



City of Lucas
City Council Special Meeting/
Strategic Planning Session
May 25, 2017
7:00 P.M.

City Hall - 665 Country Club Road – Lucas Texas
Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Olk called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

City Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Jim Olk
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele
Councilmember Wayne Millsap
Councilmember Tim Baney
Councilmember Debbie Fisher

Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
City Secretary Stacy Henderson

City Councilmember Absent:

Councilmember Steve Duke
Councilmember Philip Lawrence

Mayor Olk determined that a quorum was present and everyone was reminded to turn off or silence their cell phones.

Special Meeting/Strategic Planning Session

Mayor Olk welcomed everyone and noted that the goal of the strategic planning session was to discuss planning goals and priorities for the future and to guide decisions towards the upcoming fiscal year 17-18 budget as well as future budgets.

Mayor Olk noted that they would be moving Agenda Item No. 6 to follow Agenda Item No. 2 on the agenda.

1. Discuss transportation goals and review NCTCOG and Collin County Roadway Plans.

Mayor Olk and the Council discussed the limited access roadways proposed in the Collin County 2040 Mobility Plan, in particular the north/south roadways. The Council discussed the limited access roadway that was proposed through Lucas but now removed and proposed down the peninsula. The Council also discussed the possibility of having to provide a 4-lane divided roadway between Fairview, Lucas and Allen. The Council discussed the possibility of Country Club Road, Rock Ridge Road or Angel Parkway as possible roadways for this project should it come to fruition.

Mayor Olk discussed his meeting with the Town of Fairview and the possibility of including Stacy Road as a consideration for a 4-lane divided roadway to be included as part of the County Mobility Plan. The Town of Fairview noted their opposition to using Stacy Road as a 4-lane divided roadway due to its proximity to Heritage Ranch.

DIRECTION: The City Council was in agreement that should a 4-lane roadway be required in Lucas as part of the Collin County Mobility Plan, that Rock Ridge Road be utilized and leave Country Club Road as is, no widening would occur.

2. Discuss public safety goals for Fire-Rescue and Law Enforcement.

Mayor Olk and the Council discussed the proposed contract from the Collin County Sheriff's office that would cost approximately \$450,000 to fund three officers plus two additional vehicles per year. The Council's position was that the additional officers should be dedicated to the City of Lucas.

City Manager Joni Clarke discussed her conversation with the Town of Fairview regarding law enforcement services and a draft proposal that was discussed that provided funding for two officers to assist in patrolling the City of Lucas at an annual cost \$350,000. Ms. Clarke noted that municipal court details would have to be further defined if there was a partnership with the Town of Fairview.

The Council discussed the idea of partnering with the Town of Fairview and the quicker response time and better coverage that could be available.

DIRECTION: The City Council was in agreement to further pursue discussions with the Town of Fairview regarding law enforcement services.

Mayor Olk noted that they would be moving to Agenda Item No. 6 at this time.

6. Discuss staffing levels and staff retention related to the status of the Compensation Plan and staffing needs projected for 10 years.

The City Council began with discussing staffing levels related to Fire-Rescue. City Manager Joni Clarke reviewed with the Council the status of the ten recommendations made in the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Operations Analysis report conducted in February of 2015. Ms. Clarke discussed sharing facilities with surrounding cities, long-term planning, the completed community risk assessment, expenses associated with volunteers and the difficulty maintaining volunteers, and the staffing recommendation made by the report of maintaining five personnel per shift. Ms. Clarke explained that the volunteer model was difficult to maintain and additional fire-rescue personnel was needed.

The Council discussed the average number of calls, noting that fire service calls were decreasing and EMS calls were increasing. The Council also discussed funds that could be saved moving away from a partial volunteer department and hiring full-time fire-rescue personnel.

Ms. Clarke noted that City staff was funded at mid-point and discussed staffing projections.

DIRECTION: There was no additional direction on this item.

Mayor Olk proceeded to Agenda Item No. 3.

3. Discuss annexation plan for the City, including the impact of water rates based on Public Utility Commission annexation requirements.

Mayor Olk and the Council discussed the possible changes to annexation requirements being proposed within the current legislative session related to enforcement of building codes in the City's ETJ areas as well as Public Utility Commission requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele asked that staff review whether the City would be required to maintain any water features in any of the ETJ areas should they be annexed into the City, and to clarify if the ponds located in the Claremont Springs and Edgewood Estates subdivisions were located on private property.

DIRECTION: No further direction was given until clarification occurs on the items mentioned above and to follow progress on annexation items proposed in the current legislative session.

- 4. Discuss real property and development of various sites in the City that include:**
- a) City owned property located at 325 West Lucas Road**
 - b) City owned property located at the intersection of West Lucas Road and Country Club Road, north of the Fire Station**
 - c) Southview and West Lucas Road intersection**
 - d) Proactively seeking desirable commercial development**

The City Council discussed the old water tower site located at 325 West Lucas Road and the minimal value associated with this property. The City Council was in agreement with staff reaching out to nearby homeowners to gauge interest in buying the property.

The City Council discussed using the property at the intersection of West Lucas Road and County Club as additional parking for vehicles and equipment. The Council also discussed deed restricting the property and possibly leasing the property in the future. The Council agreed to review other uses and options for this property.

The Council also discussed economic development incentives in seeking desirable commercial development and agreed those would have to be considered on an as needed basis.

DIRECTION:

- a) City Staff would reach out to surrounding neighbors of 325 W. Lucas Road to gauge interest in buying the property.
- b) The Council would review other uses and options for this property.
- c) No further direction was given on this item.
- d) No further direction was given on this item.

5. Discuss goals and develop a timeline to enhance and create trails and parks within the City, and further establish partnerships with the Army Corp of Engineers and the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center.

City Manager Joni Clarke discussed with the Council the Trails Master Plan the Parks Board would be reviewing and also considering trail connectivity with the Town of Fairview. Ms. Clarke discussed budgeting funds for future trail improvements.

The Council discussed the Winningkoff Trailhead and connectivity to the trail as well as grants that could be applied for towards trail improvements.

DIRECTION: Review the Trails Master Plan and apply for grants as needed for trail improvements.

7. Adjournment.

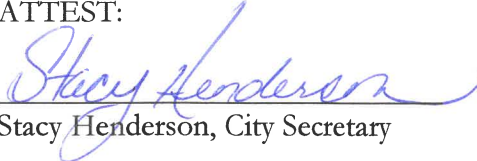
MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peele to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

APPROVED:



Jim Olk, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

