

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 23RD DAY OF JUNE 2025.

On the 23rd day of June 2025, the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting (Annual Budget Retreat) at Kurth Lake Lodge, Lufkin, Texas at 10:30 a.m.

Mark Hicks	Mayor
Angela Hobbs-Spencer	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Brent Watkins	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Kim Ogden	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Jimmy Ford	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Adam Lowther	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Kevin Gee	City Manager
Kristi Skillern	City Attorney
Brian Bray	Assistant City Manager
Buddy Timme	Parks and Recreation Director
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Chris Key	City Engineer
Aimee Cloutier	City Secretary

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilmember Angela Hobbs-Spencer.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Hicks opened the meeting for Public Comment on any posted agenda item at 10:05 a.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Hicks closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

1. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-2025 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 16) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE 2023-2024 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CDBG GRANT FOR FOREST PARK SEWER IMPROVEMENTS) - APPROVED

City Manager Gee stated that the funding was for \$750,000, making improvements to the aging sewer infrastructure in Forest Park.

Councilmember Shankle moved to approve the Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 16. Councilmember Watkins seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

2. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED PROJECTS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – NO ACTION

Parks and Recreation Director Timme presented the proposed Parks Master Plan. The presentation included an overview of public involvement, draft goals derived from public input, and ten project priorities. The estimated cost for implementation ranges from \$1.7 to \$2.4 million. Discussion ensued regarding potential sources of funding for these projects. No action was taken.

City Engineer Chris Key presented a proposal for new and replacement sidewalks throughout the city, including Capital Improvement Projects. Discussion followed concerning how sidewalk locations were identified and the ongoing maintenance of these areas. City Manager Gee requested that Council review the proposal and submit any questions to him. No action was taken.

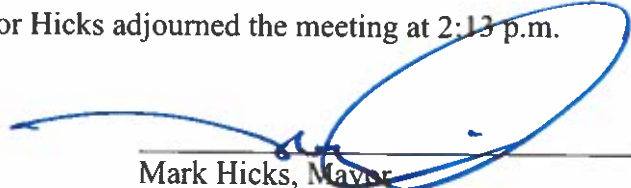
Assistant City Manager Bray presented design concepts for gateway signage, noting that four signs are proposed to be located along U.S. Highway 59 and U.S. Highway 69 at the north and south city limit boundaries. Discussion took place regarding the cost of the signage and proposed locations. No action was taken.

3. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE 2025-2026 CITY OF LUFKIN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET. - NO ACTION

City Manager Gee presented the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, highlighting significant changes, detailed revenue funds, and planned expenditures. Discussion ensued on

several aspects of the budget, including Capital Improvement Projects, departmental operations, tax revenue projections, downtown street closures, the potential installation of a public restroom downtown, and citywide beautification enhancements. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Mayor Hicks adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.



Mark Hicks, Mayor

ATTEST:



Aimee Cloutier, City Secretary