

CITY OF LAKEWAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Action Minutes of Special Work Session
Tuesday, March 1, 2011 1:00 p.m.
Lakeway City Hall, 1102 Lohmans Crossing Road, Lakeway, Texas

1. **1:00 p.m. Establish Quorum and Call to Order.** Present: Mayor Dave DeOme and Councilmembers Joe Bain, Bruce Harris, Dave Taylor, Alan Tye, and Dennis Wallace. Mayor Pro Tem Dee Ann Burns-Farrell was absent.
2. **1:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **1:00 p.m. Discuss ordinance prohibiting mountain and trail bikes in Hamilton Greenbelt.** Councilmember Dennis Wallace sponsored this item out of concern that mountain and trail bikers are posing a safety hazard to pedestrians and damage to environment along the paths, especially with the increasing numbers of people on the trails.

Citizen Participation - Michael Smith, 546 Brooks Hollow Road, a member of the Parks & Recreation Committee, stated that with the growing popularity of mountain biking as a sport, he foresaw a potential problem on the trails in the distant future but for now, he reported that after polling people who regularly use the trails, pedestrian do not have a problem with bikers on the trail. He also named a couple people who bike on the trails to get regular exercise; an ordinance would prevent them from engaging in this type of exercise. Next spoke Kelly Heath, 424 Dasher, an avid mountain biker who has official training on trail building for shared use. He offered his services in educating residents in this regard. Bill Aydam, 707 Hurst Creek Road, agreed that the problems mostly center on awareness issues and offered to participate in future discussion on how to share the trails.

Council Discussion was split between those who considered a need for an ordinance to prevent any serious accidents on trails, and those who thought such an ordinance was over-regulation. Yet, all viewed the destruction of tree limbs for trail building and brush left behind as debris as a serious issue. Parks & Recreation Director Andra Streety suggested that signage to educate those on the trails regarding shared use and consideration of incorporating Jeter Trail into the City's trail system for bikers only may eliminate the problematic situation. Council agreed that this item be reconsidered by the Parks & Rec Committee before Council makes a decision.

4. **1:30 p.m. Discuss sale of Rebel and Sailfish Parks.** Councilmember Dave Taylor sponsored this item because of recurring problems the City has with boat dock issues on city-owned land.

Citizen Participation - Greg Clay, 223 Corinthian, gave a presentation illustrating the area where the problems arise and stated his proposal to allow adjacent property owners to buy Rebel Park from the City. Michael Smith, 546 Brooks Hollow Road, requested that the City either make these two parks usable as lakeside parks or sell the unusable parkland and use the sale proceeds to purchase more park space like tennis courts.

Council Discussion centered on questions concerning whether the City was at liberty to sell parkland that was originally donated as a gift to the City, how they could determine the value of land that is submerged under water, and if Mr. Clay's six neighbors would agree to buy the rest of the land that involved their properties. City Manager Steve Jones stated that he had discussed the situation with Gerry Astorino, current president of the Lakeway Civic Corporation which originally donated the land to the City, and that he thought they would approve a such a sale; however, the sale of parkland would have to go to a vote of the residents in November, 2011 at the earliest. Council recommended to direct the Parks and Rec Committee to come up with a proposal to bring before Council after more conclusive research is done.

5. 1:50 p.m. Capital Improvement Plan/Infrastructure Maintenance.

Councilmember Tye sponsored this item for an update on staff's plans for Council's future consideration. City Manager Steve Jones presented three areas of concentration for projects of a CIP nature; they are: parks, roads, and facilities. Projects concerning parks are restrooms and parking at the entrance to Hamilton Greenbelt at a cost of \$93K; restrooms at Dragon Park, \$6K; a safe swim platform at City Park, \$13K; footbridge over Hamilton Creek behind the police department, \$70K; restrooms with showers on the lower level at City Park, \$92K; restrooms at Canyonlands entrance, \$61K. Road projects include new sprinkler system and landscaping on Lakeway Boulevard east from Lohmans to RR 620, \$156K; expand walking trail on Lakeway Boulevard west to 8 feet wide and replace with concrete, \$543K; new trail on Lakeway Boulevard east from Lohmans to RR 620, \$292K; Brooks Hollow Road rehabilitation, \$688K; Rolling Green culverts, \$375K; rehabilitation of Lakeway Boulevard from Lohmans to RR620. Projects for facilities consist of a new police station, \$7M, with P&R department moving into the PD's current space; renovations at public works building for additional office space, \$363K; addition to the LAC extending into courtyard area for more office space, \$70K; new animal holding area facility on grounds of PW building, \$500K.

Previously, redesigning Flint Rock Road was a part of the CIP but now Travis County has taken on the project. Since there is a considerable discrepancy between the county's and the City's estimates, staff recommends contracting with HDR Engineering, Inc. for an update to their 2007 "Flint Rock Road Design Summary Report". **Council agreed to authorize staff to contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. to update the March 2007 "Flint Rock Road Design Summary Report".**

6. **2:30 p.m. Bond Issue supporting Capital Improvement Plan.** Presented by City Manager Steve Jones and Councilmember Alan Tye. The current draft CIP would require a bond issue in the amount of approximately \$10,475,000, having an impact of \$.1050 per \$100,000 increase on property taxes. Projection is to have a bond election in November, 2012. Councilmember Tye asked about the previously recommended construction of a recreation center.

7. **2:50 p.m. Break**

8. **3:00 p.m. Hospital Construction Status – Economic/Traffic Impacts.** Sponsored by Councilmember Alan Tye and presented by Developer Ed Bevins who reported that completion of the hospital is projected to be two months ahead of schedule with a target date of spring 2012.

Council Discussion - In answer to Council's ensuing questions, Mr. Bivins stated that there would be between 107 -110 doctors on staff at what would be described as a Level 3 trauma center and assured Council that the hospital would work with the city's police department to avoid potential traffic problems in the school zone. City Manager Steve Jones added that the hospital is projected to have a financial impact on the City of \$200M annually. Council recommended more communication to the public on the positive impact the hospital would have on the City.

9. **3:15 p.m. Comprehensive Plan.** Presented by Deputy City Manager Chessie Blanchard, who recommends updating the City's Plan and incorporating changes related to the 2010 Census. In response to Council questions, she stated that the 2010 Census figures for Lakeway include a population of 11,391 full time residents, with an 11% vacancy rate (600 vacant homes, most likely 2nd homes without full time residents).

10. **3:30 p.m. Security Camera System.** Sponsored by Mayor Dave DeOme/Police Chief Todd Radford with a presentation by Emily Dollacher of Red Moon showing the advantages this type of system would offer to the police department in terms of real-time video of crimes and evidence for prosecution of these crimes. Ms. Dollacher cited examples of other cities currently utilizing camera security systems and the benefits they provide in terms of crime prevention.

Council Discussion was based on questions about the City's need for such a sophisticated camera security system and how such a system would benefit the City. Council indicated that the vendor should arrange for a test of the system. Additional discussion was related to maintenance costs and operating concerns given Lakeway's challenging topography. It was recommended that staff further consider whether the city has a need for such a system.

11. 4:30 p.m. Trail on Lakeway Boulevard. Sponsored by Mayor Dave DeOme and Parks and Recreation Director Andra Streety. Director Streety asked Council to reconsider a ½ mile trail on the median of Lakeway Boulevard from Lohmans to Top O’ the Lake with crosswalks to eliminate safety issues. Estimates by the park superintendent and public works director to implement such a trail are \$8K for work to be performed by city personnel.

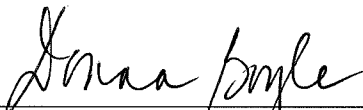
Council Discussion – Council recommended getting a cost to outsource such a project for a timely completion.

12. 4:45p.m. Idea/Strategies for Resolving Use of Exxon Station Property. Sponsored by Councilmember Alan Tye.

Council Discussion explored possibilities of the City taking action against current owner and what type of use is appropriate for the land in the “center” of Lakeway, retail vs. commercial. It was suggested that the City might buy the land for park use. City Manager Steve Jones will talk to developers to explore possible use of the property.


13. 5:00 p.m. Wrap–Up. Councilmember Tye requested scheduling more workshops with shorter agendas for more attention to fewer items.

14. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



Donna Boyle, City Secretary





David P. DeOme, Mayor