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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 25, 2016

The City Council of the City of Longview, Texas, met in a Regular Session, August 25, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building. Mayor Andy Mack presided.

Members present were:

Members absent were:

Andy Mack
Ed Moore
Nona Snoddy
Kasha Williams
Kristen Ishihara
David Wright
Steven Pirtle

Staff members present were:

Keith Bonds, Assistant City Manager
Shelly Ballenger, City Secretary
Jim Finley, City Attorney
Michael Shirley, Director of Development Services
Rolin McPhee, Director of Public Works
Laura Hill, Director of Community Services
Angela Coen, Director of Financial Services
Mary Ann Miller, Director of Administration
J.P. Steelman, Fire Chief
Mike Bishop, Police Chief

I. Call to Order – Mayor Andy Mack called the meeting to order.

II. Invocation – Dr. Tim Watson with LeTourneau University, Business Ethics Professor gave the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Dr. Tim Watson with LeTourneau University, Business Ethics Professor led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Employee Recognition

The City of Longview is a Pacesetter organization for the Greater Longview United Way. Each year, to kick off the City's United Way campaign, they have a Benefits Fair for all City employees. The Benefits Fair serves not only as a way to raise money for the United Way, but it also serves as an opportunity to bring all 860 plus employees together at one time for fellowship. Lunch is provided for the employees at the fair as well as chance to meet and talk to vendors who provide benefits for our City employees as well as United Way agencies. This year there were 52 vendors in attendance.

A committee of City employees works diligently each year to put this fair on. Our Directors take turns serving as the Chairperson of the Benefits Fair Committee.

This year's committee was made up of: Mike Bishop, Chairperson, Lee Lloyd, Bonnie Newman, Katie Fisher, Leisha Kidd-Brooks, Gayle Cockerell, and Laura Starling.

V. Citizen Comment

Pastor Lila Jackson, 2398 South Main Street, Longview: Is attempting to alleviate some issues with crime in South Longview and asked Council if they could offer a resolution of \$5000.00 to help compensate young men off the streets to help tear down old houses and clean up empty lots.

VI. Presentation Item

Presentation to residents of Marguerite Drive that assisted with neighborhood rescue –

Council Member Ishihara presented Community Heroes from Marguerite Drive:

On April 9, 2015, the Marguerite Drive area, as well as others, experienced an F-2 tornado causing major destruction to several homes on the street. One home that was totally destroyed was the home of Phyllis Taunton.

Ms. Taunton was trapped due to the tree that had fallen directly through the middle of her home and three brave men risked their lives to enter her home and bring her to safety. David Frierson, Dennis Lentz, represented by his wife Cheryl and Ben Shepherd we honor tonight as community heroes for their service to the community and help to their neighbors.

John Clemens, Will Dooley and Chris Parker also went door to door checking on the safety of their neighbors immediately following the tornado and we are grateful for their efforts.

Tonight, we also recognize Brenda Lanier, who with her husband Jack has led the neighborhood crime watch and national night out parties for several years.

Mrs. Lanier was providing assistance to a neighbor who had a dead car battery and needed a boost, when that neighbor suffered a cardiac arrest. Brenda, who is a retired registered nurse and CPR instructor, was able to perform CPR and sustained her life until the Longview Fire Department arrived.

Thank you to all of the community heroes on Marguerite, we are grateful for your service and proud to have you as Longview residents and neighbors.

VII. Public Safety Update

A. Police

Mike Bishop: Made a final announcement for the upcoming Citizens Police Academy, we have a few additional seats left, for the weeks of September 8, through – October 20, 2016, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. for more information 903-237-1199 or www.LongviewTexas.gov/CPA.

National Night Out Kick – Off Party, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at Maude Cobb Convention and Activity Complex, 100 Grand Boulevard. Contact www.longviewTexas.gov/NNO, #LongviewNNO

Chief Bishop updated us on the Map Nimbus software recently obtained and spoke of the features and how it benefits the Police Department.

Map Nimbus allows the Police Department to perform Address Search / Find Locations, accessibility anywhere, embedded links on the city / PD website, view incidents in a specific date range, graphical visualization and presentation and improved public awareness potentially leading to reduced crime and improved quality of life.

The public sector portion of Map Nimbus is available to our citizens now at LongviewPolice.com, go to interactive Crime Mapping and you will see some self – explanatory instructions for help.

B. Fire

J.P. Steelman: Congratulated Evan Crain, newest Firefighter Paramedic addition. He graduated from the Kilgore College Fire Academy, Class #98, as Valedictorian.

Chief Steelman wanted citizens to be aware of the CBRNE Training that we have locally amongst our firefighters. They are certified at Station #2 for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear materials.

Recently, Kirk Stroud, Fire Driver / Engineer and Logan Ledkins, Firefighter / Medic attended additional training in Anniston, Alabama for Domestic Preparedness representing our Special Operations Team. We are not only responsible for the Longview area but also for the 14 counties in the ETCOG region.

On August 10, 2016, the Texas Department of State Health Services performed their annual EMS Regulatory Inspection, training records, medical protocols, ambulance readiness, medical equipment / supplies. EMS Service was ready and prepared and passed all categories.

The public is invited to the Promotional Ceremony for the Longview Fire Department on August 31, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Chief Steelman reminded the community that if they have any tips or leads to acts of arson please contact our department at 903-237-1119.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Acceptance of the June 30, 2016, Quarterly Investment Report –

Angela Coen, Director of Financial Services, was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of the Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2016, as presented as required by the Public Funds Investment Act.

The City's investments for the quarter were in compliance with the City's investment Policy and the Public Funds Investment Act. The City had investments in Texpool, Cutwater Texas Class Investment Pool and Certificate of Deposits.

Quarter Ending June 30, 2016

Texpool	\$ 833,744	
Ending Yield	0.36%	
Weighted Average Maturity		1 Days
Interest Earned	\$721	

Texas Class	\$ 2,162,970	
Ending Yield	0.63%	
Weighted Average Maturity		1 Days
Interest Earned	\$4,747	

Certificate of Deposits \$29,375,466

Ending Yields	
12 Months	0.50%
12 Months	0.51%
12 Months	0.80%
18 Months	0.30%
24 Months	1.12%
24 Months	0.90%
24 Months	1.00%
30 Months	0.85%
30 Months	0.73%
30 Months	1.12%
36 Months	0.88%
36 Months	1.20%
36 Months	1.41%
Interest Earned	\$65,778

Texpool is a local government investment pool. The primary objectives of the pool are to preserve capital and protect principal, maintain sufficient liquidity, provide safety of funds and investments, diversify to avoid unreasonable or avoidable risks, and maximize the return on the pool. The pool seeks to maintain a \$1.00 value per share as required by the Texas Public Funds Investment Act. Texpool investments consist exclusively of U.S. Government securities, repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Government securities, and AAA - rated no - load money market mutual funds. Texpool is rated AAA by Standard and Poor's, the highest rating a local government investment pool can achieve. The weighted average maturity of the portfolio is limited to 60 days calculated using the reset date for variable rate notes ("VRNs") and 90 days or fewer using the final maturity date for VRNs, with the maximum maturity for any individual security in the portfolio not exceeding 397 days for fixed rate securities and 24 months for VRNs.

Through our depository bank, Southside Bank, City funds are in an interest bearing account, with pledged securities for collateral. Per the depository contract, interest is earned at the daily 30 - Day T - Bill rate plus thirty five basis points.

B. Consider a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a municipal maintenance agreement with the Tyler District of Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) –

Rolin McPhee, P.E., Director of Public Works, was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution adopting and authorizing the Mayor or his designee to enter into a municipal maintenance agreement with the Tyler District of TXDOT. The City currently has an agreement with the Tyler District for the portion of the City in Gregg County. This agreement will renew the existing agreement.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – TYLER DISTRICT; CONDITIONING SAID AUTHORIZATION ON THE RECEIPT OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT

WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5098 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- C. Consider a Resolution awarding a contract to and authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents with MuniServices, LLC, for sales tax analysis and compliance services –**

Angela Coen, Director of Financial Services, was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution adopting and utilizing MuniServices LLC Sales Tax Analysis and Sales Tax Compliance Review Services since 2012. MuniServices provides sales tax collection data to the City on a monthly basis in categories such as but not limited to retail, services and manufacturing. The data helps in forecasting future sales tax revenue. In addition the data allows the City of Longview to recognize trend patterns over periods of time.

This company also provides sales tax compliance review of sales/use permits and collections. Muniservices will provide documentation to businesses who mistakenly report tax to an incorrect jurisdiction. This helps facilitate a correction of the registration information and assists the business, in filing returns and making payments for all open tax periods. The finance department budgeted \$23,072 in the fiscal year 2016 - 2017 for these services.

These Sales Tax Compliance Review Services constitute professional/planning services and are not subject to requirements of a competitive process.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE OR OTHER OFFICIAL OF THE CITY AS SHALL BE REQUIRED, TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MUNISERVICES, LLC.

FOR SALES TAX ANALYSIS AND SALES TAX COMPLIANCE REVIEW SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF SAID AGREEMENT AT THE CITY MANAGER'S DISCRETION FOR UP TO FOUR ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT UNDER SAID AGREEMENT FOR ANY ONE RENEWAL TERM SHALL NOT EXCEED FUNDS BUDGETED FOR SAID AGREEMENT IN THE CONCURRENT BUDGET YEAR; DETERMINING THAT SAID SERVICES CONSTITUTE PROFESSIONAL OR PLANNING SERVICE AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO REQUIREMENTS OF A COMPETITIVE PROCESS; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIRMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5099 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- D. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents for the application, receipt and expenditure of grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 from the Union Pacific Foundation to be used to enhance the Partners in Prevention Mentoring Program and the Unity and Diversity Committee –**

Holly Fuller, Partners in Prevention Manager, was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution applying for the Union Pacific Foundation that accepts grant applications to better the quality of life in the communities in which its employees live and work. Qualifying organizations must be established in a community that is served by Union Pacific.

The City of Longview Partners in Prevention is requesting \$8,000. Matching funds are not required.

City of Longview will apply for the grant and use the funds to help support the program areas of Mentoring and Unity and Diversity.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8000.00 FROM THE UNION PACIFIC FOUNDATION FOR USE BY THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, PARTNERS IN PREVENTION; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF LONGVIEW PARTNERS IN PREVENTION PROGRAM MANAGER OR OTHER OFFICIAL OF THE CITY AS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCIDENT TO APPLYING FOR, SECURING AND EXPENDING SAID GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ALL SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN CONNECTION WITH SAID GRANT; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5100 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- E. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents for the application, receipt and expenditure of grant funding in an amount up to \$6,150.00 from the Texas School Safety Center from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch Tobacco Enforcement Program –**

Mike Bishop, Police Chief, was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution adopting the authorization and direction of the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to apply for and execute any necessary documents to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$6,150.00 from the Texas School Safety Center, from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch Tobacco Enforcement Program for the Longview Police Department to

conduct controlled buy/stings and follow-ups involving the use of minors in accordance with Subchapter H, Chapter 161, Texas Health and Safety Code.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,150.00 FROM TEXAS SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER FOR A TOBACCO COMPLIANCE GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE TIMELY SUBMITTAL OF SAID APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCIDENT TO APPLYING, SECURING AND EXPENDING FOR SAID GRANT FUNDING; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5101 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- F. Consider a Resolution awarding a contract to and authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents with L3 Communications for the purchase of a police body camera system and body-worn cameras for the Police Department –**

Mike Bishop, Police Chief, was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution adopting the purchase of a body camera system and body-worn cameras for the City of Longview Police Department from L3 Communications. February, 2016 City Council approved the application, acceptance and expenditure of an up to \$85,000 grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office for the purchase of a body camera system.

The approved grant requires a City of Longview match of 25%. This was approved through Resolution No. 5036. Citizens of the City of Longview have donated an extra \$11,329.30 to allow for the purchase of additional body cameras.

Donations will continue to be taken on an ongoing basis and additional budgeted monies may become available at a later date to purchase additional cameras. The Police Department goal is to someday have all officers equipped with body-worn cameras.

The body camera system to be purchased will interface with the department's current in-car camera system allowing for more streamlined training, maintenance, gathering and maintaining criminal evidence.

L3 Communications is the sole vendor that can provide a camera system that will interface with the current in - car system.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A BODY CAMERA SYSTEM AND BODY-WORN CAMERAS FROM L3 COMMUNICATIONS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE AND/OR OTHER OFFICIAL(S) OF THE CITY AS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SAID PURCHASE; SETTING FORTH THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH AUTHORIZATION; DETERMINING THAT SAID PURCHASE IS EXEMPT FROM STATE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5102 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- G. Consider approval of the following minutes: July 14, 2016 and July 28, 2016 –**

Shelly Ballenger, City Secretary was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution adopting the minutes.

MOTION: Council Member Ishihara made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Williams seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

IX. Budget Items

A. Discussion of the proposed 2016 – 2017 budget for the City of Longview –

Keith Bonds, Assistant City Manager, was present and requested the Council to discuss the Texas Government Code and the city charter that requires a Municipality to hold two public hearings on the property tax rate.

Council had no questions.

B. A PUBLIC HEARING will be held to consider a proposed tax rate. The City Council will vote on the tax rate, Thursday, September 8, 2016. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers; 300 West Cotton Street, Longview, Texas –

Angela Coen, Director of Financial Services, was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of an Ordinance adopting the property tax rate. This is the first of the required hearings.

The proposed tax rate is 0.5099.
12.99 for Debt Service
38.00 for Operations and Management

The vote to adopt the tax rate will be on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

The public hearing was declared open.

There were no citizens in the audience to speak on this matter.

The public hearing was declared closed.

X. Action Items

- A. Consider the issuance and sale of the City of Longview General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, including the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such bonds –**

John Martin, Hilltop Securities, LLP, was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of an Ordinance adopting the issuance of such bonds.

MOTION: Council Member Moore made a motion the following Ordinance be approved:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT AND REFUNDING BONDS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

SECOND: Council Member Williams seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Ordinance is No. 4070 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

B. Consider the issuance and sale of the City of Longview Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, including the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such bonds

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John Martin, Hilltop Securities, LLP, was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of an Ordinance adopting the issuance of such bonds.

MOTION: Council Member Moore made a motion the following Ordinance be approved:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2016; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

SECOND: Council Member Ishihara seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Ordinance is No. 4071 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

C. Consider a Resolution authorizing City Staff to acquire certain property in the Hamilton McNutt Survey, A-129, designated as parcels 2014-H-005 and 2014-T-001 by eminent domain, in furtherance of the Cotton Street Improvements Project –

Rolin McPhee, P.E., Director of Public Works, was present and requested the Council to consider to make and approve the following motion:

I move that the City of Longview authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire certain property in the Hamilton McNutt Survey, A-129, City of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, said property consisting of a parcel of land of approximately 502.4 square feet (parcel 2014-H-005), along with a temporary construction easement consisting of approximately 500 square feet (parcel 2014-T-001), all of said parcels being a portion of the same tract of land being part of the called Lot 5, NCB 126, conveyed from Dr. Richard O. Dortch to Randy Witt and Linda Witt by the deed

recorded in volume 2485, page 206, Official Public Records, Gregg County Texas, said tract, said parcel, and said temporary construction easement all being more particularly described in Attachment A of the resolution before you tonight, for the purpose of constructing both a public roadway rebuilding Cotton Street and certain associated public improvements, including without limitation, public drainage improvements, public sanitary sewer improvements and public water pipeline improvements.

MOTION: Council Member Williams made a motion the following Resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, DETERMINING A PUBLIC NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE ALEXANDER JORDAN SURVEY, A-262, CITY OF LONGVIEW, GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS, SAID PROPERTY CONSISTING OF A PARCEL OF LAND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 2,624 SQUARE FEET (PARCEL 2014-H-032), ALONG WITH APPROXIMATELY 9.49 SQUARE FEET OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT(PARCEL 2014-D-004), AND APPROXIMATELY 2,322 SQUARE FEET OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT (PARCEL 2014-T-002); GIVING NOTICE OF AN OFFICIAL DETERMINATION TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR THE COTTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF SAID PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN OR OTHERWISE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Resolution No. 5103 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

D. Consider a Resolution authorizing City Staff to acquire certain property in the Alexander Jordan Survey, A-262, designated as parcels 2014-H-032, 2014-D-004, and 2014-T-002 by eminent domain, in furtherance of the Cotton Street Improvements Project –

Rolin McPhee, P.E., Director of Public Works, was present and requested the Council to consider to make and approve the following motion:

I move that the City of Longview authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire certain property in the Alexander Jordan Survey, A-262, City of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, said property consisting of a parcel of land of approximately 2,624 square feet (parcel 2014-H-032), along with a drainage easement consisting of approximately 9.49 square feet (parcel 2014-D-004), and a temporary construction easement consisting of approximately 2,322 square feet (parcel 2014-T-002), all of said parcels being a portion of the same tract which was called 0.854 acre Tract 1, conveyed from East Cotton Church of Christ to Randy Writt and Linda Writt by the deed recorded in File 200922921, page 206, Official Public Records, Gregg County Texas, said tract, said parcel, and said temporary construction easement all being more particularly described in Attachment A of the resolution before you tonight, for the purpose of constructing both a public roadway rebuilding Cotton Street and certain associated public improvements, including without limitation, public drainage improvements, public sanitary sewer improvements and public water pipeline improvements.

MOTION: Council Member Williams made a motion the following Resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, DETERMINING A PUBLIC NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE ALEXANDER JORDAN SURVEY, A-262, CITY OF LONGVIEW, GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS, SAID PROPERTY CONSISTING OF A PARCEL OF LAND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 2,624 SQUARE FEET (PARCEL 2014-H-032), ALONG WITH APPROXIMATELY 9.49 SQUARE FEET OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT(PARCEL 2014-D-004), AND APPROXIMATELY 2,322 SQUARE FEET OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT (PARCEL 2014-T-002); GIVING NOTICE OF AN OFFICIAL DETERMINATION TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR THE COTTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF SAID PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN OR OTHERWISE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED COMPLIED WITH THE

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Resolution No. 5104 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

E. Consider a Resolution authorizing City Staff to acquire certain property in the M. D. Greer Survey, A-83, designated as parcels 2014-H-045 and 2014-T-003 by eminent domain, in furtherance of the Cotton Street Improvements Project –

Rolin McPhee, P.E., Director of Public Works, was present and requested the Council to consider to make and approve the following motion:

I move that the City of Longview authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire certain property in the M.D. Greer Survey, A-83, City of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, said property consisting of a parcel of land of approximately 806.3 square feet (parcel 2014-H-045), along with a temporary construction easement consisting of approximately 737.7 square feet (parcel 2014-T-003), all of said parcels being a portion of the same tract of land being part was called 0.17 acre tract, conveyed from Brent A. Eddins to Randy Writt and Linda Writt by the deed recorded in volume 200922391, Official Public Records, Gregg County Texas, said tract, said parcel, and said temporary construction easement all being more particularly described in Attachment A of the resolution before you tonight, for the purpose of constructing both a public roadway rebuilding Cotton Street and certain associated public improvements, including without limitation, public drainage improvements, public sanitary sewer improvements and public water pipeline improvements.

MOTION: Council Member Williams made a motion the following Resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, DETERMINING A PUBLIC NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE M. D. GREER SURVEY, A-83, CITY OF LONGVIEW,

GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS, SAID PROPERTY CONSISTING OF A PARCEL OF LAND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 806.3 SQUARE FEET (PARCEL 2014-H-045), ALONG WITH APPROXIMATELY 737.7 SQUARE FEET OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT(PARCEL 2014-T-003); GIVING NOTICE OF AN OFFICIAL DETERMINATION TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR THE COTTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF SAID PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN OR OTHERWISE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Resolution No. 5105 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

XI. Items of Community Interest

Council Member Moore: No comment.

Council Member Snoddy: The 2nd Annual Compassion, Pride and Respect Event at Stamper Park in collaboration with Southside Reunion on September 3, 2016, beginning at 8 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be activities for kids and adults and free entry for all. We will be offering, basketball, kickball, flag football and softball.

Also addressing Pastor Lila Jackson, who spoke during Citizens Comments, Council Member Snoddy commended her idea and advised her to contact some of the other local organizations in the community that are working towards the same resolution.

Council Member Williams: Congratulated all the local organizations that have put together, "Back to School" programs. It has been really successful and great.

Additionally Council Member Williams thanked LEDCO with the new jobs that are getting ready to develop in the area.

Council Member Ishihara: No comment

Council Member Wright: Invited the community to the Spring Hill ISD new football stadium opening this Friday on the 29th.

Council Member Pirtle: Personally thanked Chief Steelman for his Fire and Medic team for being so compassionate this past week with a loved one. He spoke of how great of service they offered and he should be very proud.

Mayor Mack: Partners in Prevention will be hosting a new Mentor Training for the Forever Friends and Co-Pilots programs on September 23, 2016. If you are interested in becoming a mentor to a child, please call Cindy Graham at 903-237-1015 to learn more and register for the training session.

National Night Out Kick-off Event will be held on September 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Maude Cobb Convention Center. Anyone interested in hosting a National Night Out Block Party is invited to attend.

Registration is now underway for the October 4th National Night Out. Contact Partners in Prevention at 903-237-1019, or your Police Area Representative Officer to find out how to register your block party.

Downtown Live is returning to Heritage Plaza this fall. After a very successful spring series, the One Hundred Acres of Heritage board is expanding the event to include 7 weeks in September and October. The free concert series kicks off on September 9th, with musician Levi Kitchen.

East Texas Regional Artists Exhibit at LMFA, Mud Run at Lear Park, Sharon Shrine Circus, Gregg County Fair and much more.

Visit LongviewTexas.com for upcoming August events.

XII. Mayor Mack's Book Club

The Shark and the Goldfish by Jon Gordon

Mayor Mack: Stated, in life, we all have choices we can be positive or negative. You can control how you respond to circumstances.

Recently he was at the airport and enjoyed "People Watching". While there he noticed several situations resulting from a delayed flight. An angry lady, yelling at the gate attendant; a husband less than kind to his spouse, and a single mother with small children who took the opportunity to say "Lucky us, we have time for ice cream now!"

In the grand scheme of life I hope that we take our aggravation and turn it into an opportunity for ice cream also.

The concept of the Shark and the Goldfish is that the Goldfish is the one who waits for the food to be brought to him. The Shark goes out and finds his own food.

We have a LEDCO board that is full of sharks and they have become very proactive without the presence of an Executive Director and I am extremely proud of them.

I would like to commend Peggy Vaughn, Conner Cupid, Randy Peters, Wray Wade and Lester Lucy, the five voting members of our board.

Mayor Mack commended them for bringing new over 600 new jobs to the community.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Shelly Ballenger
City Secretary

