



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS**



Pat Bryson Municipal Hall ~ 201 North Brushy Street ~ Leander, Texas

Thursday ~ March 3, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Mayor - John D. Cowman

Place 1 – Andrea Navarrette

Place 4 – Michell Cantwell

Place 2 – Kirsten Lynch

Place 5 – Christopher Fielder (Mayor Pro Tem)

Place 3 – Carl Wake

Place 6 – David Siebold

City Manager – Anthony Johnson

1. Open meeting, Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance
Mayor Cowman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance
Invocation delivered by Council Member Lynch
2. Roll Call
All present
3. Staff Comments
None
4. Citizen Comments: Three (3) minutes allowed per speaker
Please turn in speaker request form before the meeting begins.
Council Member Siebold informed everyone that Capital Metro is running the train on Friday night through the month of March

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

5. Approval of the minutes: Regular Meeting: February 17, 2011
Motion made by Council Member Wake to approve. Second by Council Member Cantwell.
Motion passes, all voting “aye”

REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Cowman moved to item #9 at this time

6. Consider an Ordinance amending FY 2010-11 Annual Budget
Robert Powers, Finance Director explained

Motion made by Council Member Cantwell to approve and add \$7000.00 to the Public Art fund. Second by Council Member Wake. Motion passes, all voting “aye”

7. Consider a policy and set date for joint Board and Commission night to be held annually

Council Member Siebold made a motion to hold the meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2011. Second by Council Member Wake. Motion passes, all voting “aye”

8. Set guidelines for appointments to the Charter Review Committee
Council Member Wake explained and suggested it get started immediately. Barney Knight explained the legal issues regarding the selection and amount of members on the committee. Council Member Lynch asked that the committee consist of at least 51% of city tax payers Council Member Siebold asked that a committee be formed of 3 council members to begin the review process of possible committee members

Motion made by Council Member Wake for the committee to consist of 14 people and 51% be tax payers. Second by Council Member Cantwell. Motion passes, all voting “aye”

Mayor Cowman asked the council to move into the conference room for the work session

9. Consider monthly allocation from Public Art Fund for Performing Arts events to be sponsored by the Leander Arts Herald and approval of form contract
Kirk Clennan, Director of Economic Development explained Council Member Wake spoke on behalf of the Public Art Committee

Motion made by Council Member Navarrette to approve \$1000.00 per month allocation. Second by Council Member Wake. Motion passes, all voting “aye”

Mayor Cowman moved back to items 6, 7 & 8 at this time

WORKSESSION

Council moved to the conference room for the work session

10. Develop policy for committee to review applicants for Boards and Commissions
After a discussion was held the council decided on the following:
- **All members to Boards and Commissions must be a current registered voter**
 - **Ads for vacancies on Boards and Commissions will be posted on the city website and in the local newspaper either in the form of an ad or a press release**
 - **All Council Members will receive the applications at the same time**
 - **A sub- committee to consist of three council members will be formed to interview all applicants and recommendations will be made to council**
 - **City Secretary will maintain an application pool**
 - **The application will include a short synopsis of the duties of each Board or Commission**

Staff was asked to develop an application and bring to council for approval at the April 7, 2011 meeting

**Mayor Cowman called for a break at 8:20 p.m.
Council returned from break at 8:30**

11. Develop policy for restaurant, retail and industrial business
Kirk Clennan, Director of Economic Development presented the current policy and procedures to the council. A discussion was held.

Mayor Cowman called for a break at 9:05 p.m.

Council returned from break at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor Cowman moved to the additional item agenda

12. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Attest:

John D. Cowman, Mayor

Debbie Haile, City Secretary