

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 17th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.**

On the 17th day of August, 2021 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:

Mark Hicks
Robert Shankle
Guessippina Bonner
Lynn Torres
Wes Suiter
Rocky Thigpen
Trent Burfine
Bruce Green
Erika Neill
Jason Arnold
Gerald Williamson
Kara Andrepont
Buddy Cross
Jessica Pebsworth
Belinda Melancon
Kevin Gee
Scott Rayburn
Scott Feaster
Bob Samford
Jessica Leyva

Mayor
Mayor ProTem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
City Attorney
Assistant City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Secretary
Assistant Police Chief
Communications Director
Finance Director
Engineering Services Director
Planning Director
IT Director
Economic Development Director
Utility Collections

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Lin Lentz.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Hicks opened the meeting for public comment on any posted agenda item at 5:07 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the public comment period.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 2021–
APPROVED.**
2. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR
THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT - APPROVED**
3. **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
PROVIDER SELECTION FOR CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND
PROGRAMS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 – APPROVED**

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

BUSINESS AGENDA

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS CHANGING THE ZONING TO
“LOCAL BUSINESS” ON PROPERTIES ADDRESSED AS 400 HARMONY HILL DRIVE
AND 2001 TULANE DRIVE – APPROVED**

City Manager Bruce Green stated the applicant, Taylor Kova with TMK FLP, LTD, had requested a zone change from “Neighborhood Retail” to “Local Business” for 400 Harmony Hill Drive and 2001 Tulane Drive. City Manager Green highlighted the surrounding areas and their uses. City Manager Green furthered the purpose of the zone change was for building expansion as the current zoning classification limited uses to 3,000 feet. City Manager Green stated the request was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission during the July 26, 2021 meeting. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval of

the Second Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Local Business” on properties addressed as 400 Harmony Hill Drive and 2001 Tulane Drive.

Mayor Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:09 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from City Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Wes Suiter seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 105 SHIREY LANE – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated the applicant, Michael Parker, representing Lamar Clark with Shirey Forest, LLC, was requesting a zone change from “Planned Unit Development” to “Commercial” for 105 Shirey Lane. City Manager Green furthered the purpose of the zone change was for future commercial development. City Manager Green highlighted the location of the property on the corresponding maps and provided information on the current zoning of neighboring properties. City Manager Green stated Staff found the proposed zone change consistent with the current area zoning, existing area uses, as well as the proposed “Corridor Commercial” future land use classification. City Manager Green furthered the request was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission during the August 19, 2021 meeting. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas changing the zoning to “Commercial” on property addressed as 105 Shirey Lane.

Mayor Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:12 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from City Council.

Councilmember Wes Suiter moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Trent Burfine seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP FUNDING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 44) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated the Lufkin Police Department had received grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice Fiscal Year 2020 Bulletproof Vest Program in the amount of \$8,060. City Manager Green explained the grant required matching funds in the same amount which was available in the Lufkin Police Department budget as well as an opportunity for Public Comment. City Manager Green furthered the funds would be used to purchase bulletproof vests for Lufkin Police Officers. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider a Resolution authorizing acceptance of Fiscal Year 2020 Bulletproof Vest Partnership funding and First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the 2020-2021 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 44) appropriating the funding.

Mayor Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:14 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from City Council.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. **“LUFKIN FORWARD II” PROJECT – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated on August 10, 2021, the Lufkin Economic Development Board voted unanimously to fund the Lufkin Forward II Project. City Manager Green summarized the improvements and changes that would be made to the downtown area if the project were to be approved. Lufkin Economic Development Director Bob Samford thanked City Council and the 4B Board members and then introduced the consultants for the project. Several members of the community then spoke in favor of the project. Brianna Frey with Asakura Robinson gave a brief presentation of the project and offered to answer any questions. Councilmember Trent Burfine commented that electrical outlets on the light poles would be beneficial and help to cut out the noise created by the use

of generators during downtown events. City Manager Green thanked the consultants and the Economic Development Director for their efforts regarding the project. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council consider approval of the Lufkin Forward II project and required funding in an amount up to \$2,400,000.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the project as presented. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. **RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 TAX RATE THAT WILL RESULT IN ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND DESIGNATE THE CITY OF LUFKIN FINANCE DIRECTOR TO CALCULATE THE CITY OF LUFKIN NO NEW REVENUE TAX RATE AND THE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated per the Texas Tax Code, when the proposed tax rate exceeded the no-new revenue rate, previously denoted as the effective rate, City Council must vote on a Resolution to adopt a proposed tax rate to be included in the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget. City Manager Green furthered the proposed tax rate was 0.531135 (the current tax rate) per \$100 of valuation, which was the same tax rate last year, but was higher than the no-new revenue tax rate of 0.507780. City Manager Green stated therefore, City Council must adopt a Resolution to approve the proposed rate with a roll call vote and designate an individual to calculate the tax rate each Fiscal Year. City Manager Green furthered the calculation was proposed to be conducted by the City of Lufkin Finance Director. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council discuss and consider a Resolution adopting the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Tax Rate of 0.531135 (the current rate) and designating the City of Lufkin Finance Director as the individual tasked with the annual tax rate calculation.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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| • Councilmember Lynn Torres - | Aye |
| • Councilmember Rocky Thigpen - | Aye |
| • Councilmember Robert Shankle - | Aye |
| • Mayor Mark Hicks - | Aye |
| • Councilmember Guessippina Bonner - | Aye |
| • Councilmember Wes Suiter - | Aye |
| • Councilmember Trent Burfine - | Aye |

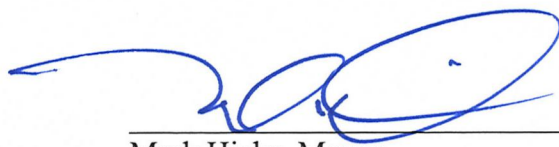
The motion passed unanimously.

9. **FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

There was no discussion regarding this item.

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.




Mark Hicks, Mayor


Kara Andrepont, City Secretary