

CITY OF LAKEWAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Action Minutes of Special Session
Monday, February 27, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
Lakeway City Hall, 1102 Lohmans Crossing Road, Lakeway, Texas

1. **Establish Quorum and Call to Order.** Present: Mayor Dave DeOme, Council Members Dee Ann Burns-Farrell, Alan Tye, and Dennis Wallace. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Harris, Joe Bain, and Dave Taylor.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

3. **1:00 P.M. Proposed Capital Improvement Plan.** Presented by City Manager Steve Jones and Deputy City Manager Chessie Blanchard – Deputy City Manager Blanchard’s presentation highlighted the progress on information-gathering to date, such as the PBS&J Needs Assessment, the online survey, and the public meetings. She also presented the next steps to be addressed, which will include updating and publishing the project list on the City’s website, sending a survey to residents by mail, refining a new list, holding public hearings in August and September, and recommending the Capital Improvement Plan with cost estimates to City Council for adoption before year end. Questions fielded by City Councilmembers included a request to see the raw data received from resident surveys, the current accuracy of the original cost estimates, the timeframe of the process, and the next CIP update after this one. The discussion continued regarding the CIP Needs Assessment Projects List which categorizes projects by facilities, roadways, and parks. Some projects for consideration are: a new building for the police department and court, a building for the parks and recreation department, remodeling the public works building, large scope overlay/paving road projects, creation of additional left-hand turning lanes, tennis courts, parks and trail east of RR620, expansion of dog park with off-leash area, indoor showers at swim center, indoor pool facility, recreation center with sports fields, expansion of activity center, and beautification of RR620 area. At this point, former Mayor Steve Swan asked to speak. Mayor DeOme granted the time to Mayor Swan who provided some historical context of the CIP and suggested that the purchase of additional land be included in the plan in order to achieve some of the goals of the proposed CIP. Barker Keith also spoke on behalf of Lake Travis Fire and Rescue in an effort for continued cooperation with regard to public safety and promoted the town center concept as a tourist attraction. Councilmembers further discussed the importance of viewing the project list within the “context” of the CIP and talked about possible tracts of land for future purchase.

4. **1:45 P.M. Overview of Comprehensive Plan Update – Process and Timeline.** Presented by Deputy City Manager Chessie Blanchard – Deputy City Manager Blanchard presented the process for updating the Comprehensive Plan which would involve revising the current data and maps and reviewing the goals and objectives as well as character and vision sections of the plan. Councilmembers suggested forming a steering committee of residents and emphasized the importance of ongoing communication with the community.

5. **2:15 P.M. Discuss Comprehensive Plan as it relates to multi-family development.** Presented by Deputy City Manager Chessie Blanchard and Building and Development Services Director Shannon Burke – Building and Development Director Shannon Burke informed Council that the Comprehensive Plan discourages multi-family development because of the negative effects of high density housing. The presentation also provided some statistics on the current number and locations of units zoned for apartments as well as some pros and cons of multi-family development. Councilmembers discussed whether apartment living is feasible in a city like Lakeway.
6. **2:45 P.M. Break**
7. **3:00 P.M. Presentation of Draft Thoroughfares Plan.** Presented by Deputy City Manager Chessie Blanchard and Building and Development Services Director Shannon Burke – Deputy City Manager Blanchard’s presentation illustrated the increasing traffic situation, particularly along RR 620. The Thoroughfares Plan would be a roadway network that would alleviate traffic congestion by constructing a bypass or an overpass. Discussion centered on the pros and cons of each.
8. **3:15 P.M. Lakeway Police Department Presentation.** Presented by Police Chief Todd Radford – Police Chief Todd Radford gave illustrations showing Council how he has restructured his department to best serve the public safety of the community. He also presented information on some new programs within his organization, the community, and in collaboration with other law-enforcement agencies; statistical reports on traffic, accidents, and crime; enhancements to the police department’s website page.
9. **4:00 P.M. Discuss Emergency Preparedness.** Presented by Emergency Management Coordinator Don Stevenson – Emergency Management Coordinator Don Stevenson discussed the changing and varied duties of an emergency management coordinator and as a recent appointee to the position, looked to Council for guidance on the direction of his role, in light of the recent cooperative agreements with Travis County. Council agreed with the proposal of organizing a team to support various functions of the position.
10. **4:30 P.M. Discuss Cost for next phase of monument sign improvements and trail additions.** Presented by Parks and Recreation Director Andra Dearing – Parks and Recreation Director Andra Dearing proposed a plan to refurbish the monument signs at RR 620 and Lohmans Crossing and Lakeway Boulevard with xeriscape landscaping which would be completely drought resistant, at a cost totaling \$65,000. She also presented information on the Lakeway Boulevard East Linear Park Project with an approximate cost of \$42,000, which would enhance the median trail further west on the boulevard. Councilmembers discussed possible elaborations on the proposals presented and requested bids be brought to the next Council meeting for their consideration of how to proceed.
11. **5:00 P.M. Wrap-Up.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

David P. DeOme

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