

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE
7TH DAY OF JULY, 1998 AT 5:00 P. M.

On the 7th day of July, 1998 the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members thereof, to wit:

Louis A. Bronaugh
R. L. Kuykendall
Don Boyd
Bob Bowman
Tucker Weems
C. G. Maclin
James Hager
Bob Flournoy
Atha Stokes
Keith Wright
Stephen Abraham
Kenneth Williams

Mayor
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
Asst. City Manager/Finance
City Attorney
City Secretary
City Engineer
Director of Planning
Director of Public Works

being present, and

Betty Jones
Jack Gorden, Jr.

Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Mayor pro tem

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Jeff Robinson, Pastor, Southside Baptist Church.
2. Mayor Bronaugh welcomed visitors present.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 1998 be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. **SPEED HUMP REPORT - DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS - PINWOOD PARK APARTMENTS**

City Manager Maclin stated that about six or seven months ago Council approved a pilot project based on a citizen request at the Pinewood Park Apartments for consideration of the installation of a speed bump for purposes of traffic control and speed control. City Manager Maclin stated that staff did some research and found that the City of Houston had successfully implemented some speed bump programs. City Manager Maclin stated that in years past there had been some concern about liability, but apparently the Courts have overcome that from a municipal government standpoint. City Manager Maclin stated that staff asked for permission to do a pilot project based on the citizen's request and promised Council that after six or seven months staff would bring a report back to Council regarding the results of the implementation of this pilot project.

Mr. Williams stated that basically a speed hump is a means of traffic control much like a stop sign or a traffic light and is used to slow traffic and is mostly used in residential neighborhoods. Mr. Williams stated that the speed hump can limit "cut across" traffic through neighborhoods. Mr. Williams stated that speed humps are also used for pedestrian safety because it slows down traffic for people who are walking through the residential neighborhoods. Mr. Williams stated that the

speed hump is a favorite tool of neighborhood groups.

Mr. Williams stated that the considerations concerned with installing speed humps are liability, cost and aesthetics. Mr. Williams stated that if a motorist hits a speed bump too hard there could be damage to their car. Mr. Williams stated there is also a liability issue involved with private property when someone is going too fast and loses control of the car and runs up into someones yard and does some damage. Mr. Williams stated that the speed humps are expensive to install. The cost of an asphalt street is approximately \$1,400, and \$1,600 for concrete. Mr. Williams stated then there is the question of aesthetics, the speed humps just do not look very good.

Mr. Williams stated that the resources needed to install the speed hump are the Street Department, the Nu-Metrics traffic analyzer, a three person patch crew and patch truck, and the compacted hot mix asphalt and striping.

Mr. Williams stated that staff secured a set of specifications for the project from the Engineering Department. Mr. Williams stated that a traffic analysis was performed and that analysis showed that there were vehicles speeding through the apartment project. Mr. Williams stated that out of 2,500 vehicles going through the apartment areas, 63 of them were speeding. Mr. Williams stated that staff had discussions with the Pinewood Park management about the locations of the humps. Another traffic analysis was performed after the speed humps were installed, and basically, there were zero speeders. Mr. Williams stated that one traffic hump was installed on F. W. Thomas, the entrance street into the apartments, in January of 1998, and two other speed humps were installed on Pinewood Circle in February of 1998 and June of 1998.

Mr. Williams stated that the results of installing the speed humps are: lower average speeds, fewer speeders, safer neighborhood, staff is more at ease, safer neighborhoods and no citizen complains.

Mr. Williams stated that the alternatives to the speed humps are direct Police enforcement, streets and intersections can be redirected, one way traffic, and stripes to signify bicycle and walking paths.

Mr. Williams stated the key issues involved in considering a speed hump are traffic control, whether it is wanted or requested by citizens, the feasibility issue of who will pay for the speed bump, the liability, and the aesthetics.

Mr. Williams stated that staff considers that the Pinewood Park pilot project has been a success. Mr. Williams stated that the next question is whether the City wants to continue to install speed bumps. Mr. Williams stated that staff might want to consider conducting a citizen survey or might want to do another study in another residential neighborhood.

At this time Mr. Williams narrated a video presentation of the speed humps in the Pinewood Park Apartment complex.

In response to question by Mayor Bronaugh, Mr. Williams stated that the speed bumps in mall parking lots are installed by private property owners using their own specifications. Mayor Bronaugh asked that Mr. Williams keep Council informed of any complaints from motorists regarding the speed humps. City Manager Maclin stated that staff will need direction from Council to define the rules and regulations, policies and procedures for the implementation of the speed hump program. City Manager Maclin stated that there is the potential to be besieged with dozens of requests, and at \$1,400 each the Street budget could be spent quickly. City Manager Maclin stated that one consideration is asking the neighborhoods to participate financially in the cost of the materials. City Manager Maclin stated that staff will have to determine, based on traffic flow and safety aspects from a Police Department standpoint, what would be an eligible street and what would not.

Mr. Wright stated that he would suggest trying this in a couple more situations since this has proved successful and see what kind of impact it will make before a final determination is made. Mr. Wright stated that he would like to try the speed bump project in a number of different situations, since Pinewood Park is real confined.

City Manager Maclin stated that he would like for Council to make the decision as to whether the City will charge or not charge, otherwise the expense will have to be budgeted.

Councilmember Weems stated that citizens on Mantooth and Grove, which turns into Lotus Lane, have considered a speed bump. Mr. Williams stated that he has received a request from the Mantooth residents. Councilmember Weems stated that he would like to see the administration come up with a pilot program, with maybe five or ten more speed bumps as a test.

In response to question by Mayor Bronaugh, Mr. Williams stated that the speed humps or bumps can be easily milled up.

City Manager Maclin stated that in summary it is his understanding that the consensus of Council is for staff to do a few more of the speed humps/bumps and bring back a report based on the utilization and problems and complaints in different areas in the community.

5. ORDINANCE - APPROVED - SECOND READING - ZONE CHANGE - RESIDENTIAL SMALL SINGLE FAMILY TO LOCAL BUSINESS - CHESTNUT STREET AND RAY STREET - MIKE AND LINDA THOMPSON - G. M. COX

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was Second Reading of an Ordinance to change the zoning from "RS" Residential Small Single Family to "LB" Local Business on tracts 123 and 127, abstract A-40 of the J. L. Quinalty Survey and generally located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Chestnut Street and Ray Street as requested by Mike and Linda Thompson and G. M. Cox.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Don Boyd that Ordinance for a zone change from "RS" Residential Small Single Family to "LB" Local Business on tracts 123 and 127, abstract A-40 of the J. L. Quinalty Survey and generally located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Chestnut Street and Ray Street as requested by Mike and Linda Thompson and G. M. Cox be approved on Second and Final Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. ORDINANCE - APPROVED - FIRST READING - ZONE CHANGE - RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM SINGLE FAMILY TO LOCAL BUSINESS - OAKLAND ADDITION - MOORE AVENUE - BLEDSOE STREET - CULLEN DAVIS

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of Cullen Davis to change the zoning from "RM" Residential Medium Single Family to "LB" Local Business on Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 3 of the Oakland Addition and generally located on Moore Avenue west of Bledsoe Street.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a memorandum from the Planning Department describing this request. City Manager Maclin stated that the Comprehensive Plan calls for this area to be non-residential, and comes from the Planning & Zoning Commission with a unanimous vote for approval of the zone change.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that Ordinance to change the zoning from "RM" Residential Medium Single Family to "LB" Local Business on Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 3 of the Oakland Addition and generally located on Moore Avenue west of Bledsoe Street as

requested by Cullen Davis be approved on First Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. ORDINANCE - WITHDRAWN - FIRST READING - ZONE CHANGE - RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM SINGLE FAMILY TO LOCAL BUSINESS - EASTWOOD ADDITION - ANDREWS AVENUE - ARENA STREET - RONNY DUPREE - MARTHA WINDSOR-VANSAU

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of Ronny Dupree on behalf of Martha Windsor-Vansau to change the zoning from "RM" Residential Medium Single Family to "LB" Local Business on Lots 1 and 2, Block 2 of the Eastwood Addition and generally located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Andrews Avenue and Arena Street.

City Manager Maclin stated that staff had received a letter from the applicant asking that this request be withdrawn and rescheduled for the first meeting in August.

8. ORDINANCE - WITHDRAWN - FIRST READING - ZONE CHANGE - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND RESIDENTIAL LARGE SINGLE FAMILY TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT - HARMONY HILL DRIVE - TULANE DRIVE - DAVID MILES - CARD MILES ENTERPRISES

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of David Miles of Card Miles Enterprises to change the zoning from "PUD" Planned Unit Development and "RL" Residential Large Single Family to "PUD" Planned Unit Development on approximately 11.959 acres of land located on the north side of Harmony Hill Drive and beginning approximately eight hundred feet east of Tulane Drive.

City Manager Maclin stated that the applicant has requested that this request be withdrawn at this time and rescheduled for the next Council meeting.

9. REQUEST FOR FUNDS - APPROVED - CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BATHROOMS - ZOO EXPANSION - ZOO BUILDING FUND

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a request for funds from the Zoo Building Fund to construct new bathrooms in conjunction with the current Zoo expansion.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a memo from the Zoo Director, Mr. Henley, noting that now would be the appropriate time to do these restrooms, which are part of the master plan. City Manager Maclin stated that with some of the displacements of the expansion of the Zoo, staff feels it would be appropriate to go ahead and include the construction of these restroom facilities along with the current construction activity for the rhinoceros and giraffe exhibits. City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a floor diagram layout similar to the restrooms that were built at Grace Dunn Richardson Park, with the exception that the restrooms at the park include showers and these do not. City Manager Maclin stated that the funding for this would come from the Zoo Building Fund, which does have adequate funds to absorb this cost.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Tucker Weems that funds to construct new bathrooms in conjunction with the current Zoo expansion be taken from the Zoo Building Fund and the request approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. AUTHORIZATION - APPROVED - TRAFFIC PREEMPTION SYSTEM - CONSOLIDATED TRAFFIC CONTROLS

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was authorization to

purchase a traffic preemption system.

City Manager Maclin stated that the City has been attempting to add some signalization preemption at locations to improve the response time of the emergency vehicles. City Manager Maclin stated that at this time staff is proposing five additional devices be installed at: Highway 59 South and the Loop, South First at Janeway, South First at the Mall, Frank Street and the Loop and Frank Street at Memorial Hospital. City Manager Maclin stated that the staff recommendation is to award the bid of Consolidated Traffic Controls in the amount of \$18,090, and there are funds appropriated in the Street Department budget.

In response to question by Councilmember Boyd, Chief Collins stated that this will take care of Frank Street and everything south. Chief Collins stated that the Loop is still in need of the devices. Chief Collins stated that his priorities would include Highway 103 West and the Loop, and Kurth Drive and Timberland, which are high speed intersections.

Steve Poskey, Street Department Superintendent, stated that there are five devices on Timberland, starting at Atkinson Drive and going south.

City Manager Maclin stated that staff will budget for five additional devices next year.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that authorization be approved for the purchase of traffic preemption system devices from Consolidated Traffic Controls for a total of \$18,090 at the following locations: Highway 59 South and the Loop, South First at Janeway, South First at the Mall, Frank Street and the Loop, and Frank Street at Memorial Hospital. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. APPOINTMENT - APPROVED - LUFKIN BOARD OF DEVELOPMENT - PATTY BIRD

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that Patty Bird be reappointed to the Lufkin Board of Development. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. COMMENTS

Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he and Councilmember Boyd had recently attended a workshop in Arlington that was designed for Mayors and City Councilmembers. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the workshop dealt mainly with the Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that a copy of the workshop study guide has been photocopied for members of the Council. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the workshop was under the auspices of an attorney which gave a little stronger credence to what was being said because the attorneys tend to know more about what is taking place. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that basically it was predicated in terms of "must all Cities have a Comprehensive Plan", and "must you follow the Comprehensive Plan". Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the Comprehensive Plan has been geared to how a city should look. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that it was explained in a manner that once a City gets a Comprehensive Plan, it should be followed. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he would strongly suggest that the Council follow the Comprehensive Plan, and that residential areas should be protected. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that as a former member of the Planning & Zoning Commission he is convinced that the Comprehensive Plan should be followed. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the two men in the Planning Department should be listened to because they know what they are talking about.

Councilmember Boyd stated that the attorney, Mr. Weekes, stated that not following the Comprehensive Plan will open up the potential for a world of

lawsuits.

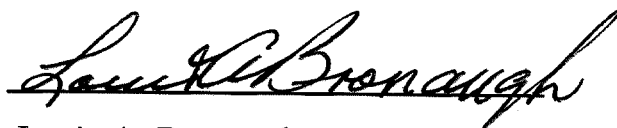
Councilmember Weems stated that the Finance Committee met today and reviewed a new draft of the City's financial policies and will probably make a recommendation to the Council in the ensuing weeks.

City Manager Maclin stated that the First Friday luncheon will be held Friday at Crown Colony, with Jimmy Hunter of ECI as the guest speaker.

City Manager Maclin stated that a copy of the budget presentation schedule had been placed on the Council table. City Manager Maclin stated that on Wednesday at 4:15 p.m., with Council's permission, consideration of the request by Burke Water Supply asking the City to take over their system will be discussed.

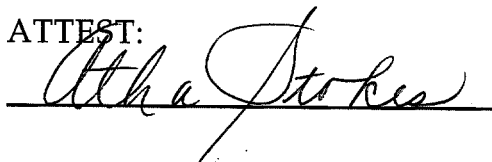
City Manager Maclin stated that Council will be given some preliminary budget information on Friday and that there will be called meeting on July 29 at 9:00 a.m. The Public Hearing of the budget will be held on August 4th, and first reading of the Ordinance on August 18th. City Manager Maclin stated that the final reading of the Ordinance on September 1 will complete the budget process for fiscal year 1998-'99.

14. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Louis A. Bronaugh
Mayor

ATTEST:



Atha Stokes - City Secretary