

**SPECIAL MEETING  
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

**JANUARY 23, 2018**

**6:30 P.M.**

**CLARK LIBRARY ANNEX-COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 217 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR,  
LOCKHART, TEXAS**

**Council present:**

Councilmember Juan Mendoza  
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

Mayor Lew White  
Councilmember Jeffrey Michelson  
Councilmember John Castillo

**Council and staff absent:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez  
Connie Constancio, City Secretary

Councilmember Kara McGregor

**Staff present:**

Vance Rodgers, City Manager  
Dan Gibson, City Planner  
Sean Kelley, Water/Wastewater Superintendent

Julie Bowermon, Civil Service/HR Director  
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director

**Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council:** Representatives of Downtown Businesses: Parind Vora, Lucy Knight, Ron Faulstich, Lisa Paige, Taylor Burge, Ronda Reagan, and Sutton Van Gunten; and, Darrell Nichols and Alvin Schuerg of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Lew White called the special meeting of the Lockhart City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. He announced that Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez and Councilmember McGregor will be arriving late if they are able to attend.

**ITEM 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS**

Mayor White gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

**ITEM 3-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION AFTER PRESENTATION REGARDING DRAINAGE, VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON EAST SAN ANTONIO STREET BETWEEN SOUTH MAIN AND SOUTH COMMERCE STREETS.**

Mr. Rodgers stated that the proposed project as identified in the Sustainable Places Project improves drainage, vehicular traffic, and pedestrian safety on East San Antonio Street between South Main and South Commerce Streets. The project provides a wide plaza area with amenities on the north side of San Antonio Street while maintaining 14 of the 18 existing parking spaces and provides keeping 8-9 parking spaces on the south side in the same block.

Mr. Gibson provided detailed information regarding the proposed downtown improvements.

Mayor White requested the following to address the Council:

Parind Vora, 119 E. San Antonio Street, stated that he initially had concerns about parking but after reviewing the latest proposed project plan, he is in favor of a family friendly downtown improvement project.

Lucy Knight, 1532 Parkview, owner of 104 S. Commerce, asked how many parking spots would be lost with the proposed downtown improvement project. Mr. Rodgers replied that approximately two parking spots would be lost on the north side. Ms. Knight spoke against losing parking because of the downtown improvements. Mr. Gibson also mentioned that the project included improving the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility to the sidewalk.

Ron Faulstich, 121 Nueces, owner of 202 E. Market and 113 E. San Antonio Street, spoke in favor of the most recent downtown improvement plan. He expressed concern about pedestrian traffic on the north side of downtown crossing to and from the courthouse. Pedestrians currently often use the median as a stopping point when crossing San Antonio Street. He suggested installing stop signs at crosswalks for pedestrians. He spoke in favor of the downtown improvements.

Lisa Paige, 1222 Maple St., owner of 115 E. San Antonio St., spoke in favor of the project. She also questioned the parking including adding safe handicap parking locations on the north side of downtown. Ms. Paige requested that the parking is installed as indicated on today's project plan.

Taylor Burge of 106 E. Market asked how long the project would take to complete. Mr. Rodgers replied that the preliminary estimated timeline of the project is approximately 18 months.

Ronda Reagan, 412 W. San Antonio St., spoke in favor of the downtown improvements project.

Sutton Van Gunten, 102 E. Market St., spoke in favor of the downtown improvements project. He requested that improvements on the south side of downtown be considered in the future.

Mayor White requested additional citizens to address the Council. There were none.

Mayor White thanked the downtown businesses for attending the meeting and for being a part of the downtown revitalization improvement project.

Councilmember Castillo announced that Lockhart was selected to receive grant funds out of four other downtown improvement project applications. He asked the citizens to be patient during the renovation phases.

Councilmember Michelson thanked the downtown business owners for expressing support of the project.

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to approve the presentation regarding drainage, vehicular traffic, and pedestrian safety improvements on East San Antonio Street between South Main and South Commerce Streets and to proceed with the concept. Councilmember Castillo seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor White reconvened the Lockhart City Council meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

**ITEM 3-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY (GBRA) FOR A LONG-TERM TREATED WATER SUPPLY.**

Mr. Rodgers provided information regarding the components of new water costs and operational estimate summary. He stated that the agreement would be on the February 6, 2018 council agenda for consideration. Mr. Rodgers stated the concerns with the draft agreement had been sufficiently addressed as he had discussed with the City Attorney and then with GRBA. Representatives of the GBRA were present to provide additional explanation of the long-term treated water supply and to answer any questions.

Darrell Nichols of GBRA provided information about the proposed agreement. He recommended that the Council pursue funding through the SWIFT program.

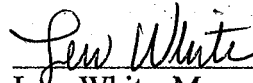
There was discussion regarding the agreement and the long-term treated water supply plan.

**ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

**CITY OF LOCKHART**

  
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Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Connie Constancio, TRMC  
City Secretary

