

CITY OF LUBBOCK
EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 19, 2006
2:00 P. M.

The City Council of the City of Lubbock, Texas met in emergency session on the 19th day of July, 2006, in the City Council Chambers, first floor, City Hall, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas at 2:00 P. M.

2:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED
City Council Chambers, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas

Present: Mayor David A. Miller; Mayor Pro Tem Jim Gilbreath; Council Member Gary O. Boren; Council Member Linda DeLeon; Council Member John Leonard; Council Member Floyd Price; Tom Adams, Deputy City Manager; Richard Casner, First Assistant City Attorney; and Rebecca Garza, City Secretary

Absent: Council Member Phyllis Jones, City Manager Lee Ann Dumbauld, City Attorney Anita Burgess

- 1. Resolution No. 2006-R0358 to accept United States Citizens and their families being evacuated from Lebanon and related geographic areas, and to incur expenditures of up to \$500,000 (to be taken from General Funds) for shelter, clothing, food and other emergency items.**

Mayor Miller asked First Assistant City Attorney Richard Casner to explain the justification of this emergency meeting. Casner explained that, ordinarily, an open meeting requires 72 hours posted notice; however, in the event of an emergency or an urgent public necessity, a meeting of the City Council may be held with two hours' notice. "Urgent public necessity and emergency" is defined by statute as an eminent threat to public health or safety, or a reasonably unforeseeable situation.

Police Chief Claude Jones explained that his office was notified by the State of Texas Emergency Operations Coordinator that United States citizens could be received as evacuees out of the Middle East Region. Chief Jones said funds needed for this could very well go over and above the limits of the City Manager's authority and would take an action from the Council to approve funds outside of the bounds of the current approved budget to be able to meet the needs of the citizens that could possibly be coming to our community. Chief Jones stated that preparation is being made to receive evacuees. He also answered questions from Council.

There were concerns about how the City of Lubbock would be reimbursed for monies used for this emergency. Council Member Leonard voiced concern that the City was taking premature action, and suggested waiting for further information from the State at a 4:00 p.m. meeting. After further discussion,

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Mayor Pro Tem Gilbreath called for the question. Vote was taken, which carried:
6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gilbreath, seconded by Council Member Price to pass Resolution No. 2006-R0358 as recommended by staff. Motion carried: 5 Ayes, 1 Nay. Council Member Leonard voted Nay.

2:28 P.M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED

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