

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE
7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1992 AT 5:00 P.M.**

On the 7th day of January, 1992, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members thereof, to wit:

Louis A. Bronaugh
Percy Simond, Jr.
Don Boyd
Danny Roper
Bob Bowman
Jack Gorden
Paul Mayberry

Mayor
Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Commissioner, Ward No. 5
Commissioner, Ward No. 6

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Tim Diebel, Minister, First Christian Church.

2. Mayor Bronaugh welcomed visitors present.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting and Called Meeting for a Public Hearing on Redistricting of December 17, 1991 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Don Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Bob Bowman. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. **ORDINANCE - APPROVED - SECOND READING - GRADY W. LOWERY
- RESIDENTIAL LARGE TO RESIDENTIAL LARGE, SPECIAL USE
(HEALTH CLUB) - TULANE DRIVE NORTH OF LOOP 287**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the first item for consideration was Second Reading of an Ordinance for a zone change as requested by Grady W. Lowery from Residential Large to Residential Large, Special Use (Health Club) on approximately 2.4 acres of land located on the west side of Tulane Drive approximately 1,200 feet north of Loop 287.

Mr. Lowery was present to represent the request.

There was no opposition present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Bob Bowman that Ordinance be approved on Second and Final Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. **REDISTRICTING PLAN REVIEWED**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a review of the redistricting plan and setting the date for a Public Hearing.

City Manager Maclin stated that Dr. Claunch and Dr. Hallman had completed their assignment as requested by the City Commission, and a map of the proposed plan had been distributed to all the Commissioners.

Dr. Claunch stated that Dr. Hallman was out of town and unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Dr. Claunch stated that, in addition to the map, he had provided a set of statistics for

the proposed plan. Dr. Claunch stated that he would like to call to the Commissions' attention how the proposed plan that is being presented stacks up to the legal requirements. Dr. Claunch stated that each one of the districts in total cannot be more than 10% variance from the ideal population, and the ideal population for each one of the districts is 5,050. Dr. Claunch stated that the total population for each of the proposed districts is in the second column to the left on the statistical information sheet. Dr. Claunch stated the variance for each of the districts was shown below, and the total variance for the proposed plan is 5.9%. This is a considerable difference from the 112.4% variance the City has at the present time. Dr. Claunch stated that the 5.9% variance will be quite acceptable to the Department of Justice. Dr. Claunch stated that he would also like to state that it is a legal requirement that any redistricting cannot dilute the voting strength of racial minorities. Dr. Claunch stated that the City has two districts that have had a black majority, and those majorities in the past for District One has been 66%, and District Two has been 52.7%. Dr. Claunch stated that it is important for the Commission to note what he and Dr. Hallman have been able to accomplish with respect to those two Districts in this proposed plan.

Dr. Claunch stated that in the proposed plan District One would have a black population of 59.2%. Dr. Claunch stated that this is a reduction in the black percentage for this particular District. Dr. Claunch stated that he and Dr. Hallman are confident that this is the highest total that they would be able to achieve and also to maintain a black majority in District Two. Dr. Claunch stated that if these figures are satisfactory to the people in the community, it will also be satisfactory to the officials in the Department of Justice. Dr. Claunch stated that it might be noted in the District One, that in the current plan, there is 15.8% white population, which in essence means that at the present time there are 84.2% minorities (black, hispanic, and others). Dr. Claunch stated that in the proposed plan for District One there would be 22.6% white, which means that 77.4% would be minorities. Dr. Claunch stated that there is no question that the overall racial composition of that District has been maintained.

Dr. Claunch stated that District Two, under the present plan has 52.7% black majority, and in the proposed plan District Two will have a 54% minority. Dr. Claunch stated that it is important to note that at the present time District Two has 36.7% white and in the proposed plan the white population is 33.6%. Dr. Claunch stated that, as he stated in the earlier proposal, there might very well be the possibility that either one of these Districts would need to be underpopulated to be able to maintain the minority population.

Dr. Claunch stated that the statistics for the other four Districts are:

- District 3 - 65.1% white
- District 4 - 86.3% white
- District 5 - 90% white
- District 6 - 76.4% white

Dr. Claunch stated that the variances show that District Three is underpopulated, and each of Districts 4, 5 and 6 are overpopulated just a little. Dr. Claunch stated that they had not lost sight that the southern part of Lufkin was growing at the greatest rate. Dr. Claunch stated that, in his opinion, the proposed plan meets all of the legal requirements and that it will be approved by the Department of Justice. Dr. Claunch stated that it is important that the proposed plan have input from the community. Dr. Claunch stated that it would be appropriate for the advisory committee to give their approval of the proposed plan and that a Public Hearing be held.

There were no comments from the Commission.

The Manager stated that a map off of the CAD system will be available to the Commissioners as soon as the plan is official.

The Manager stated that the Advisory Committee needs to make a recommendation to the City Commission, a Public Hearing set to allow for any input for potential changes, and following that it would be appropriate for the City Commission to vote on the plan.

Dr. Claunch will submit the proposed plan to the Department of Justice after it has been voted on by the City Commission.

A date for a Public Hearing was not set at this meeting.

Dr. Claunch stated that it is important that prior to the Public Hearing the map and statistical information be made readily available to the public. Dr. Claunch stated that he would also suggest that when the Public Hearing date is set that letters be sent to all community leaders, particularly those within the minority community, and to keep appropriate records of all the actions taken by the City.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

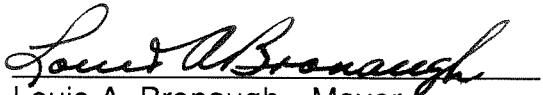
Mayor Bronaugh recessed regular session at 5:22 p.m. to enter into Executive Session. Regular Session was reconvened at 5:47 p.m. and Mayor Bronaugh stated that the Commission had discussed legal and personnel matters.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the City Commission has been in the process of evaluating the first year of the City Manager and those evaluations are now complete. Mayor Bronaugh stated that the report was very favorable and the Manager's salary was adjusted in accordance with his excellent work over the past year.

7. COMMENTS

The Manager stated that on Friday morning at 9 o'clock a 9-1-1 reception will be held in the City Hall atrium and he would like to encourage the Commission to be present.

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


Louis A. Bronaugh - Mayor

ATTEST:


Atha Stokes - City Secretary