

CITY OF WEST LAKE HILLS, TEXAS
MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mayor Anthony called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Linda Anthony
Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Bowman
James Vaughan
Brian Plunkett
Beth South
Darin Walker

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Administrator Trey Fletcher
City Secretary Terry Blanchard
Finance Director Vonda Ragsdale
Director of BDS Jennifer Bills
Chief of Police Scott Gerdes
City Attorney Patty Akers

2. Citizen Communications The City Council welcomes public comments at this point on any issue. If the issue is listed on the agenda, the speaker may choose to comment during the Public Comment period or when the specific agenda item is taken up by the Council later in the meeting. The Council cannot respond to or discuss matters not listed on the agenda. The Council may provide factual information, refer the item to a staff member, or request the item be added to a future meeting agenda. Speakers shall limit their comments to five (5) minutes each.

Mayor Anthony opened the meeting for public comments. Hearing none, the public comment section was closed.

3. Administration Presentation of Certificate of Election and Oath of Office for the positions of City Council Place 1, City Council Place 3, and City Council Place 5.

Mayor Anthony administered the Oath of Office to James Vaughan (City Council Place 1), Beth South (City Council Place 3), and Gordon Bowman (City Council Place 5).

4. Administration Discuss and consider action on the selection of a Mayor Pro Tem.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember South and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to appoint Gordon Bowman as the Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried.

5. Consent Agenda All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one (1) motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless requested by a Council Member.

a. Approval of the May 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

- b. Approval of the May 16, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes.
- c. Approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Public Health Services between the City of Austin and the City of West Lake Hills.
- d. Approval of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cooperative Agreement between Travis County and the City of West Lake Hills.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Vaughan and a second by Councilmember South, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

- 6. Land Use 10 Las Brisas Drive- Discuss and consider action on a variance request for the removal of a tree larger than 14" in diameter for the demolition and construction of a new family residence (Section 22.03.304 of the West Lake Hills Code). Applicant Gail O'Kelly.
 - a. Tree #827 - 21" Live Oak

Director Bills provided the staff report. Luis Jauregui stated that the tree is being held by cables to keep it from leaning on the home.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Walker and a second by Councilmember Vaughan, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the variance request as presented. Motion carried.

- 7. Land Use 304 McConnell Drive- Discuss and consider action on a variance request for the removal of a tree larger than 14" in diameter to prevent further property damage and maintain safety (Section 22.03.304 of the West Lake Hills Code). Applicant Ruth Fulton.
 - a. 28.1" Red Oak

Director Bills provided the staff report. Ruth Fulton gave a brief history of the tree.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Plunkett and a second by Councilmember Vaughan, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the variance, waive the requirement for tree replacement, and reimburse the application fee to the applicant. Motion carried.

- 8. Ordinance Receive a presentation and consider action on an ordinance amending the FY 2022-23 budget.

Finance Director Ragsdale gave a brief review of the mid-year budget. Due to expenses associated with Winter Storm Mara, a budget amendment is necessary.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bowman and a second by Councilmember Plunkett, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

The Mayor and Council thanked the "Outstanding Vonda Ragsdale" for her continued exemplary service to the City.

9. Administration Discuss and consider action on the Pavement/Street Maintenance Project prioritization.

City Administrator Fletcher stated that work continues with the engineers and consultants. The goal is to provide information to Council at their next meeting.

10. Executive Session In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq, the City Council will recess in Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:

- a. Section 551.071: Consultation with the attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or settlement offer; or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act, re: City of West Lake Hills v. the following:
1. Jaffe - 1405 Wildcat Hollow;
 2. Lambert - 1600 Westlake Drive; and
 3. 1836 Real Estate, LLC - 707 Butler Cove.

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

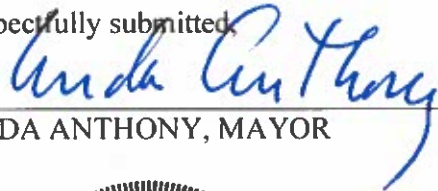
11. Executive Session Reconvene into Open Session and take action if and as deemed appropriate in the City Councils' discretion regarding consultation with attorney.

Council reconvened in Open Session at 8:02 p.m. No action was taken.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Walker and a second by Councilmember Plunkett, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


LINDA ANTHONY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Terry Blanchard, TRMC
City Secretary

These minutes were approved on June 14, 2023.

