

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Lake Jackson met in Regular session on Monday, January 16, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following in attendance:

Bob Sipple, Mayor	William P. Yenne, City Manager
Bob Geter, Council member	Modesto Mundo, Asst. City Manager
Gerald Roznovsky, Council member	Alice A. Rodgers, City Secretary
Rob Dotson, Council member	Sherri Russell City Attorney
Vinay Singhania, Council member	Pam Eaves, Finance Director
Joe Rinehart, Council member	Sal Aguirre, City Engineer
	Woody Eastman, Parks and Recreation Director
	Paul Hromadka, Police Chief
	Keith Traylor, Police Lieutenant
	Carmen Williams, Personnel Director

Jason Smith, The Facts

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Singhania led the pledge to the flag.

INVOCATION

Mayor Sipple led the invocation.

VISITORS COMMENTS

There were no visitors to speak on a non agenda item.

COMMENDATIONS

There were no commendations.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval Of Minutes - January 2, 2007
- B. Minutes Of Boards And Commissions
- C. Consider And Discuss An Ordinance That Deletes The Parking Rules For Commercial And Recreational Vehicles From Chapter 38, Junked Motor Vehicles, Because They Are Now In Chapter 98, Traffic And Vehicles. Second Reading

On motion by Council member Singhania second by Council member Roznovsky with all member present voting "aye" the consent agenda

- A. Approval Of Minutes - January 2, 2007 - approved as presented
- B. Minutes Of Boards And Commissions - accepted with thanks
- C. Consider And Discuss An Ordinance That Deletes The Parking Rules For Commercial And Recreational Vehicles From Chapter 38, Junked Motor Vehicles, Because They Are Now In Chapter 98, Traffic And Vehicles. Second Reading - passed and adopted on second and final reading

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING MOVING A PORTION OF THE ALDEN DOW BUILDING TO THE LAKE JACKSON HISTORICAL MUSEUM SITE, OR, IN THE ALTERNATE, KEEPING A PORTION OF SAID BUILDING AT ITS CURRENT SITE

Mr. May was not present to report on this issue.

RESOLUTION APPROVING JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH BRAZORIA COUNTY

Council member Rinehart entered the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Alice Rodgers, City Secretary reported that Brazoria County has approached the city as well as all the other voting entities . The County would like to hold a joint election with all of the cities within Brazoria County. The County will run the entire election and the cities will pay their individual costs. The cost estimate for Lake Jackson is \$4,314.42. The early voting location of Lake Jackson has not been determined, but the regular voting locations for Lake Jackson residents will be Angleton Intermediate School, Precinct 4 County Barn (Brazoria), Clute Community Center, Lake Jackson Civic Center, and Gladys Polk Elementary (Richwood).

She reported that if the city did not choose to contract with the County they would have to rent the equipment from a company like Hart Intercivics and conduct its own election including the ballot tabulation. Pearland ISD opted to do this at a cost of \$65,000-80,000.

On motion by Council member Roznovsky second Council member Dotson with all members present voting "aye" a resolution was approved for a joint election agreement and contract for election services with Brazoria County.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESCHEDULING THE MARCH 19 COUNCIL MEETING
Council discussed the fact that most of its members would be attending Brazoria County Day in Austin during this regularly scheduled meeting and felt it needed to be rescheduled.

On motion by Council member Singhania second by Council member Roznovsky with all members present voting "aye" the March 19th meeting was rescheduled for March 26th

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ALLOWING BRAZOSPORT REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM TO INSTALL UP TO FOUR MODLAR OFFICE BUILDINGS ON THEIR LAKE JACKSON CAMPUS

Staff communication to council in their packets included:

Brazosport Regional Health System is under going some major renovations and additions. They are requesting the use of modular office structures while the plans and construction of a new medical office building is completed. Under our current ordinances the use of temporary modular office structure/ trailers are not allowed. Temporary construction trailers have been allowed in the past during construction however, not for this use. These will be used as an office space for employees of the hospital. The purpose of the modular office structures would allow renovation of the fourth floor tower to be remodeled back to patient care and a new medical office building to be built.

Jay Sampson Brazosport Regional Health Systems stated they are in the process of growing and need to move some employees out of the building while new office space is being created. However in order to do this they will need a place to put the employees while creating a new space.

Al Gabara 204 River Oaks Drive spoke of the growth at the hospital and the new diagnostics area at the hospital. Mr. Gabara explained the different phases and hoped to be turning dirt in the up coming months.

Council member Rinehart moved to allow the placement of 4 modular Brazosport Regional Health System is hereby authorized to erect no more than four temporary modular office buildings on the campus of the Brazosport Regional Health System hospital for a period of two years; and will follow all directions of the building official to ensure that the modular office buildings are safe and accessible, including all Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, all wind load requirements, and all fire code requirements; second by Council member Roznovsky with all members present voting "aye" motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AMBULANCE SALES AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAKE JACKSON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND THE CITY OF LAKE JACKSON TEXAS FOR THE SALE OF A 1993 FORD E350 AMBULANCE FOR \$7,000.

Staff is recommending the sale of a 1993 Ford E350 Ambulance to LJEMS for \$7,000. LJEMS is planning to use the ambulance for medical transportation services for citizens. Staff considers this a public purpose. The vehicle has been appraised by the City's auctioneering services at \$16,500.

Mr. Mundo stated the price of \$7,000 was arrived at was that the trade in value of the vehicle was \$5,000. The city could wait and go out for an auction, however there is no guarantee. One of the benefits of this vehicle would be a back up for the EMS.

On motion by Council member Singhania second by Council member Dotson with 5 members present voting "aye" and Council member Geter abstaining approval was granted for the sale of a 1993 Ford E350 Ambulance to the LJEMS in the amount of \$7,000.

PRESENT REVISED DESIGN FOR OAK DRIVE HIKE AND BIKE PEDESTRIAN SEATING

At your December 4, 2006 Council meeting, Brent Bowles, Integrated Architecture and Design, presented conceptual drawing for lighting and pedestrian elements for Oak Drive. Council requested a revised concept that incorporated a retain wall and column lighting. Mr. Bowles will present the modified plan for your approval.

Once approved staff will seek quotes for construction of the seating areas and seek formal sealed bids for the median street lights.

	INITIAL			
	REVISED			
	REVENUES			
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HGAC Matching Share	\$ 25,000		HGAC Matching Share	\$
25,000				
City Match	41,000		City Match (street capital funds)	
41,000				
Tree Grant	2,000		Tree Grant	
2,000				
			CDBG (remaining trail funds)	
		12,000		
TOTAL	\$ 68,000		TOTAL	\$ 80,000
	Expenditures			
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Lighting	\$ 43,500		Median Street Lighting (7)	\$
49,000				
Masonry & Electrical	10,500		Tree Landscaping	
2,000				
Seating & Landscaping	7,000		Seating Areas (2)	
20,000				
Architect	5,000		Architect	
6,000				
TOTAL	\$ 66,000		TOTAL	
\$77,000				

On motion by Council member Roznovsky second by Council member Rinehart with all members present voting "aye" approval was granted for the revised designed for the Oak Drive Hike and Bike Pedestrian Seating plan.

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

1. DIXIE DRIVE PROJECT
2. BEGONIA DRAINAGE PROJECT
3. OYSTER CREEK HIKE AND BIKE PROJECT

COUNCIL ITEMS

Council member Singhania mentioned on Medical Drive there is a big dip that needs signage.

Council member Singhania stated there is a similar situation on Southern Oaks Drive on the dead end portion where the contractor completed the overlay.

Council member Roznovsky mentioned that at the intersection of Plantation and Magnolia people are not paying attention to the no left turn. Perhaps there needs to be an increase in patrol in this area.

Council member Rinehart asked about the laydown yard at the old fire station on Circle Way saying it needs to be cleaned up. Mr. Aguirre said they are in the process of sending the contractor a letter.

Council member Rinehart asked if the church at Plantation Drive and SH332 had reapplied for a building permit. Mr. Nisbett stated they had not.

Council member Geter said the welcome sign was not lit the other night. Mr. Mundo said it is solar powered and with cloudy weather it will not light after several days of cloudy weather.

Council member Geter said nice comments made by people regarding Oak Drive.

Council member Dotson asked about the building on Circle Way that was to be demolished. Mr. Bowles stated he is the architect for that project and they are in the process of demolishing the area very shortly and have approved the general contractor the project to begin within 30 days

Council member Dotson mentioned how GREAT the Florida Gators were.

Mayor Sipple asked about timing on the red light cameras. Chief Hromadka said he sent an email and has not gotten a response back from the company.

Mayor Sipple stated he has received negative input on the condition of dance floor at the civic center.

Mayor Sipple asked for status on the Abner Jackson intersection. Mr. Nisbett said stop lines have been painted, however, due to bad weather the traffic recount will be hopefully conducted next Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Bob Sipple, Mayor

Alice A. Rodgers, City Secretary