

CITY OF WEST LAKE HILLS, TEXAS
MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mayor Anthony called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Linda Anthony
Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Bowman
Jim O'Connor
Brian Plunkett
Beth South
Darin Walker

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Administrator Trey Fletcher (remote)
City Secretary Terry Blanchard
Director of BDS Jennifer Bills
Lieutenant Robert Mills
City Attorney Josh Brockman-Weber

The meeting was suspended at 7:02 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

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. 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 April 24, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Plunkett and a second by Councilmember O'Connor, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed with two (2) abstentions to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmembers Bowman and South abstained. Motion carried.

4. Proclamation Mayor to proclaim the week of May 12-18, 2024 as Police Week and Wednesday, May 15, 2024 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the City of West Lake Hills, Texas.

Mayor Anthony read the proclamation and presented a copy to Lieutenant Mills for the West Lake Hills Police Department.

5. Ordinance Discuss and consider action to approve an ordinance for the final canvass of the May 4, 2024 General and Special Elections and declare the unopposed candidates as elected for Mayor, Council Member Place 2, Council Member Place 4, and Council Member Place 1 (for an unexpired term).

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember South and a second by Councilmember O'Connor, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the ordinance canvassing the May 4, 2024 elections for Mayor, Council Member Place 2, Council Member Place 4, and Council Member Place 1 (for an unexpired term). Motion carried.

6. Land Use 1511 Wildcat Hollow - Discuss and consider action on a variance for the removal of one tree (17.7 Cedar) with trunk diameter of 14 inches or greater (Section 22.03.304 of the West Lake Hills Code). Applicant: Matt Sener, Michael Hsu Office of Architecture.

Director Bills gave a brief summary. Matt Sener, project manager, was available to answer questions.

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

7. Administration Discussion and possible direction to staff on addressing parking and traffic control concerns due to student drop off at Eanes Elementary on Westhaven Drive and McConnell Drive.

Mayor Anthony gave a summary of the safety issues for citizens as well as students/parents. Director Bills stated that an ordinance would be needed for the installation of "No Parking" signs and a traffic study would need to be conducted for speed humps or other traffic-calming measures.

Lieutenant Mills stated that the Texas Transportation Code provides for no parking within thirty feet of a stop sign. He spoke with Jeremy Trimble at Eanes ISD in regard to other parking options for the parents. Dana Harmon mentioned that this has been an issue for years and they have advocated for a crossing guard. This continues to be a dangerous area with too many cars and too much traffic.

8. Executive Session In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq, the City Council will recess into 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. Alvarez - 1505 Wildcat Hollow; and
3. 1836 Real Estate, LLC - 707 Butler Cove.

Council convened into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

9. 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 8:36 p.m. No action was taken.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember O'Connor and a second by Councilmember Plunkett, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



JAMES VAUGHAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Terry Blanchard, TRMC
City Secretary

These minutes were approved on May 22, 2024.

