

LAKEWOOD VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 17, 2015

Council Members:

Dr. Mark Vargus, Mayor
Carl Menckhoff, M.D., Mayor Pro-Tem
Clint Bushong
Dave Getka
Gary Newsome
Ed Reed

Town Staff:

Linda Asbell, TRMC, Town Secretary

SPECIAL SESSION - 7:00 P.M.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Vargus called the Special Session of the Town Council to order at 7:01 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015, 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)

Dan Tantalo, 710 Carrie Lane, stated that he has concern that the building codes being considered are being supported by International Code Council. Mr. Tantalo encouraged council to do an internet search and educate themselves on "Agenda 21". Mr. Tantalo stated that he does not have a concern with the individual codes or the engineering behind the code; his concern is background of the organization promoting them and their association with the United Nations "Agenda 21".

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Agenda Item C)

1. Building Handbook Changes to Require Use of Roll-off Containers (Bushong)
2. Consideration of Replat Request for 312 Parkwood, Mr. David Smullin (Asbell)

There was some discussion on the cost of the roll-off.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

(Agenda Item D)

**Consideration of Variance Request for 765
Carrie, Mr. Wes Willard (Asbell)**

(Agenda Item D.1)

Mayor Vargus reported Mr. Willard is undertaking a substantial remodel of the existing house. The variance request is for a 2:12 slope on a small section of roof area to allow for a metal roof.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Menckhoff and seconded by Councilman Getka, council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to the variance request for roof slope to allow a metal roof as requested. The motion carried. *The motion carried.*

**Consideration of Consideration of Variance
Request for 1219 Oak Street, Mr. Ellis Meals
(Asbell)**

(Agenda Item D.2)

Mr. Meals reported that he has a vacant lot on the corner of Oak Street and Sheriff Avenue. He would like to build a metal storage building/garage and would like a variance on the masonry requirement.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Menckhoff and seconded by Councilman Reed, council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to approve the variance as requested for Mr. Meals to construct a metal building at 1219 Oak Street. *The motion carried.*

**Consideration of Variance Request for 401
Sheriff Avenue, Mr. Mark Munderloh
(Asbell)**

(Agenda Item D.3)

Mr. and Mrs. Munderloh stated that they would like to build a detached garage near the house they recently finished. Mr. Munderloh eventually would like to have a stone front on the garage to make it match the house.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Getka and seconded by Councilman Bushong, council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to approve the variance request for Mr. Meals to construct a metal building at 401 Sheriff. *The motion carried.*

**Consideration of Sponsorship of
Neighborhood Watch Notices on Town
Website (Newsome)**

(Agenda Item D.4)

Councilman Newsome stated that at one time he sponsored a website called Lakewood Village Life which had neighborhood watch notices and security tips posted. The website has since been removed and he would like to place those notices on the town website. There was some discussion about the town donating some funds for welcome baskets. Councilman Bushong stated that this is a good opportunity to have people all visit a single website for town information. Janie Newsome asked if the neighborhood form be included in the water bills next month. Mayor Vargus stated that the town could purchase neighborhood watch signs and also encouraged the neighborhood watch to consider “safe houses” for school children in the afternoon.

MOTION: *No motion made.*

**Discussion of Draft Residential Code
(Bushong)**

(Agenda Item D.5)

Councilman Bushong reviewed some of the proposed changes. There was some discussion about an engineering requirement on framing. Council discussed current inspection process as being adequate. There was some discussion on the contractor registration requirement for permitted work. There was some discussion about the allowance of the use of PEX plumbing. There was some discussion about permitting retaining walls.

**Discussion of Draft Energy Conservation
Code (Bushong)**

(Agenda Item D.6)

Councilman Bushong reported that there are no significant differences between the 2006 and the 2012 energy code. There was some discussion on the United Nations Agenda 21 and the adoption of the codes established through that agenda by the International Code Council.

Discussion of Draft Fuel Gas Code (Bushong)

(Agenda Item D.7)

Councilman Bushong reported that there are no significant differences between the 2006.

**Discussion of Draft Mechanical Code
(Bushong)**

(Agenda Item D.8)

Mayor Vargus reported that when the building inspector reviews the code he will report to council on any significant changes between the 2006 and 2012 codes.

**Discussion of Draft Plumbing Code
(Bushong)**

(Agenda Item D.9)

Councilman Bushong reported that allowing PEX is the major change and Lakewood Village exceptions will require diameter of PEX will be measured internally rather than externally. There was some discussion of violations and penalties. Mayor Pro-Tem Menckhoff will propose some new violation penalties language to be considered.

**Discussion of Capital Improvement Projects
Plan for 2015 (Vargus)**

(Agenda Item D.10)

Mayor Vargus reported that the Town Engineer will be meeting on the 24th to review the condition and status of current infrastructure. Mayor Vargus would like to task the engineers with providing a priority list of infrastructure projects along with cost estimates and timelines. There was some discussion about additional ground storage for water and the current location of the water equipment inventory and shed.

**Discussion of Fence Replacement Fee Waiver
(Vargus)**

(Agenda Item D.11)

Mayor Vargus reported that the town receives use of eight roll-off containers from Allied Waste at no charge. He has proposed providing an incentive to citizens who need to replace fences that require repair or replacement. Utilizing some of those roll-off containers to assist with the disposal of the old fencing which could help reduce the cost to citizens. Council discussed waiving the fence permit fee from June 1st through August 31st. Mayor Vargus clarified that pool enclosures will not qualify for this waiver because those must be inspected.

Discussion of Lake Access Signage (Vargus)

(Agenda Item D.12)

There was some discussion about the traffic through town caused by non-residents looking for beach access to the lake. Mayor Vargus showed the “no public lake access” signs purchased by the EDC. There was some discussion about placing one of the blade signs on the stop sign at Lakecrest and Highridge. There was some discussion about placing the large sign near the entrance to town.

There was some discussion about communication between Councilman Reed and the Town of Little Elm for signs to be placed outside town limits that would direct people to the Little Elm beach and a reciprocal sign that Little Elm would install providing direction to Lakewood Village.

Mayor Vargus left the Council Chambers at 8:33. Mayor Pro-Tem Menckhoff directed council to Agenda Item D.13

Discussion of 2015 Candidate Forum (Asbell)

(Agenda Item D.13)

Mayor Pro-Tem Menckhoff reported that two candidate forums have been scheduled. April 22nd at 7:00 pm and April 26th at 6:00 pm. Town Secretary, Linda Asbell, reported on the research process for validating the procedures for holding a forum and the process for selection of dates. There was some discussion about use of a moderated format. Town Secretary Asbell reported that there has recently been an increase in the use of Facebook as a means to request information regarding the election. Town Secretary Asbell reminded the citizens to utilize the Town website and make all official requests either by phone, email, or in person directly at Town Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(Agenda Item E)

At 8:43 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Menckhoff recessed into executive session in compliance with Section (1) 551.071 Texas Government Code to wit: Consultation with the Town Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, re: Town of Lakewood Village V. Harry Bizios; (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 special session of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 9:43 PM.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS

(Agenda Item G)

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

(Agenda Item H)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Getka and seconded by Councilman Reed, council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to adjourn the Special Session of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 9:44 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2015. The motion carried.

These minutes approved by the Lakewood Village Town Council on the 14th day of May 2015.

APPROVED

Dr. Mark E. Vargus
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Asbell, TRMC
TOWN SECRETARY