

**SPECIAL MEETING
GOALS WORKSHOP
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

MARCH 12, 2016

8:00 A.M.

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

Council present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez
Councilmember Juan Mendoza
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember John Castillo
Councilmember Benny Hilburn
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

Staff present:

Vance Rodgers, City Manager
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director

Connie Constancio, City Secretary

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Beverly Hill, Martha Thompson and Claire Brice, Citizens.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the goals workshop of the Lockhart City Council to order on this date at 8:00 a.m.

ITEM 2. CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS.

Mayor White requested citizens to address the Council. There were no citizens present at 8:00 a.m.

**ITEM 3-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL GOALS FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET AND POSSIBLY BEYOND.**

There was discussion about the City Council goals as listed on the attached document marked as "Exhibit A".

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 9:10 a.m.

Mayor White reconvened the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

ITEM 2. CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS.

Mayor White requested the following citizens to address the Council:

Beverly Hill, 1620 Old Kelly Road, requested that the Council consider building an indoor community pool. She stated that many citizens currently travel to nearby cities for necessary therapeutic water aerobic exercises. She also stated that several citizens have signed a petition requesting the indoor community pool.

Martha Thompson, 1602 Century Oaks Drive, requested that an indoor community pool is built in Lockhart.

Claire Brice, 731 S. Commerce, also requested an indoor community pool and provided a list of various entities and types of activities that the community would benefit from an indoor pool.

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

ITEM 3-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL GOALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET AND POSSIBLY BEYOND.

Discussion continued about the City Council goals as listed on the attached document marked as "Exhibit A".

There was discussion about the fund balance analysis of major funds and future debt payments.

There was also discussion about how to use the unrestricted fund balance as suggested by the City Manager as listed below:

Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$473,871	
	Fund Amount	Notes
Proposed Use for Part of these funds in Fiscal Year 2015-2016:		
Two patrol cars	\$80,000	\$40,000 each, 1 replacement and 1 for new officers
Two pickups	\$40,000	1993 and 1994 pickups each with over 160,000 miles – Street Department
One time payment for Full Time Employees	\$120,600	\$1,500 each (Civil Service not included)
One time payment for Part Time Employees	\$7,200	\$750 each (Civil Service not included)
Proposed Total Use of Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$247,800	
Projected remaining balance	\$226,071	For emergencies and unknown

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to approve the City Manager's suggested use of unrestricted fund balance as listed above. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez seconded.

Councilmember Hilburn suggested that the vote about the use of the unrestricted fund balance be considered during a regularly scheduled meeting. There was discussion.

Councilmember Michelson withdrew the motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez withdrew the second to the motion.

CONSENSUS: After discussion, the consensus of the Council was to place an item about the City Manager's suggested use of unrestricted fund balance on the April 5, 2016 Council meeting agenda.

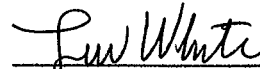
Mayor White stated that the goals discussed today will be reorganized into categories and discussed at a future meeting.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.


PASSED and APPROVED this the 5th day of April 2016.

CITY OF LOCKHART



Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary



“EXHIBIT A”
Lockhart City Council
FY 2016-2017 Goals

Pri	Council Person	Goals Submitted	City Manager Comments
1	Castillo	Infrastructure	Complete 2015 CO projects and need budget of \$250,000 per year for streets, continue water and sewer main replacements; continue electric distribution maintenance plan-get new substation on line. Replace bad water raw water mains and find additional water for the future.
1	Gonzales-Sanchez	Department Heads to Budget Salary Increases for city employees so that we can keep our current city employees.	Est Cost Per % Increase Annually: Gen Fund (Not Civil Serv) \$ 29,000; Gen Fund Civil Serv \$ 24,000; Other/Utilities: \$ 15,000- Add'l
1	Hilburn	Improve City Cemetery with GF Expiring debt saving and/or Cemetery Tax	Cemetery Tax up to 5 cents allowed by State Law. Expiring GF debt committed to Police and Fire increased pay rates. (\$132,000)
1	Mendoza	Find ways to use activity center for multi-purpose use. (basketball, volleyball). Funding source: Different companies in town	If approved by Council staff would approach local businesses
1	Michelson	Continue to improve infrastructure (drainage, street repairs) throughout the city	Complete 2015 CO and budget \$250,000 per year for street materials
1	Westmoreland	Enforce ordinances that pertain to unsightly properties all over town. Make homeowners/residents (because some may be renters) take pride in their environment. It is an eyesore to drive around town and see overgrown properties, junked cars, and stacks of trash on porches, in yards and driveways. All levels of socio-economic residents in this town have shown evidence of being disrespectful to their environment.	City has no esthetics ordinance currently. The term "unsightly" is subjective and is difficult to prove in court.
1	White	Economic Development-expanding budget to get staff qualified to help Sandra with recruitment, working with LEDC to either build Spec building or invest in more property, Main St program to relieve Sandra of a lot of those duties	Main Street Program would require another person and funding to work with local businesses while Economic Development would concentrate on new businesses and new jobs
2	Castillo	Economic Development	Need 12-15,000 sf of retail spaces with reasonable lease per sf and buildings that are 20 to 50,000 sf for industrial and manufacturing
2	Gonzales-Sanchez	Infrastructure: Continue City Infrastructure: Drainage, Street Repairs, Completion of Curbing, Brighter Lighting in Neighborhoods	Complete 2015 CO projects and need budget of \$250,000 per year for streets, continue water and sewer main replacements; continue electric distribution maintenance plan-get new substation on line. Replace bad water raw water mains and find additional water for the future. Most streets that lack curbing will need to be totally reconstructed. Brighter LED lights being experimented with since costs have come down.
2	Hilburn	Implement City Signage	Initial required funds up to \$40,000 if City Crew does the work; total cost could be more than \$70,000
2	Mendoza	New Park equipment. Funding Source: Each Councilmember responsible for a park and finding funding sources	Estimate: \$ 400,000 annually over next 4 years based on input from Parks Board Advisory Board
2	Michelson	Continue to improve ways to attract businesses to Lockhart	Need more 12-15,000 sf of retail spaces with reasonable lease per sf and buildings that are 20 to 50,000 sf for industrial and manufacturing
2	Westmoreland	Create a policy for the residency of future administrative positions to live within the Lockhart city limits. If an administrator wants to be employed by the City of Lockhart, they need to reside here. Sharing in the daily lives of our citizens seems crucial to making decisions about Lockhart. They are paid by city taxes.	It is not legal to require all department heads to live in the City limits; only the City Manager is required to do so. All non-24 emergency response employees must live within 25 minutes of City Limits
2	White	Continue street rehab	Need \$ 250,000 annually minimum for street work materials
3	Castillo	City Facilities	Not sure what this includes; can asses all departments for physical needs
3	Gonzales-Sanchez	Economic Development: Recruit more businesses especially retail and continue efforts ; contact existing and vacant bldg owners to see if they are willing to work with City to bring these small retail businesses, as well as industrial; possibly purchasing two downtown county buildings when on the market for possible new businesses	LEDC could fund another report but the company says our numbers still should be good. Costs estimated \$22,500 for updating data and recruitment. Prime soft good companies constantly want to be on Highway 183 in 12-15,000 sf and at a reasonable cost per sf plus higher traffic counts.

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3	Hilburn	Continue improving city streets: Increase Transportation Fund	Current transportation monthly rate is \$ 4 for residential and others; \$260,000 annual which helps fund labor and equipment, but is not sufficient for materials. Another \$250,000 for materials is needed annually.
3	Mendoza	Wi-Fi Free Zones Downtown Square. Funding source City Budget, School District, Downtown sponsors	Rough estimate is about \$12,000
3	Michelson	Refurbish City Hall	If atrium removed, add more offices estimated at \$45,000 and more outside landscaping estimated at \$ 5,000; elevator going in with improvements to restrooms and offices
3	Westmoreland	Approach interested and future businesses cordially. Stringent ordinances (and the way they are approached), scare off some businesses. Let's be friendly in a positive way.	City Mgr respectfully requests names of such businesses. He has met with 18 business representatives over past 15 months that were looking at Lockhart but did not come. Except for the non-residential exterior building esthetics ordinance, none of them indicated a problem with the current ordinances or with staff. The main problems were high land prices and the lack of "ready built retail and industrial buildings", and traffic counts were not high enough. Most thought the impact fee schedules were very reasonable compared to other cities. Will continue to work toward friendlier customer service with simplified ordinances.
3	White	Park master plan to consider park bond issue, recreation dept and staff issues	Master Plan estimate: \$ 45,000, recreation dept est at least \$ 60,000 for a recreational professional with another \$30,000 for equipment and materials
4	Castillo	Employees Wages	Est Cost Per % Increase Annually: Gen Fund (Not Civil Serv) \$ 29,000; Gen Fund Civil Serv \$ 24,000; Other/Utilities: \$ 15,000- Add'l Cost FY 16-17 due to Civil Serv Pay Plan Expansions already approved: \$ 132,000
4	Gonzales-Sanchez	Police Task Force: Budget extra funds to bring back a much needed Police Task Force to address any drug and gang related problems this city is being faced with especially on the East side of our city. Possibly ask the County to assist with funding.	Initial required funds up to \$40,000 if City Crew does the work; total cost could be more than \$70,000
4	Hilburn	Continue working on bringing industry to Lockhart: Continue supporting Ms. Mauldin	LEDC is will have sufficient funding to be more aggressive starting FY 16- 17
4	Mendoza	Training Start up: Neighborhood Watch Training and Program: Police Budget	Have tried Neighborhood Watch Program in past but was not sustained because of lack of participation. Willing to try again.
4	Michelson	Improve signage on HWY 183 as well as SH130 = directing people to Lockhart	Possibly use of some of the KTB grant money
4	Westmoreland	Evaluate and/or change the degree of the angled parking along the 4 blocks off of the square. This would be: Main Street from Market to Prairie Lea Street; Main Street from San Antonio Street to Walnut Street; Commerce Street from Market Street to Prairie Lea Street, and Commerce Street from San Antonio Street to Walnut Street. These parking spaces were made before long vehicles were made! If there are cars parked on both sides of the streets, only one car can pass through at a time. Then it becomes a one lane street. I have witnessed a difference angled parking arrangement, and it provides more room and is much safer for the drivers and pedestrians.	Estimate to black out existing thermoplastic markings, redefine layout, and apply new thermoplastic markings with angle parking = \$ 12,000; will probably loose 4 spaces per block. 2 on each side
4	White	Branding and wayfinding—may be included in #1	Initial required funds up to \$40,000 if City Crew does the work; total cost could be more than \$70,000
5	Castillo	Parks	Estimate: \$ 400,000 annually over next 4 years based on input from Parks Board Advisory Board
5	Gonzales-	Subdivision development to attract more businesses to Lockhart	Working with 6 more subdivisions, either new or expanding, and possibly one more very large one northwest.
5	Hilburn	Improve tourism in Lockhart - City Council continue to work with and encourage Chambers of Commerce to be more involved	Council can make this directive to Chambers when dividing out HOT funds
5	Mendoza	Finding more funding for Retail Market Study. Zip code demographics with reports. Funding LEDC	LEDC could fund another report but the company says our numbers still should be good. Costs estimated \$22,500 for updating data and recruitment.

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5	Michelson	Work with LEDC or someone equivalent to build a building to help attract business	Need more 12-15,000 sf of retail spaces with reasonable lease per sf. Most soft good retailers want 12-15,000 on Hwy 183 at a reasonable price and increased traffic volumes
5	White	Sidewalks to include lighting	Funding required; for example San Jacinto to Jr High estimate is \$130,000 just for materials along Maple walkway
6	Gonzales-Sanchez	More Events to Attract Tourism in Lockhart and Include Way Finding Signage (Hotels and Restaurants)	Initial required funds up to \$40,000 if City Crew does the work; total cost could be more than \$70,000. Chambers could use HOT for more tourism.
6	Michelson	Continue to work on City Park improvements	Estimate: \$ 400,000 annually over next 4 years based on input from Parks Board Advisory Board
6	White	Pursue possible ESD-EMS district	Legal issue with participation by County and City of Luling preferable
7	Gonzales-	Parks Improvements: Purchase more park equipment to provide safe and fun filled parks for all to use.	Estimate: \$ 400,000 annually over next 4 years based on input from Parks Board Advisory Board
7	Mendoza	Start Talks With YMCA Austin again. Seek sponsors funding if necessary	Our population hurt in previous discussions, Will pursue again. They usually want commitment for a minimum number of individuals and families depending on population of not only City but its metro area
7	Michelson	Work on building a civic center/ recreation center	\$ 9 million plus land \$ 2.5 million for about 20,000 sf plus about \$240,000 annual maintenance costs and minimum of \$60,000 for utilities; estimated revenues offset is about \$60,000; take out recreation center and cost go down about 20%. It has been reported that Bastrop is spending over \$500,000 per year to operate its civic center. Revenues not covering costs.
7	White	Cemetery maintenance	Cemetery Tax up to 5 cents allowed by State Law
8	Gonzales-Sanchez	City Hall: Refurbish with Improvements and/or Upgrades	Elevator and improvements to restrooms planned; better offices for Connie and Sandra planned also.
9	Gonzales-Sanchez	Convention Center	\$ 9 million plus land \$ 2.5 million for about 20,000 sf plus about \$240,000 annual maintenance costs and minimum of \$60,000 for utilities; estimated revenues offset is about \$60,000; take out recreation center and cost go down about 20%. It has been reported that Bastrop is spending over \$500,000 per year to operate its civic center. Revenues not covering costs.
	Gonzales-Sanchez	Employee: Possible additional Employee Holiday Time off-Alternating system	City employees now have 12 holidays and 1 personal holiday; time off is granted by seniority with department head responsible for keeping sufficient personnel to serve the public needs. Employees also receive at least 2 weeks of vacation time. Those employees required to work on holidays receive their normal pay plus holiday pay.