenda Item A)

Mayor Vargus led the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

(Agenda Item B)

No one requested to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING:

(Agenda Item C)

A public hearing was held to provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on the proposed fiscal year 2017-2018 budget. Mayor Vargus opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. No one requested to speak.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilman Bushong, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to close the public hearing at 7:03 pm. *The motion carried.*

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PUBLIC HEARING:

(Agenda Item D)

A public hearing was held to provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on the combined tax rate of \$0.30/\$100. Mayor Vargus opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. No one requested to speak.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Tantalo and seconded by Councilman Newsome, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to close the public hearing at 7:04 pm. *The motion carried.*

REGULAR AGENDA:

(Agenda Item E)

**Crime Prevention Presentation by Denton
County Sheriff Department, Deputy R.
Olivarez (Asbell)**

(Agenda Item E.?)

Deputy Olivarez provided crime prevention information and recommendations on keeping property and vehicles secure. There was some discussion about golf carts in the area. There was some discussion about the Neighborhood Watch group. There was some discussion about enforcement of fireworks violations. Deputy Olivarez reported that Lakewood Village has an extremely low crime rate.

**Consideration of Minutes of June 8, 2017
(Asbell)**

(Agenda Item E.1)

Town Secretary Asbell reported that there was a minor wording error that has been corrected.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Bushong and seconded by Ed Reed, council voted five (5) “ayes”, and no (0) “nays” to approve the minutes as discussed. *The motion carried.*

**Consideration of Creation of and
Appointments to Parks Advisory Board
(Vargus)**

(Agenda Item E.2)

Mayor Vargus reported that the council has previously discussed creating a Parks Advisory Board to provide citizen input for parks improvements and possibly a community garden. Mayor Vargus reported that Serena Lepley has coordinated installation of new swings and a rocker in the playground at Town Hall. There was some discussion about Councilwoman Liz Shields

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acting as council liaison. Councilman Tantalo requested applications from all members and he would like the quarterly reports from the board to provide feedback to the council. Council discussed appointing the following citizens to the Parks Advisory Board: Serena Lepley, Bernadette Rodriguez, Lacresha Goodman, Shay Ruth, Rick Turner, and Richard Bosch-Suero.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Shields and seconded by Councilman Newsome, council voted five (5) “ayes”, and no (0) “nays” create the Parks Advisory Board and appoint members as discussed. *The motion carried.*

**Consideration of 2017-2018 Budget
Ordinance (Vargus)**

(Agenda Item E.3)

Mayor Vargus reviewed the proposed budget. Councilman Tantalo discussed the effective tax rate versus the actual tax rate. Mayor Vargus provided information that reviewed the property taxes collected each year since 2008. The Town of Lakewood Village had a ten year increase of 21.8% with an annualized change of 1.99%. There was some discussion about the difference between a tax and a fee. Council discussed future planning for infrastructure improvements and project plans. There was some discussion about reducing the attorney fees. Council reviewed the general fund expenses. There was some discussion about contingency expenses during this fiscal year. Council discussed a drainage improvement plan for Shoreline Drive. Councilman Tantalo stated that he wants to plan for road improvements. Mayor Vargus reviewed the proposed Utility Fund revenues and expenses. There was some discussion about payroll. Mayor Vargus reviewed the Road Maintenance Fund. Mayor Vargus reviewed the history of road repairs in Town. There was some discussion about plans for road repairs. There was some discussion about the proposed capital improvement projects. There was council consensus that the Stowe lift station would be a priority. There was some discussion about the plan to install a fire hydrant on Parkwood and an emergency interconnect with the Town of Little Elm for water.

Discussion of Fence Ordinance (Vargus)

(Agenda Item E.4)

Mayor Vargus reported that the fence ordinance was amended in 2002 to prohibit privacy fences for waterfront properties. Mayor Vargus stated that he would like to allow waterfront property owners to install fencing along the sides of their homes for a limited area to provide privacy around pools or patios. There was some discussion about specificity being required in the ordinance for enforcement purposes.

Consideration of Updating Impact Fee Ordinance (Vargus)

(Agenda Item E.5)

Mayor Vargus reviewed the need to update the impact fees. The town has more specific information about the cost of the well and better information for assumptions for cost of infrastructure. The task assignment for the update was approved in the original agreement with the Town Engineer. The funds for the update were already approved but were not spent in this fiscal year.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Bushong and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to approve the revision of the impact fees. *The motion carried.*

Consideration of Amendment to Builder Packet - Sewer Tap (Bushong)

(Agenda Item E.6)

Councilman Bushong reported on a problem with builders dumping trash and debris in the sewer line which causes blockages. Councilman Bushong recommends the town provide a camera inspection of the line prior to issuing a certificate of occupancy. The cost to the town would be approximately \$250, with no increase to the sewer tap fee. There was some discussion about the cost of a sewer tap. Councilman Tantalo requested delaying approval until next month so he can verify there would be no increased cost to the property owner. Councilman Bushong reported that the proposed language on the form is clear that the property owner does not incur the cost of the camera inspection. Council reviewed the changes in the form.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilman Bushong, council voted four (4) “ayes”, one (1) “nays” (Councilman Tantalo) to approve the amendment to the builder packet. *The motion carried.*

Discussion of Fireworks Ordinance (Tantalo)

(Agenda Item E.7)

Councilman Tantalo reviewed the concern citizens reported with fireworks being discharged. Councilman Tantalo recommended reviewing the ordinance and making a decision on an enforcement method. There was some discussion about the practicality of enforcement. Mayor Vargus reviewed the difference between code enforcement and law enforcement. Mayor Vargus reviewed the process for receiving complaints about violations. There was some discussion about Councilman Tantalo doing research and providing a recommendation for handling fireworks violations.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(Agenda Item F)

At 9:39 p.m. Mayor Vargus recessed into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the Town Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following: §551.071(2): Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter re: Impact Fees.; (2) §551.087: To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the Town of Lakewood Village has received from a business prospect that the Town seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the Town of Lakewood Village and with which the Town is conducting economic development negotiations; and/or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to the business prospect.; and (3) § 551.074, Texas Government Code to wit: Personnel Matters, Appointments to the Municipal Development District Board

RECONVENE:

(Agenda Item F)

Mayor Vargus reconvened the regular session of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 9:58 p.m.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilman Newsome, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to appoint Darrell West to place 4 and Matthew Bissonette to place 6 on the Municipal Development Board of Directors. *The motion carried.*

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS

(Agenda Item G)

Mayor Vargus reported that work on the roof of town hall is complete. The mail facility metal roof was removed and was replaced by new decking and shingles. The well house, and shed at the water plant also have new roofs. The metal roof from the mail facility was repurposed and is going to be used at the sewer plant. Fences will be constructed at town hall to screen the air conditioning and trash carts. Mayor Vargus reported that he decided on Authority Roofing because they are factory certified and the town is benefiting from a factory warranty instead of just a warranty provided by the installation company.

Councilman Bushong reported that a large cleaning effort has been underway which has cleared space for the back office to be rearranged to provide a more professional atmosphere. A desk was purchased using points on the credit card and new internet drops have been installed to provide connections for the new desk location.

Councilman Newsome reported that council is anticipating making road repairs in September.

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Councilman Tantalo stated that there is a process to follow for a budget and there should be money set aside for roads.

ADJOURNMENT

(Agenda Item H)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Bushong and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 10:07 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2017. The motion carried.

These minutes approved by the Lakewood Village Town Council on the 10th day of August 2017.

APPROVED

Ed Reed
MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

Linda Asbell, TRMC, CMC
TOWN SECRETARY