



The City of Liberty City Council

Special Called Meeting

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Tuesday, May 27, 2014

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Present	
Diane Huddleston	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Dennis Beasley	Councilperson	Present	
Frank Jordan	Councilperson	Present	
Louie Potetz	Councilperson	Present	
Libby Simonson	Councilperson	Absent	
David Arnold	Councilperson	Present	
Gary Broz	City Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	City Secretary	Present	

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment is reserved for members of the public who would like to address the City Council regarding agenda and non-agenda items. Please be aware that, under Texas Law, the Council may not deliberate or take any action during Citizen's comments for items not on the agenda. In some situations, City Staff may be able to respond to the public comment with a factual statement or clarification. The City Council may have the item placed on a future agenda for action or refer the item to Management and Staff for study or conclusion.

Mayor Pickett welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council. The following comments were made:

- Fire Chief Fred Collins reported on the Department's Father's Day BBQ which will be held on June 13 & 14, in which briskets, BBQ plates are sold,
- City Manager Gary Broz reported that as a result of a team effort of various City Departments, the Liberty Inn has been closed for life safety issues,
- Mr. Broz stated that TXDOT Area Engineer Cory Taylor will be the speaker at the next Chamber of Commerce Luncheon,
- Councilperson Jordan reported that he and Councilperson Beasley met with a representative of Union Pacific Railroad regarding railroad issues,
- Mayor Pickett reported on the recent First Responders Memorial Service, the Hunger Buster Program which provides meals to kids in need, and the City Manager's evaluation form which is due, to the Mayor, by June 5th.

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. Information Item (ID # 3011)

Finance Report - Finance Dir. N. Herrington

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Finance Director Naomi Herrington reported on the City's financial status through April 30, 2014. Ms. Herrington reported that the majority of property tax deposits have been received and that those figures reflect being at 121% of the budgeted amount and sales tax revenues are currently at 68% of the budgeted amount.

Ms. Herrington further detailed the revenues, expenditures, and cash in bank of the various funds. Discussion was also held regarding transfers from the various funds to the General Fund.

IV. WORK SESSION

1. Work Session (ID # 3012)

Discussion of current and future goals, objectives and action plans.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A previous Work Session was held on April 22, 2014 whereby the City Council discussed their preferences and ideas with respect to future needs of the City. In these discussions "Public Safety" was made Goal #1 and "Personnel Investment" as Goal #2.

This second Work Session is a continuation of those discussions regarding additional goals, objectives and action plans. Council deliberation led to making "Infrastructure" as Goal #3. Discussed were various topics including, but not limited to:

- drainage on Fannin Street,
- water system issues with regarding pressure,
- power outages,
- mowing of WCID #5 ditches and related WCID concerns,
- Airport status to include hangar rental, TXDOT drainage project, future runway extension, automated weather station
- Curbs and sidewalks

Subsequent discussion led to "Community Enhancement" as Goal #4, with discussion of various topics including, but not limited to:

- Economic development, community enhancement and maintenance of not only new, but existing business
- Business model for exceptional customer service and effective business relations
- Continue and expand partnership with Lee College
- Continue Code Enforcement of dilapidated properties

“Community Relations” was designated as Goal #5. Discussion was held regarding tourism and birding trails, the City Park, retention of existing business and attraction of new business.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Goals Objectives & Action Plans 2012 (DOCX)

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary