

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Lake Jackson met on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in Regular Session at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, Lake Jackson City Hall with the following in attendance:

Gerald Roznovsky, Mayor
Buster Buell, Mayor Pro Tem
Vinay Singhania, Councilmember
Matt Broaddus, Councilmember
Rhonda Seth, Councilmember

ABSENT:

Jon Baker, Councilmember

Modesto Mundo, City Manager
Meagan Borth, Assistant City Manager
Ana Acuna, Interim Asst. City Secretary
Sherri Russell, City Attorney
Sal Aguirre, City Engineer
Sabrina England, Public Works Director
David Walton, Building Official
Pam Eaves, Finance Director
Jeremy Bubnick, Parks and Recreation
Lora Marie Bernard, PIO
Milford John-William, Asst. to City Manager
Leslie Cancino, Health Inspector

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Rhonda Seth led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Dan Baugh led the invocation.

VISITORS COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

COMMENDATIONS

There were no commendations.

PRESENTATION OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS

Leslie Cancino, Health Inspector presented information on health inspections.

Mr. Mundo commented on why the AC had mold forming due to having too large of a unit. Mr. Walton explained the factors of larger AC's not working. Mr. Walton also noted that the establishments have been informed on proper cleaning and ways to prevent mold.

Councilmember Singhania thanked Mr. Walton and his staff for their work and keeping Lake Jackson safe.

RECOGNITION OF REC. CENTER EMPLOYEES

Jeremy Bubnick, Parks & Recreation Director, commended employees for providing critical emergency care to a member who was found unconscious and unresponsive. Mr. Bubnick read a commendation letter that was submitted by Chris Sermarini, EMS Chief. Mr. Bubnick presented Ashley Charles, Jacqueline Narvaez and Derek Cole with a gold whistle for saving a life. Anas Chouai was absent due to volunteer work so he was not available to receive his award.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of minutes – July 19, 2021
- B. Accept Board and Commission Minutes
 - 1. Charter Review minutes 071421
- C. Ordinance rezoning Blunck Subdivision Tract 64D & Replats of Lots 2-3 (1.3056 Acres) at 137 N Dixie Drive from B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to C-1 (Commercial)– second reading / final
- D. Approve 2022 holiday schedule

On motion by Councilmember Singhania second by Councilmember Buell with all members present voting “aye” the consent agenda was approved as follows:

- A. Approval of minutes – July 19– approved
- B. Accept Board and Commission Minutes – accepted
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DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST TO DEDICATE ONE LANE OF TRAVEL GOING NORTH ON OAK DRIVE TO LINDEN LANE, ONE LANE DOWN LINDEN LANE AND A PORTION OF A SOUTHBOUND LANE ON THAT WAY FOR THE ANNUAL TURKEY TROT EVENT TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021 BEGINNING AT 7:45 AM – AMY LANEY

Amy Laney presented why she needs lanes blocked off for the event. She wants to ensure that runners are safe while running. Adult volunteers will also be present to ensure safety. The running portion is usually done by 10 am. Event helps bring community together.

Councilmember Buell suggested medics for event as a precaution.

Ms. Borth stated that the police officers working during the event will need to be paid overtime due to the event being held on a holiday. The estimated cost will be approximately \$800 of police salary. Ms. Borth stated she does not intend to defer from having the event but wanted everyone to be aware of

the cost the city will incur for this event. This is something to keep in mind for future events.

Mr. Mundo stated the city would absorb the cost for this event.

On motion by councilmember Buell second by councilmember Seth with all members present voting “aye” the request to dedicate one lane of travel going on Oak Drive to Linden Lane, one lane down Linden Lane and a portion of a southbound lane on That Way for the annual Turkey Trot event to be held on Thursday, November 25, 2021 beginning at 7:45 a.m. was approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSED FY 2021-2022 ANNAUL BUDGET AND GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

Mr. Mundo stated the proposed \$0.339 tax rate will help fund a part-time attorney to assist in court cases and provide funding for patching the streets.

Mr. Mundo also used the table below to outline several options for Council’s consideration. The new items requested were noted as worthy additions to the budget. Mr. Mundo doesn’t recommend cutting any items from the proposed budget to cover their costs.

| | Tax Rate Options | Tax on Avg Home Value \$225,000 | Monthly Increase | Impact to Proposed Budget | Added Programs |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| De minimis Tax Rate ¹ | 0.34432898 | \$775 | \$3.67 | \$218,800 | |
| Voter Approval Rate ² | 0.33966400 | \$764 | \$2.75 | \$105,919 | |
| | 0.33900000 | \$763 | \$2.67 | \$89,800 | PT Attorney Street Patching |
| | 0.33700000 | \$758 | \$2.25 | \$41,234 | PT Attorney |
| Tax rate, based on final values, that raises the same revenue as | 0.33530000 | \$754 | \$1.92 | \$139 | |
| Tax rate based on proposed budget (revenue decrease) | 0.33400000 | \$752 | \$1.75 | (\$31,116) | |
| No New Revenue Tax Rate ³ | 0.32473590 | \$731 | \$0 | (\$255,325) | |

There were no comments from the audience. No carry-on components.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR AUGUST 16,2021 AT 6:30 PM

Mayor Roznovsky opened the public hearing at 6:51 pm.

No issues –

Motioned to set the time for date mentioned above.

On motion by Councilmember Singhania second by Councilmember Seth with all members present voting “aye” the date and time for the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Budget was set for August 16th, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.339 FOR AUGUST 16, 2021, AND PLACING THE ADOPTION OF SAID TAX RATE ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA OF AUGUST 16, 2021

On motion by Councilmember Singhania second by Councilmember Seth with all present members voting “aye” the public hearing on the proposed tax rate of \$0.339 and placing the adoption of said tax rate on the August 16th council agenda was approved.

There will be two separate public hearings. One for the budget and one for the tax rate. Budget is approved first followed by the tax rate.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT GUIDELINE AND SET UP FUTURE WORKSHOP DATE AND TIME

Mayor Roznovsky opened the public hearing at 6:54 pm.

Mr. Mundo suggested having a workshop with Sue Darcy so that information isn’t crammed into a 30-minute session. This workshop will be open to the public.

Ms. Borth suggested August 9th or August 30th, both are Mondays separate from a council meeting.

Councilmember Singhania suggested August 30th.

A Public Improvement District workshop was set for Monday, August 30th starting at 5:30 p.m.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

1. DRAINAGE MOWING

Mr. Mundo and Sabrina England presented the following:

Heavy rains have pushed mowing back causing overgrowth.

Crews are currently out on overtime working on overgrown ditches to catch up, which was approved by Mr. Mundo.

Councilmember Singhania questioned why we haven’t used the weed control and added if cost was a factor.

Ms. England stated they could do aquatic weed control and will look at the possible cost for doing so.

Mr. Mundo will also have to see why the city didn’t continue because they have used weed control in the past. Possible factors were most likely because the weed pesticide might kill other plant life.

Councilmember Seth questioned if a citizen were to call to request mowing, would the request be placed on a schedule, or would it be handled another way?”

Ms. England answered that mowing requests are placed on a schedule.

Mr. Mundo added that they can't prioritize certain residential areas over others, hence the reason the schedule was created.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

1. Construction Funds Financial Update
2. General Fund Projects
3. Utility Fund Projects

Sal Aguirre reviewed the ongoing projects. The rain has pushed back progress on multiple construction projects.

Mr. Aguirre approved a seal slab (which was originally not called for) on the junction box at the Shy Pond project (21-04-0791). The seal slab will allow work to begin on the steel placement for the concrete work. Heavy rains caused water to flood the recent excavation (for the boxes to go into.) The seal slab will allow the process to move forward. If the crews did not have the seal slab the project would be delayed. The estimate for this project was high so Mr. Aguirre will look for other methods and will report his progress.

On the Citizen Convenience Center (CCC) topic: Ms. England mentioned there will be signs placed to help direct traffic. Ms. England also noted that a shack will be added.

Ms. Borth stated that a full-time on-site safety employee was recommended for the downtown area project. Currently the cost for such a position is being investigated. It is important to have someone looking out for the safety of citizens during the construction.

Ms. Borth mentioned the start of the bond project, starting with the animal control facility bids due September. Requests for Qualifications will be submitted.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Councilmember Buell mentioned Christian Brothers coming to town.

Mayor Roznovsky commended the Lake Jackson swim team, which includes 50 swimmers. He would like to invite them to the next council meeting as well as the water polo team.

Mayor Roznovsky also stated how other cities reached out to Lake Jackson about how we clean our drainage system. He briefly mentioned the "fire safety video" with Will Ammons and complimented how great the video was. Mayor Roznovsky thanked Lora-Marie who created the video.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.074(A) Personnel Matters - to deliberate the employment, evaluation, and duties of the City Manager, City Attorney, City Judge and City Alternate Judge

Mayor Roznovsky convened to executive session at 7:21 p.m.

RECONVENE AND TAKE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION to set and fix compensation for FY 2021-2022 for Council appointed employees: City Manager, City Attorney, City Judge and

Mayor Roznovsky reconvened to executive session at 8:35 p.m.

Council appointed salaries as follows:

| Name | Salary | Approved by: |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Schwertner | 21,175 | Broaddus and Seth |
| Stoval | 61,172 | Broaddus and Seth |
| Russel | 164,539 | Broaddus and Seth |
| Mundo | 219,060 | Broaddus and Singhanian |

EXECUTIVE SESSION – In accordance with the Texas Government Section 551.071(1)(a) to discuss pending or contemplated litigation related to McIntyre v. City of Lake Jackson

Mayor Roznovsky convened to open session 8:39 p.m.

RECONVENE AND TAKE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION to approve McIntyre settlement agreement

Mayor Roznovsky reconvened to open session 8:46 p.m.

On motion by Councilmember Broaddus second by Councilmember Singhanian with all members present voting “aye” the McIntyre settlement agreement was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____ 2021.

Gerald Roznovsky, Mayor

Sally Villarreal, Interim City Secretary