

LAKEWOOD VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 10, 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 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, August 10, 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 7:05 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 7:06 pm. *The motion carried.*

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. Mayor Vargus reported that the tax rate will stay the same. There is no proposed increase. Councilman Tantalo reported that although the tax rate has not changed the town is receiving more funds because of increased values. Mayor Pro-Tem Reed clarified that costs also increase - salaries, and other costs of doing business. No one requested to speak.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Newsome and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to close the public hearing at 7:12 pm. *The motion carried.*

REGULAR AGENDA:

(Agenda Item E)

**Consideration of Municipal Development
District 2017-2018 Budget (Asbell)**

(Agenda Item E.1)

Mayor Vargus reported that the MDD has adopted a conservative budget that includes \$10,000 for a possible future project, and projects increased revenues.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Shields and seconded by Councilman Bushong, council voted five (5) “ayes”, and no (0) “nays” to approve the Municipal Development District 2017-2018 Budget as presented. *The motion carried.*

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

(Agenda Item E.2)

Mayor Vargus reviewed the proposed budget and stated no changes have been made. Mayor Vargus reviewed the long range fire hydrant project which was approved in 2014. Councilman Bushong reported that Kimley Horn confirmed the engineering numbers were accurate. There was some discussion about the effective and roll-back tax rates. Councilman Tantalo stated concern about not putting funds aside for roads. There was some discussion about creating a Road Reserve line in the budget. There was some discussion about the reserve funds. Councilman Tantalo requested that \$130,000 be added to the budget and designated for roads. He requested council review the expenses in the budget line by line. Councilman Bushong and Mayor Pro-Tem Reed stated that the council has reviewed the budget line by line that at the last two council meetings.. There was some discussion about a Standard & Poor rating and the town’s goal to set aside as much cash as possible in the next four years. There was some

discussion about planning for installation of concrete roads in the rest of the town. There was some discussion about contracted services provided by vendors. Town Hall improvements were discussed.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilman Bushong, council voted three (3) “ayes”, and two (2) “nays” (Tantalo, Shields) to approve the budget as presented. *The motion carried.*

**Consideration of Replat of 595 Melody Lane
(Vargus)**

(Agenda Item E.3)

Mayor Vargus reviewed the proposed replat of 595 Melody Lane. The lot can be replatted to divide it into a one acre buildable lot and allow for the planned thoroughfare. There was some discussion about neighboring properties being notified about the replat. Sheryl France, 590 Melody Lane, reported that she received a personal visit from the mayor to discuss the plans. Council discussed the thoroughfare being a necessity to provide an additional means of exit for citizens living below the Highridge Drive and Melody Lane intersection.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Bushong and seconded by Councilman Newsome, council voted four (4) “ayes”, and one (1) “nays” (Tantalo) to approve the replat of 595 Melody. *The motion carried.*

Consideration of Investment Policy (Vargus)

(Agenda Item E.4)

Mayor Vargus reviewed the State of Texas policy on investments. Mayor Vargus reported the town’s original policy was adopted in 2008. There was some discussion about the benefits of investing available funds. Mayor Vargus reviewed the types of investments permitted in this policy. There was some discussion about reporting of investments to the council. There was some discussion about TexPool Investment Pools. There was some discussion about the risks of investing funds. Councilman Tantalo requested that the council table this policy to the next meeting to allow council time to consider any changes.

MOTION: *No motion was made.*

**Consideration of Resolution Authorizing
Participation in TexPool Investment Pools
(Vargus)**

(Agenda Item E.5)

Mayor Vargus reviewed the resolution. Mayor Vargus stated that council will need to determine who will be authorized to make transactions. There was some discussion about segregation of duties.

MOTION: *No motion was made.*

Discussion of Dark Sky Initiative (Vargus)

(Agenda Item E.6)

Mayor Vargus stated that he would like the council to make a Dark Sky certification a goal for Lakewood Village. Mayor Vargus reported that CoServ has products that would qualify for the certification. Brent Ashton, 829 Carrie Lane, stated that he has a connection in CoServ that might assist with implementation of that process.

Councilman Newsome reported that a list of damaged street light was provided to CoServ and repairs are expected to be completed soon. Council indicated support of this project. Mayor Pro-Tem Reed volunteered to lead this effort.

**Consideration of Minutes of July 13, 2017
Council Meeting (Asbell)**

(Agenda Item E.7)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(Agenda Item F)

At 9:10 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: (1) §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; (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

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financial or other incentive to the business prospect.; (3) § 551.072 Texas Government Code to wit: deliberations about real property; and (4) § 551.074, Texas Government Code to wit: Personnel Matters, Town Secretary Annual Review

RECONVENE:

(Agenda Item F)

Mayor Vargus reconvened the regular session of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 10:46 p.m.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilman Bushong, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to authorize Mayor Vargus to sell 595 Melody Lane. *The motion carried.*

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS

(Agenda Item G)

Councilman Newsome reported that Janie Newsome has done a great job with the neighborhood watch. She has also coordinated volunteers to update the town bulletin boards.

Councilman Bushong reported that the fences screening the HVAC equipment and trash containers at town hall has been completed.

Councilman Tantalo thanked Janie Tantalo for recording the council meeting tonight.

Councilwoman Shields thanked the council for supporting her attending the Texas Municipal League training. Councilwoman Shields stated that during the TML training she learned about creating a finance and audit committee. She reported that the committee would review expenses and the general ledger and give feedback to the council. Councilwoman Shields reported that she met people when she was campaigning who had an interest in serving. Mayor Pro-Tem Reed stated that if the council created the committee then the application process should be open to all citizens.

ADJOURNMENT

(Agenda Item H)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Tantalo and seconded by Councilman Newsome council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 10:54 p.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2017. *The motion carried.*

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These minutes approved by the Lakewood Village Town Council on the 14th day of September 2017.

APPROVED

Ed Reed
MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

Linda Asbell, TRMC, CMC
TOWN SECRETARY