

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, TEXAS
HELD IN CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3805 ADAM GRUBB
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017**

REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Walter Bowen called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A.1 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Pastor Zac Hatton with Lake Worth Baptist Church gave the invocation. Attendees recited the pledge of allegiance.

A.2 ROLL CALL.

Present:	Walter Bowen	Mayor
	Geoffrey White	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2
	Jim Smith	Council, Place 1
	Gene Ferguson	Council, Place 3
	Ronny Parsley	Council, Place 4
	Pat O. Hill	Council, Place 5
	Gary Stuard	Council, Place 6
	Clint Narmore	Council, Place 7
Staff:	Stacey Almond	City Manager
	Debbie Whitley	Assistant City Manager/Finance Director
	Monica Solko	City Secretary
	Corry Blount	Police Chief
	Mike Christenson	Fire Chief
	Barry Barber	Building Development Director
	Sean Densmore	Public Works Director

A.3 SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S):

**A.3.1 RECOGNIZE THE NORTHWEST TARRANT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DIRECTOR GREG FOX.**

Mayor Bowen recognized the retirement of Mr. Greg Fox the Director of Northwest Tarrant Chamber of Commerce, effective December 31st.

A.4 CITIZEN PRESENTATION / VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak from the public.

A.5 REMOVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

B.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

B.2 APPROVE FINANCE REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2017.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER NARMORE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STUARD TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items for this category.

D. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

No items for this category.

E. PUBLIC WORKS

No items for this category.

F. GENERAL ITEMS

F.1 DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 1102, AMENDING THE FY 2017-2018 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND.

APPROVED

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Debbie Whitley presented the item. Council is being asked to approve an ordinance amending the FY 2017-2018 budget. During the fiscal year Council approved expenditures in the amount of \$578,043 for a new radio system and \$189,170 to remodel the upstairs area at the Fire Department. Although the radio system was well underway in September 30th, no invoices were received or paid on

it prior to the end of the budget year. An assigned fund balance in the amount of \$578,043 for additional payments for completion of the project will be added in the current budget year. The remodel of the upstairs area at the Fire Department was also incomplete as of September 30th. The City paid invoices totaling \$124,497.64 before the end of the last budget year, leaving a budget balance of the remodel in the amount of \$64,672.36. An assigned fund balance in the amount of \$64,672 for additional payments for the completion of the project will be added to the current budget year. The use of prior year assigned fund balance in the amount of \$642,715, is available as a revenue source to offset the expenses detailed above that are being added to the General Fund FY 2017-2018 budget.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PARSLEY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 1102, AS PRESENTED.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

G. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS.

G.1 UPDATE ON TARRANT COUNTY MAYOR'S COUNCIL BY MAYOR BOWEN.

Mayor Walter Bowen reported that the Tarrant County Mayor's Council Annual Banquet dinner was held on December 4 along with the induction of the new slate of officers. Mayor Pat Jacobs of the Town of Lakeside will be the incoming President beginning in February.

H. STAFF REPORT(S) / ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

H.1 CITY MANAGER REPORT(S):

1. Update on Employee Christmas Party and Service Awards

City Manager Stacey Almond announced that the employee Christmas party was a success with positive feedback from everyone. She thanked Council for their continued support in the event. This year a new tradition was started with the selection of a city ornament. Each year the city ornament will be selected by a city department rotating departments annually. City ornaments were given to employees, Boards and Commissions and City Council for Christmas. City Administration selected the 2017 ornament and the Public Works Department will be selecting next year's ornament.

H.2 ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT(S):

1. Update on Tree Lighting and Visit with Santa

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Debbie Whitley announced that the Lake Worth Tree Lighting and visit with Santa was held on Saturday, December 2nd at the Multi-

Purpose Center and resulted in the biggest crowd the city has ever had with more than 200 citizens in attendance. PetSmart also donated stuff animals that were given out to children and they will be donating them again next year.

H.3 PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT(S)

1. Update on City Projects.

Public Works Director Sean Densmore reported on the following:

- Charbonneau Lift Station – one of the pumps has been pulled and the impeller has been replaced and reinstalled resulting in more waste water being pumped out. The next pump has been pulled and replaced with the new impeller and we are awaiting the results.
- Sanitary Sewer project – contractors are finishing up on Clark Drive and will be moving on to Hwy 199 which will be the last of the project. The city is looking at 60-90 days for the completion of the project.
- Recycle you Christmas Tree – Christmas trees may be dropped off at the Multi-Purpose Facility located at 7005 Charbonneau Road in the designated area located at the back of the property adjacent to Comanche Trail. Residents may also call and schedule curbside pickup. Trees may be dropped off between December 26th through January 5th and curbside pickup dates are Wednesday, December 27th, Friday December 29th, Tuesday, January 3rd and Friday, January 5th. All trees collected will be chipped and the mulch will be made available to the public at no cost.

H.4 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT(S):

1. Update on PD/Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

Police Chief Blount reported on the following:

- Senior Thanksgiving dinner was a big success with many seniors attending the event.
- The Motorola radio system project should be completed by the end of the month and training on the new equipment should start in January.
- New level three (3) holsters are being issued to the officers which will help keep their weapons in their holster in the event of an altercation. They are being trained on the use of the new holster.
- Officers are being asked to help with small code violations such as street lights that are out, unlocked dumpster enclosures, and over grown vegetation in the city. During an officer's routine outing, if they see a violation they are to report the violation to the appropriate department to handle.
- The department has also started reviewing officer videos which is a quality control item within the department. The video review consists of a Sergeant sitting down with an officer and reviewing five videos per officer per month to ensure that the

officer is acting in a uniform manner, that the officer is treating the citizens well, and that the service provided is up to the standards set by the department.

- A 90-day update will be prepared for the City Council and will be going out to them soon.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

I.1 PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071: CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING AGREEMENT WITH SAMMY GARCIA.

I.2 PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074: PERSONNEL MATTERS TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE – (1) CITY MANAGER AND (2) SAMMY GARCIA

Mayor Bowen announced at 6:51 p.m. that the Council would adjourn into Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, specifically Section 551.071: Consultation with City Attorney to seek legal advice regarding agreement with Sammy Garcia and Section 551.074: Personnel matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee – (1) City Manager and (2) Sammy Garcia. Executive Session began at 6:51 p.m. and concluded at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Bowen reconvened into open session at 7:06 p.m.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

**I.1
PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071: CONSULTATION WITH
CITY ATTORNEY TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING
AGREEMENT WITH SAMMY GARCIA.**

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FERGUSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PARSLEY TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Walter Bowen adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED

By: _____
Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Monica Solko, City Secretary