

**CITY OF LUBBOCK
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2005
1:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Lubbock, Texas met in special session on the 18th day of January, 2005, in the City Council Chambers, first floor, City Hall, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas at 1:00 P. M.

**1:00 P. M. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CONVENED
Committee Room 103, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas**

Present: Mayor Marc McDougal, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Martin, Council Member Gary O. Boren, Council Member Linda DeLeon, Council Member Jim Gilbreath, Council Member Phyllis Jones, Council Member Floyd Price

Absent: No one

Mayor McDougal called the meeting to order at 1:00 P. M.

(1) Discuss governance options for the City of Lubbock's water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities and receive the report and recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force on Water Utilities.

Mayor McDougal started off by thanking the committee members for doing an outstanding job of getting the recommendations back to Council in a very short time-frame (approximately 45 days).

Mike Liner, Task Force Chair, explained that the recommendations that came from the Task Force are based on a unanimous decision. He acknowledged the invaluable input from John Wilkerson, Committee Member, and H.P (Bo) Brown, Jr., Chairman of the Water Advisory Commission. Mr. Liner then read the recommendation report and explained that these were just recommendations.

Gary Boren recognized Jack Brown, former City Council Member, and also a member of the Mayor's Task Force on Water Utilities.

Council Member Gilbreath asked Mr. Liner to elaborate a little on the rationale for separating the Water and Wastewater Utility.

Mr. Liner explained that the Task Force sees the water needs, and there is an urgency to address these needs. The thought process is that water is a very important issue and that cities shouldn't or can't continue to handle water in the same manner as the last 20-50 years. It is now a much more urgent need and a much higher priority that it has been in the past.

The following is the report presented to Council by the Task Force:

Mayor's Task Force on Water Utilities

To establish focus, accountability and authority, and to address the urgency of the matter, we unanimously recommend the following:

Recommendations:

That the City of Lubbock place the management and control of the Water and Wastewater Utility on an up to Eleven (11) member Board of Trustees governed by Local Government Code §§ 402.141-142.

- One Member~The Mayor
- One Member ~The City Manager
- Nine (9) members appointed by the City Council

Terms

- The Mayor serves during his/her term in office
- The City Manager serves during his/her employment with the City
- City Council appointees serve two-year terms with no more than eight (8) successive years of service
 - Initial City Council appointees will serve as follows:
 - 3 members-4 years
 - 3 members-6 years
 - 3 members-8 years
- Zero Compensation
- Govern all aspects of Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Lake Alan Henry including dealings with CRMWA
- Members must have appropriate skills to benefit the Board in fulfilling their responsibilities

Charge of the Board of Trustees

- Employ CEO/Executive Director of Utility under terms and conditions set by Board of Trustees
- Set policy of the Utility for that CEO to follow
- Secure Lubbock's present and future Water and Wastewater needs in a timely manner

IMMEDIATE Plan of Action:

- Adopt Ordinance to transfer management and control of the Utility to Board of Trustees
- Utilize professional services of Lynn Sherman for guidance
- Appoint Board of Trustees

1:45 P. M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor McDougal adjourned the meeting.