



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



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

Thursday ~ May 5, 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
Interim City Manager – Robert Powers	

1. Open meeting, Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance
Mayor Cowman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance
Council Member Lynch delivered the invocation

2. Roll Call
All present except Council Member Wake

3. Staff Comments
Wayne Watts, City Engineer updated council on the County Glen drainage project and informed council of a letter about E. Crystal Falls Parkway and said the Hispanic Church had requested a median cut in front of their church and told council of a petition they had presented

Pat Womack, Director of Public Works – spoke about the spring clean up day scheduled for May 21, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and that they will not be accepting tires this year

4. Citizen Comments: Three (3) minutes allowed per speaker
Please turn in speaker request form before the meeting begins.

William D. Boggs 919 Flanagan Drive – spoke about running for Director of Pedernales Electric Coop District 2 and wanted to introduce himself

Mayor Cowman introduced Rick Coffman, the new County Constable for Precinct 2. Mr. Coffman gave a brief bio of his experience

Blanche Corley 403 Hernandos Loop- spoke about Carl Wake leaving city council and encouraged the council to move forward and thanked Robert Powers for his service in taking the Interim City Manager position

Bob Cantwell 604 Scenic Path – congratulated his wife, Council Member Cantwell for completing and earning her degree from the University of Texas.

Carl Wake 3000 Lakeline Blvd – read his resignation from City Council into the official record

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

5. Approval of the minutes: Regular Meeting: April 21, 2011
**Motion made by Council Member Cantwell to approve. Second by Council Member Siebold.
Motion passes, all voting "aye"**

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Consider authorization of Amendment to Lease Agreement between the City of Leander and the Greater Leander Chamber of Commerce for property located at 100 N. Brushy Street, Leander, Texas
Mayor Cowman tabled this item until a future meeting
7. Consider Assignment of Bucher, Willis, & Ratliff Corporation Contracts to H.W. Lochner, Inc.
Wayne Watts, City Engineer explained

**Motion made by Council Member Navarrette to approve. Second by Council Member Siebold.
Motion passes, all voting "aye"**
8. Consider authorization for City Manager to Negotiate and Implement Communications Director Contract (This item sponsored by Council Member Wake)
Kirk Clennan, Director of Economic Development explained

Blanche Corley 403 Hernandos Loop – spoke against

**Motion made by Mayor Cowman to disapprove. Second by Council Member Navarrette.
Motion passes, all voting "aye"**
9. Authorize City Manager to negotiate and execute the escrow agreement for funds to complete the plan and preliminary development of the Bryson Farmstead as required in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) executed by the City, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) in 2008.
Pix Howell, Urban Design Officer explained

**Motion made by Council Member Navarrette to approve. Second by Council Member Siebold.
Motion passes, all voting "aye"**

Mayor Cowman moved to item #12 at this time
10. Discussion and possible selection of date for City Council retreat and future retreats
Blanche Corley 403 Hernandos Loop – suggested the city council retreat be held locally

**Discussion was held and it was decided to hold the retreat on July 9, 2011 with the
Location to be determined at a later date**

**Motion made by Council Member Navarrette to approve future retreats to be held on the fourth
Sat. in February and the fourth Saturday in June. Second by Council Member Cantwell.
Motion passes, all voting "aye"**
11. Discussion and possible selection of date for Meet and Greet with Boards and Commissions
**Motion made by Council Member Navarrette to schedule for September 29, 2011. Second
by Council Member Cantwell. Motion passes, all voting "aye"**
12. Consider an amendment to the FY 2010-11 Budget for purposes contracting with the Central Texas Utilities Development Authority

Pix Howell, Urban Design Officer explained

Motion made by Council Member Cantwell to approve up to \$40,000. Second by Council Member Siebold. Motion passes, all voting "aye"

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Secs. 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074, Tex. Gov't Code, and Rule 1.05 Texas Code of Profession Conduct to consider:
- a. the qualifications of prospective City Manager candidates
 - b. the acquisition of real property
 - c. City of Leander vs. LCRA

**Council convened into executive session at 7:50 p.m.
Council reconvened into open session at 8:30 p.m.**

14. Reconvene from Executive Session and take action as appropriate in the discretion of the City Council regarding:
- a. the qualifications of prospective City Manager candidates
No action taken
 - b. the acquisition of real property
No action taken
 - c. City of Leander vs. LCRA
No action taken

15. Consider the process, procedures and contracts for services for the recruitment of a City Manager
Discussion was held on the prospective companies to contract with for recruitment of City Manager

Motion made by Council Member Cantwell to consider Waters, Affion and CHC Hartung. Second by Council Member Navarrette. Motion passes, 5 to 1 with Council Member Lynch voting against.

Staff was asked to set up a worksession to interview the above three firms on a Monday night during the month of May.

16. Adjournment
With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Attest:

John D. Cowman, Mayor

Debbie Haile, City Secretary