

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF WEST LAKE HILLS, TEXAS  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

**Present: Mayor Linda Anthony, Mayor Pro Tem Jim O'Connor, Councilmembers Rhonda McCollough, Brian Plunkett, and Darin Walker.**

**Absent: Councilmember Beth South**

1. **Called to Order by Mayor Linda Anthony at 7:04 pm.**
2. Citizens Communications: The City Council welcomes public comments at this point on any issue. If the issue is listed on the agenda, the speaker may choose to comment during the Citizens Communication agenda item or when the specific agenda item is taken up by the Council later in the meeting. The Council cannot respond to matters not listed on the agenda until a future meeting. Speakers must sign up with the City Secretary before speaking. Speakers shall limit their comments to five (5) minutes each.

**No one spoke.**

3. CONSENT AGENDA: The following items are anticipated to require little or no individualized discussion due to their nature being clerical, ministerial, mundane or routine. In an effort to enhance the efficiency of City Council Meetings, it is intended that these items will be acted upon by the City Council with a single motion because no public hearing or determination is necessary. However, a City Council Member or Citizen may request separate deliberation for a specific item, in which event those items will be removed from the consent agenda prior to the City Council voting on the consent agenda as a collective, singular item. Citizens requesting items be removed from the consent agenda must submit a written Speaker Card to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Prior to voting on the consent agenda, the City Council may add additional items that are listed elsewhere on the same agenda.
  - a. Approval of the February 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. City Secretary Lacie Hale.
  - b. Acceptance of certification from the City Secretary declaring unopposed status for the General Municipal Election to be held on May 4, 2019. City Secretary Lacie Hale.
  - c. Decision regarding Ordinance 451, cancelling the May 4, 2019 General Election and declaring the unopposed candidates elected to the following offices: Council Member (Place 1), Rhonda McCollough; Council Member (Place 3), Beth South; and Council Member (Place 5), Jim O'Connor. City Secretary Lacie Hale.
  - d. Authorize Mayor Anthony to sign Scope of Services agreement with K Friese and Associates for Terrace Mountain and Basin Ledge Drainage Improvements.

**COUNCILMEMBER PLUNKETT MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF AGENDA ITEM #7 FOR APPROVAL. COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED BY 4-0 VOTE.**

4. Public Safety: Presentation of award to West Lake Fire Department Chief Elliott for his years of service to the residents of West Lake Hills.

**Mayor Anthony presented West Lake Fire Department Chief, Mike Elliott, an award of appreciate for his service to the residents of West Lake Hills.**

5. Public Safety/Public Works: Discussion/decision on traffic calming, stop signs, “No Trucks” signs, and drainage and pavement improvements on Yaupon Valley Road and Juniper Road. Mayor Anthony and City Engineer Vicki Ortega.
  - a. Staff Briefing. **Mayor Anthony gave a brief overview of discussing other traffic calming alternatives, removing certain speed humps, and how the drainage has impacted paving issues. City Engineer Vicki Ortega presented a diagram of potential traffic calming measures.**
  - b. Public Hearing:  
**Jim Amich, of 800 Laurel Valley Road, expressed that bicycles are a problem and will not stop at the sign, on Juniper, when going up the hill.**

**Debbie Martin, of 1004 Yaupon Valley Road, agreed that it would be nice to look into a stop sign going east on Juniper. People don’t stop on Juniper, they just slow down and go through it.**

**Doug, resident at 800 Laurel Valley Road, asked about new traffic studies or factual basis that traffic has increased. The westbound traffic from Laurel Valley Road, never stops at that stop sign. The accessibility into their driveway is extremely unsafe. Asked where the speed humps will be relocated and has not experience any real change in traffic from before they were installed.**

**Jim Amick, of 800 Laurel Valley Road, expressed that Laurel Valley Cove is a driveway and Council needs to be aware of that. It needs to be studied, with his driveway taken into consideration.**

**Bill Vandersteel, of 1008 Madrone Road, does not like speed humps. He hears trucks go over the hump that is near his home. Moving it west of Madrone, makes sense to him, because of the visibility coming off Madrone Road and people slowing down. Secondly, he doesn’t want to have a stop sign but it is an unusual circumstance.**

**Joan Hilgers, of 701 Yaupon Valley Road, has sympathy with the speed humps. She feels that the speed humps make people more aware of the pedestrians. Requested something be installed to make people mindful of pedestrians.**

**Kemp Gorthey, of 875 Live Oak Ridge, is the closest person to a speed hump. They were never consulted about putting a speed cushion outside their house and really want it gone.**

**Debbie Martin, of 1004 Yaupon Valley Road, knows that the speed humps are making a difference and asked Council to move one east of their driveway.**

**Jane Noble, of 801 Yaupon Valley Road, thanked Council for being responsive to neighborhood concerns. She thinks the neighborhood traffic should be reassessed after the Bee Cave Road expansion project before installing permeant solutions. She requested Council relocate the speed hump in front of her property and revisit other options.**

**Kemp Gorthey of 875 Live Oak Ridge doesn't want the can just kicked down the road.**

**Jim Amick of 800 Laurel Valley Road supports the removal of the speed humps in front of everyone's house and asked Council to study other calming devices. He never was surveyed about the placement of the speed humps.**

c. Deliberation and action.

**Council requested additional information be collected, including consideration of radar signs and locations.**

**Council also instructed City Engineer Vicki Ortega to get a plan, scope of work, and cost estimates for the drainage pavement issue on Yaupon Valley.**

**COUNCILMEMBER PLUNKETT MOTIONED TO REMOVE THE TWO SPEED HUMPS, AND STORE THEM, THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED THIS EVENING, (YAUPON VALLEY, EAST OF LIVE OAK RIDGE, AND 802 YAUPON VALLEY ROAD) AND INITIATE A CITIZEN SURVEY TWO MONTHS AFTER WE REMOVE THE SPEED HUMPS, ALL ALONG YAUPON VALLEY, LAUREL VALLEY, AND THE FEEDER STREETS. MAYOR PRO TEM O'CONNOR SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED BY 4-0 VOTE.**

6. Land Use: **1110 Blackacre Trail** – Variance request to remove two trees 14” or greater, and variance request to allow construction in ½ critical root zone (CRZ) of one tree 14” or greater. Applicant Claudia de la Vega
- Variance to encroach in the critical root zone – Tree # 480 – 15.5” Cedar (Sections 22.03.304 and 22.03.305 of the West Lake Hills Code and Section 3 – Tree and Natural Area Preservation, Sec. 3.5.2. of the City of Austin Environmental Criteria Manual)
  - Variance to encroach in the critical root zone – Tree #315 – 20” Live Oak (Sections 22.03.304 and 22.03.305 of the West Lake Hills Code and Section 3 – Tree and Natural Area Preservation, Sec. 3.5.2. of the City of Austin Environmental Criteria Manual)
    - a. Staff Briefing. **Coordinator of Building Development Services, Anjali Naini, explained that the applicant is requesting to impact the critical root zone for two trees. Staff recommends approval. If the trees die, due**

to construction, then it is the responsibility of the owner to replace based on the City's tree ordinance requirements.

- b. Presentation by applicant. Applicant Claudia de la Vega explained they hired a master arborist and redesigned the project to preserve all the trees on site. The request is just to encroach into the critical root zone.
- c. Public Hearing: No one spoke.
- d. Deliberation and action.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALKER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE VARIANCES TP ENCROACH TO THE CRITICAL ROOT ZONE, AS PROPOSED. COUNCILMEMBER McCOLLOUGH SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED BY 4-0 VOTE.**

- 7. Land Use: 4609 Bee Cave Road – An Amended Commercial Site Plan and a Commercial Building Permit for The Hills Professional II. (Sections 22.02.005 and 22.03.302 of the West Lake Hills Code.) Applicant John Barzizza.
  - a. Staff Briefing.
  - b. Presentation by applicant.
  - c. Public Hearing: All persons wishing to speak for or against shall be heard.
  - d. Deliberation and action.

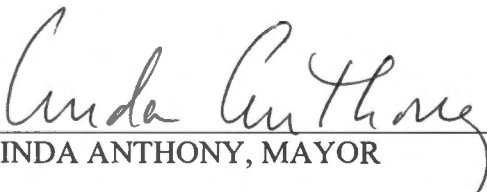
**Item moved to consent for approval.**

- 8. Administration: Update on City and other area infrastructure improvement projects including Bee Cave Road, drainage master plan, Water District 10, and Camp Craft Road. City Administrator Robert Wood.
  - a. Staff Briefing. **City Administrator Robert Wood shared that Bee Cave Road project will be completed in 2019, according to TXDOT. Also, the City will be meeting with TXDOT and Aaron Concrete to discuss Camp Craft Road.**
  - b. Public Hearing: No one spoke.
  - c. Deliberation and action.

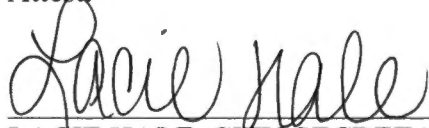
**No Council action was taken.**

- 9. **Adjourned by Mayor Linda Anthony at 9:00 pm.**

Certificate

  
LINDA ANTHONY, MAYOR

Attest:



LACIE HALE, CITY SECRETARY  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
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