

CITY OF LUBBOCK
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 19, 2006
7:30 A. M.

The City Council of the City of Lubbock, Texas met in special session on the 19th day of October, 2006, in the City Council Chambers, first floor, City Hall, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas at 7:30 A. M.

7:30 A.M. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED
City Council Chambers, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas

Present: Mayor David A. Miller, Council Member Linda DeLeon, Council Member Phyllis Jones, Council Member Floyd Price; Lee Ann Dumbauld, City Manager; Anita Burgess, City Attorney; and Rebecca Garza, City Secretary

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Jim Gilbreath, Council Member Gary O. Boren, and Council Member John Leonard

- **Invocation was given by Council Member Price.**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison by those in the City Council Chambers to both the United States flag and the Texas flag.

1. REGULAR AGENDA

- 1.1. Public Hearing 7:30 a.m. - Planning: Conduct a public hearing on the annexation of land described generally as located from one-half mile south of 98th Street, east of Avenue P, to approximately 500 feet east of the Tahoka Highway, two sides of which are adjacent to the existing corporate limits of the City of Lubbock, Texas.**

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing at 7:35 a. m. No one appeared to speak in favor of the annexation. Ron Peterson appeared in opposition. Mayor Miller closed the hearing at 7:44 a. m.

City Council had previously directed the Planning Department to initiate the process of annexation of an area adjacent to 98th Street and east of Avenue P, to include the area commonly known as “the strip”. City Council conducted the first required hearing on the annexation of this land on October 13, 2006.

A map of the proposed annexation, an explanation of the annexation process, and a list of questions and answers about annexation were provided to Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

No capital expense is recommended in the proposed service plan because the area fits the definition in State law allowing annexation to provide services “as in like areas” of the rest of the City. Operational expenses (soft services – police, fire, etc.) will be absorbed by various departments' current operating budget.

Staff recommends annexation.

Randy Henson, Director of Planning, gave comments and answered questions from Council and in response to Mr. Peterson’s concerns. Mr. Henson also said that the ordinance will be considered by Council on November 9, 2006. City Attorney Anita Burgess also answered questions from Council.

1.2. Public Hearing 7:45 a.m. - Planning: Conduct a public hearing on the annexation of land described generally as east of Indiana Avenue, south of 116th Street, to 660 feet south of F.M. 1585, two sides of which are adjacent to the existing corporate limits of the City of Lubbock, Texas.

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing at 7:48 a. m. Ron Betenbough appeared to speak in favor of the annexation. Charlie Upham and Byron Cowling appeared in opposition. Mr. Cowling stated he felt that the larger area of Huntington Park that is being annexed, at this point, is not necessary. He went on to say that he was in favor of the annexation, and expressed the urgent need to have Indiana Avenue widened. Mayor Miller closed the hearing at 8:03 a. m.

On September 13, 2006, City Council directed the Planning Department to initiate the process of annexation of an area generally located east of Indiana Avenue, south of 116th Street, to 660 feet south of F.M. 1585. The map provided to Council (Exhibit A) shows an area bounded by red as the parcel of land requested for annexation by Mr. Betenbough. The area bounded by green represents the area recommended by Planning Department staff as creating a boundary consistent with annexation policy as noted within the Comprehensive Land Use Plan - this annexation should not create “pockets” on the perimeter of the City.

A map of the proposed annexation, an explanation of the annexation process, and a list of questions and answers about annexation were provided to Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

No capital expense is recommended in proposed service plan because the area fits the definition in State law allowing annexation to provide services “as in like areas” of the rest of the City. Operational expenses (soft services – police, fire, etc.) will be absorbed by various departments' current operating budget.

Staff recommends annexation.

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Randy Henson, Director of Planning, gave comments and answered questions from Council. He also said the ordinance for this annexation will come before Council on November 21, 2006.

8:04 A. M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED

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