

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2005**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005, 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:

R. L. Kuykendall	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Don Langston	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Jack Gorden, Jr.	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Dennis Robertson	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Paul L. Parker	City Manager
Renee Thompson	City Secretary
Robert Flournoy	City Attorney
Keith Wright	City Engineer
Kenneth Williams	Public Works Director
David Koonce	Director of Human Resources
Larry Brazil	Police Chief
Pete Prewitt	Fire Chief
Melinda Kartye	Recycling Coordinator
Beauford Chapman	Director of Inspection Services
Scott Marcotte	Asst. Police Chief
Doug Wood	Director of Accounting
Dorothy Wilson	Director of Planning
Jim Wehmeier	Director of Economic Development

being present, and

Louis Bronaugh	Mayor
Rose Faine Boyd	Mayor pro tem

being absent, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Interim Pastor Keith Woolf, Parkview Baptist Church.
2. Interim Mayor Jack Gorden, Jr. welcomed visitors present. Councilmember Lynn Torres recognized LHS students who were present satisfying their government class requirement. Councilmember Torres also conveyed the thoughts and concerns that went out to the City of Lufkin's Mayor, Louis Bronaugh who was home recovering from a surgical procedure and Councilmember Rose Boyd who was traveling and could not attend the meeting.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 3, 2005 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres, and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

4. **OATH OF OFFICE**

Interim Mayor Jack Gorden, Jr. stated that the next item would be to swear in the newly elected Councilmembers for Ward Number Five (No. 5) – Jack Gorden, Jr. and Ward Number Six (No. 6) – Dennis Robertson.

The Honorable Paul E. White, Judge 159<sup>th</sup> District Court, administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Jack Gorden, Jr. and Dennis Robertson.

5. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY LUFKIN HEALTH FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – APPROVED - TO FINANCE THE COST OF HEALTH FACILITIES FOR MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM OF EAST TEXAS WITH RESPECT TO A PUBLIC HEARING**

Interim Mayor Jack Gorden, Jr. stated that the next item for consideration was to adopt a Resolution approving the issuance of bonds by Lufkin Health Facilities Development Corporation to finance the cost of Health Facilities for Memorial Health System of East Texas. City Manager Paul Parker stated

the Lufkin Health Facilities Development Corporation that consists of the City of Lufkin City Council Members had met earlier that day to consider the appropriation of bonds not to exceed \$40,000,000 and recommended that Council approve the issuance of bonds to finance the cost of Health Facilities for Memorial Health System of East Texas.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the adoption of the Resolution approving the issuance of bonds by Lufkin Health Facilities Development Corporation to finance the cost of Health Facilities for Memorial Health System of East Texas. Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**6. BID FOR INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT – APPROVED - IN POLICE VEHICLES**

Interim Mayor Jack Gorden, Jr. stated that the next item was to consider the bid for the installation of equipment in City of Lufkin Police Department vehicles. City Manager Parker stated that the City had received two (2) bids for the installation of equipment in Police vehicles. City Manager Parker explained that the bid process had previously been delayed because there was such a disparity in the two bid amounts and so that staff could verify the workmanship of the low bidder. City Manager Parker added that after investigation Staff determined that it would be more economical to transfer the vehicles to Fort Worth for installation by the low bidder, American Public Safety Equipment. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended awarding the bid for the installation of necessary equipment and wiring for fifteen (15) police vehicles to American Public Safety Equipment in the amount of \$13,605.

Councilmember Dennis Robertson moved to approve the bid for the installation of equipment in City of Lufkin Police Department vehicles. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2004/2005 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 17), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Interim Mayor Jack Gorden, Jr. stated that the next item for consideration was adopting a Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the 2004/2005 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 17), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Solid Waste/Recycling Fund; and providing an effective date. City Manager Paul Parker stated that Staff was successful in obtaining a grant from the Deep East Texas Council of Governments in the amount of \$20,000 to purchase educational materials, marketing, and recycling receptacles for the Recycling Program. City Manager Parker explained that this would be to establish the budget for the \$20,000 grant and added that the grant required no match from the City of Lufkin.

Councilmember Lynn Torres stated that the City Staff was to be commended for searching out and acquiring the grant for the City of Lufkin Recycling Program and recognized that grants are not easy to obtain.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve adopting a Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the 2004/2005 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 17), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Solid Waste/Recycling Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Dennis Robertson seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**8. PERMIT FEES WAIVED FOR THE BRAZOS TRANSIT AUTHORITY – APPROVED - FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TRANSIT FACILITY AT 121 WEST BURKE AVENUE**

Interim Mayor Jack Gorden, Jr. stated that the next item for consideration was to consider waiving the fees for the Brazos Transit Authority for the construction of the new transit facility at 121 West Burke Avenue. City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City of Lufkin provides some funding for the Brazos Transit Authority and added that this will be the new facility for the transit system as well as office areas. City Manager Parker stated that the Brazos Transit Authority is requesting the City of Lufkin waive approximately \$9,800 in fees (building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing).

Interim Mayor Jack Gorden, Jr. stated that he considered this request to be appropriate as the City of Lufkin works with the Brazos Transit Authority to provide the necessary transportation network for our citizens. Councilmember Dennis Robertson inquired if the City of Lufkin would be performing the standard inspections for the facility if the fees were waived. City Manager Paul Parker explained that the City would perform the required inspections and make sure the facility complies with all of the City of Lufkin Ordinances. City Manager Parker explained that the contractor will still come to the City for the required permits but the fees will be waived. Councilmember Don Langston stated that in view of the fact that his firm was the successful bidder on that contract he would be abstaining from voting on this matter.

Councilmember Dennis Robertson moved to approve waiving the fees for the Brazos Transit Authority for the construction of the new transit facility at 121 West Burke Avenue. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded, with Councilmember Don Langston abstaining from the vote.

**9. REPORT FROM PAUL PARKER, CITY MANAGER**

Interim Mayor Jack Gorden, Jr. stated that the next item for consideration was a report from Paul Parker, City Manager. City Manager Parker stated that given that the Council had just reviewed the City's Financial Status Report and Project Status Report at the Planning Retreat, he would waive any further comments, unless any Councilmember had any questions.

Interim Mayor Jack Gorden, Jr. and Councilmember Don Langston commended Staff on the good information and stated that they appreciated the regular updates and the current format being used for presentation to Council. City Manager Parker stated that Staff would present a Budget Amendment to reconcile the recent budget adjustments at the next regular Council Meeting.

10. Interim Mayor Jack Gorden, Jr. recessed the Regular Session at 5:18 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** In accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (discussions regarding economic development) and Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (2) Consultation with City Attorney on any Regular Session Agenda item requiring confidential, attorney/client advices necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said items (as needed), and demolition of buildings may be discussed.

Interim Mayor Jack Gorden, Jr. reconvened the Regular Session at 6:03 p.m.

11. City Attorney Bob Flournoy stated that during Executive Session, Council discussed demolition of buildings located at 706 West Grove and 317 Davis and that Staff requested authorization to demolish the buildings and file a lien against the properties for the cost of the demolition.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the demolition of the buildings. Councilmember Dennis Robertson seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. City Manager Paul Parker highlighted that on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. the City of Lufkin City Council would have a "Called City Council Meeting" to discuss plans for Jones Park. City Manager Parker added that the meeting would be held at the Toran Center, 1012 Kurth Drive, Lufkin, Texas and explained that Staff is preparing a presentation for this meeting.

City Manager Parker asked Council to consider a meeting date and time for the Council to hear the requests from all entities receiving money from the Hotel/Motel Fund. City Manager Parker suggested that Council consider Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at 1:30 and added that City Secretary Renee Thompson would poll Council to determine if this would be a good date for that meeting.

Councilmember Don Langston requested that Council receive information pertaining to the requests prior to the meeting for the Council's review. City Manager Parker explained that Staff would be sending out a letter to each entity requesting them to outline their activities, give a detailed budget, and explain the percentage of their overall budget that this fund supplies.

Councilmember Don Langston requested that each entity be encouraged to present information regarding their impact for tourism. City Manager Parker stated that Staff would prepare a packet of information prior to the meeting.

13. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

  
Renee Thompson - City Secretary

  
Jack Gorden, Jr. - Interim Mayor