

**CITY OF LUBBOCK
SPECIAL/JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

May 16, 2005

7:30 A. M.

The City Council of the City of Lubbock, Texas, Lubbock County Commissioners, City Council of the City of Wolfforth, Texas, and the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization met in special session on the 16th day of May, 2005, in the Terrace Suites, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane, Lubbock, Texas at 7:30 A. M.

7:50 A. M. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED

Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Terrace Suites, 1501 Mac Davis Lane, 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 7:50 A. M., with Mayor Childers calling the meeting to order for the Wolfforth City Council, and Judge Head for the Lubbock County Commissioners.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by L.C. Childers, Mayor, City of Wolfforth.

Invocation by Lubbock County Judge Tom Head.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin, who is also the Chairman of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), gave opening remarks to the four bodies that were represented, which included the City of Lubbock City Council, City of Wolfforth City Council, Lubbock County Commissioners, Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Texas Department of Transportation.

Lubbock County Commissioners present were Tom Head, County Judge; Bill McCay, Precinct 1; James Kitten, Precinct 2; Ysidro Gutierrez, Precinct 3; and, Patti Jones, Precinct 4.

City of Wolfforth Council members present were L.C. Childers, Mayor; Jose Rosales, James Vardy, Chester Addington II, and Bill Rogers.

Sam Woods represented the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization.

(1) Discuss funding options for road and highway projects in the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization area.

Randy Hopmann, Lubbock District Engineer with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), gave a presentation on the "Transportation

Funding Plan” (see attached). He also answered questions from the group. Steve Warren, Director of Transportation Planning, TxDOT Lubbock District, assisted Hopmann in explaining the plan and answering questions.

Patti Jones, County Commissioner Precinct 4, gave comments on House Bill 2705 and House Bill 848, and answered questions from the group.

Lee Ann Dumbauld, Chief Financial Officer, gave comments and also answered questions.

(2.) **Discuss other transportation projects or issues of mutual interest within the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization area, including highways, roads, rail transportation, and transit systems.**

Mayor Pro Tem Martin explained that the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) serves as the umbrella agency here in the Lubbock Metropolitan Area for determining the priorities for highway construction, which includes 3-year plans, 5-year plans, and 30-year plans. He also stated that the MPO had agreed with TxDOT that the whole series of public forums dealing principally with the funding completion of the Marsha Sharp Freeway is not the only project in the long-range or short-range plan. There are a number of other major highway projects.

Consensus from Lubbock County Commissioners was that because of limited revenue sources there was no current available funding to contribute to the transportation funding. The County is currently awaiting passing of House Bill 2705 which would allow a county to sell the bonds and use the revenue from TxDOT as the revenue source.

L.C. Childers, Mayor of the City of Wolfforth, stated that their attorney is currently assessing the options available under the Wolfforth government rules, but at the current time no funds are available.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin pointed out that by June the Highway Commission needs to know if the MPO is taking part in the funding and how much.

Ysidro Gutierrez, County Commissioner Precinct 3, gave comments and also a recommendation for the marketing plan which would include the citizens of Lubbock.

Randy Hopmann suggested that the MPO take some type of action, whether tentative or preliminary, and have the MPO Policy Board meet with TxDOT administration after their visit to the Hale County Rest Area Ribbon-Cutting event during the latter part of June. TxDOT administration would be prepared to give some type of feedback to all three governmental entities.

Connie Chapman appeared on behalf of Representative Delwin Jones to express support to the local entities for what they are trying to accomplish.

Mayor McDougal concluded by suggesting that we wait to see the outcome of the legislative session, checking to see what the City of

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Lubbock's funding options would be, and also asking the other entities to do the same. He also suggested meeting again after June 22, 2005.

9:05 A. M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor McDougal adjourned the meeting, along with Mayor Childers adjourning for Wolfforth City Council, and Judge Head adjourning for the Lubbock County Commissioners.