

CITY OF LAKEWAY CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Special Session
Monday, July 30, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.
Lakeway City Hall, 1102 Lohmans Crossing, Lakeway, Texas 78734

1. **Establish Quorum and Call to Order.** Present: Mayor Dave DeOme and Councilmembers Dee Ann Burns-Farrell, Bruce Harris, Dave Taylor, and Dennis Wallace. Mayor Pro Tem Joe Bain and Councilmember Alan Tye were absent.
2. **Work session:** FY2013 Proposed Budget.
 - Presentations by Steve Jones, City Manager and Todd Radford, Police Chief.
 - Council discussion.

City Manager Steve Jones presented the proposed FY2013 budget, based on a tax rate of 0.1815. Mr. Jones gave details for many of the revenue and expenditure line items and responded to various questions asked by councilmembers.

- What is the source of the miscellaneous revenue line?
- Where does the \$225K surplus from last year figure into this budget?
- What is the methodology of the employee salary survey that the City conducted?
- Can money be included in the budget for the City's 50th Anniversary Celebration?
- Why are the costs of police uniforms going up so much?
- Why are so many vehicles being replaced this year?
- What kind of retirement plan do City employees have?
- Should full employee benefit package be considered and compared with other cities in the salary survey before increasing salaries?
- Is the City getting the best value for the cost of recent landscaping projects?
- What is the scope of the duties of the new PR position?
- What is included in the maintenance contracts line item?
- Will the hotel tax have a special budget?
- What is the technology consultant item?

At 3:02 p.m., there was a short break, and the meeting resumed at 3:11p.m.

After giving a brief update on the police department, Police Chief Todd Radford presented two prospective programs he would like to implement for his department, the Take-Home Car Program and the K-9 Program. He explained that the Take-Home Car Program offers advantages for recruitment, retention, and prevention as well as lower maintenance costs, fuel savings, and better emergency response time. He then outlined the operational factors and costs involved with the K-9 Program. Councilmembers gave their comments and asked questions.

- Would the Take-Home Car Program require the purchase of additional vehicles, and if so, how many? And, how many vehicles does the PD currently have in its fleet?
- How many of the officers live in Lakeway? And, what is the traveling distance of those living outside of the City?
- What would be the public safety advantage to the City for instituting such a program?

- Would a K-9 program require additional officers?
- How many dogs would a start-up program require?
- What is an estimate of the annual costs of this program beyond the start-up?
- Would this program require officers to have certified training?
- Are there statistics to show the number of traffic violation stops where drugs are found, and/or the number of drug arrests?
- How many cities involved in the salary survey have K-9 programs in their police force?

City Manager Steve Jones noted that additional discussion of the proposed budget and a vote on the proposed tax rate are scheduled for the next budget work session on Monday, August 13th at 2:00 p.m. The Mayor and Councilmembers requested complete details to justify the needs and costs of those items not included in the proposed budget which will be under consideration at the next work session.

3. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.



David P. DeOme

David P. DeOme, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Boyle

Donna Boyle, City Secretary