



**MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS**



Pat Bryson Municipal Hall ~ 201 North Brushy Street ~ Leander, Texas

Thursday ~ April 5, 2012 at 7:00 PM

**Mayor - John D. Cowman**

**Place 1 – Andrea Navarrette**

**Place 4 – Michell Cantwell**

**Place 2 – Kirsten Lynch**

**Place 5 – Christopher Fielder**

**Place 3 – Simon Garcia**

**Place 6 – David Siebold (Mayor Pro Tem)**

**City Manager – Kent Cagle**

1. Open meeting, Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance  
**Mayor Cowman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance**
2. Roll Call  
**All present**
3. Staff Comments  
**No comments**
4. Citizen Comments: Three (3) minutes allowed per speaker  
*Please turn in speaker request form before the meeting begins.*

**Jim Dillon Box 878 Liberty Hill – asked City Council to pass a Resolution to condemn the District Attorney of Williamson County**

**Ray Rodriguez 1006 Glass Dr. – spoke about loose dogs in his neighborhood and that Leander Animal Control would not help. He also inquired as to why the Ethics Commission has never met**

**Lee Ortiz 1107 Remington Dr. spoke about bikes on Bagdad Rd. north of 2243 and the danger on that road. He asked for “no bike” signs or bike lanes**

**Franklin N. Stiles Jr. 4180 Hwy 183 – spoke about the weakness of the Ethics Ordinance and asked for better disclosure and transparency**

**Rob Lederman – 609 Golden Gate – asked the city to work with Williamson County Road and Bridge near the First Baptist Church on 2243 to clear the debris near the bridge**

**CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION**

5. Approval of the minutes: Regular Meeting: March 15, 2012  
Special Meeting: March 29, 2012  
Work Session: March 29, 2012
6. Second Reading of an Ordinance for Zoning Case # 12-Z-004: amending Ordinance #05-018, the Composite Zoning Ordinance for a parcel located at 1501 CR 269, Leander, Williamson County, Texas

Rose Waller 1531 CR 269 - asked the City Council to review the original zoning requested for 1501 CR 269 and asked for a reason why it was not approved as requested  
Janice Knue – 1501 CR 269 – asked the Council to review the requested zoning of GC-3-C Originally requested for her property  
John F. Perez – 404 County Glen Street – spoke in support of the property owners original zoning request of GC-3-C

**Motion made by Council Member Cantwell to send the request back to P&Z. Second by Council Member Fielder. Motion passes 5 to 2 with Council Members Lynch and Mayor Cowman voting against.**

**Alternate motion by Council Member Lynch to approve the GC-3-C zoning. Second by Council Member Navarrette. Motion fails 3 to 4 with Mayor Pro Tem Siebold, Council Members Fielder, Cantwell and Garcia voting against**

7. Consider an Interlocal Agreement with Williamson County and the City of Leander for the construction and operation of extension of Lakeline Blvd. from Crystal Falls Parkway northward to FM 2243  
**Council Member Cantwell inquired about the sidewalks**

**Motion made by Council Member Cantwell to approve. Second by Council Member Garcia. Motion passes, all voting “aye”**

8. Consider Dedication and Acceptance of Subdivision Infrastructure Improvements for The Bluffs at Crystal Falls Section 1, Phases 1A, 1B, and 1C and The Fairways at Crystal Falls Section 2, Phase 1

**Mayor Cowman pulled item #6 from the consent agenda  
Council Member Cantwell pulled item #7 from the consent agenda**

**Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Siebold to approve items # 5 & 8. Second by Council Member Cantwell. Motion passes, all voting “aye”**

**Mayor Cowman moved back to items # 6 and 7 for discussion and action**

## PUBLIC HEARING

9. **a. Public Hearing** on Zoning Case #12-Z-008: Consider a zoning change for 2.00 acres, more or less, for a parcel located at 1725 CR 269 from interim zoning SFR-1-B, Single Family Rural to LI-5-D, Light Industrial, Leander, Williamson County, Texas  
Applicant: Holly Eckert on behalf of RJS Investment Mgt. Co. LLC  
**Jim Bechtol, Director of Development Services explained**
- b. Action** on Zoning Case #12-Z-008: amending Ordinance #05-018, the Composite Zoning Ordinance for a parcel located at 1725 CR 269, Leander, Williamson County, Texas  
**Motion made by Council Member Cantwell to approve. Second by Council Member Garcia. Motion passes, all voting “aye”**
10. **a. Public Hearing** on annexation of 1831.00 acres, more or less, located in Travis County, Texas, west of Bloody Hollow, abutting FM 1431 on the south and Nameless Road on the west, including the abutting streets, roadways and rights-of-way.  
**No speakers**

## REGULAR AGENDA

11. Second reading of an Ordinance for Zoning Case #12-Z-005: amending Ordinance #05-018, the Composite Zoning Ordinance for five parcels generally located to the southwest of the intersection of Lakeline Blvd. and Crystal Falls Pkwy from SFU-2-B and SFS-2-B to SFT-2-A, Single Family Townhouse, LO-2-A, Local Office and GA, General Commercial, Leander, Williamson and Travis County, Texas

**Council Member Cantwell expressed her approval of this request and commended the developer for working with the surrounding residents**

**Motion made by Council Member Cantwell to approve. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Siebold.**

**Council Member Lynch asked for clarification on the motion.**

**Council Member Cantwell withdrew her motion.**

**Mayor Cowman made a motion to accept the ordinance as written. Second by Council Member Cantwell. Motion passes, all voting "aye"**

12. A resolution of the City of Leander, Texas, opposing the listing of the Georgetown salamander, the Jollyville plateau salamander, and the Salado salamander for emergency listing as threatened or endangered pursuant to the Endangered Species act of 1973; and providing open meetings.

**Jim Bechtol, Director of Development Services explained**

**Mary Hengstebeck 1609 Lions Den – spoke against the Resolution**

**Robert Kleman – spoke in favor of the Resolution and expressed that he felt the Resolution would not make a difference on its own but urged council to work with the County in this effort**

**Motion made by Council Member Fielder to approve. Second by Council Member Garcia. Motion passes, all voting "aye"**

13. Discussion and possible action to consider referral of reported actions of Mayor to the Ethics Commission. This item sponsored by Council Member Cantwell and Mayor Pro Tem Siebold

**Mary Hengstebeck 1609 Lions Den – asked that the Ethics Commission not include any candidates or members working on campaigns**

**Jim Dillon Box 878 Liberty Hill – spoke against the referral to the Ethics Commission and questioned the timing**

**Mayor Pro Tem Siebold explained that he felt that it was time to discuss the issues and Read policies from the City Charter and Ethics Ordinance**

**Motion made by Council Member Siebold to refer the allegations to the Ethics Commission for review and investigation and appropriate action on the following:**

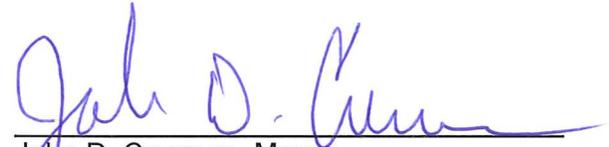
**Business and Campaign use of city cell phone, city computer and city office, claiming of mileage from Capital Metro on 4/15, 4/19 & 4/26 while using the city vehicle and city gas, the Gilpin right-of-way acquisition and possible payment, Summit Christian Academy Recreation Center and possible payment as far as commission, Jamail Smith employment contract, as far as work outside of Leander which turned into work inside Leander, and memo dated 3/16 to Kent Cagle from John Cowman with the issues being quorum issues and directing staff. Second by Council Member Navarrette.**

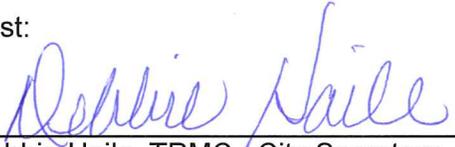
**Motion passes, 5 to 2 with Mayor Cowman and Council Member Lynch voting against.**

Mayor Cowman moved to the additional item agenda at this time.

14. Adjournment

**With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**

  
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John D. Cowman, Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Debbie Haile, TRMC City Secretary

MINUTES  
ADDITIONAL ITEMS ON AGENDA



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CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS  
April 5, 2012



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS, WILL MEET AT 7:00 P.M. IN A REGULAR MEETING ON THE 5th DAY OF APRIL 2012 AT ITS REGULAR MEETING PLACE, THE PAT BRYSON MUNICIPAL HALL, 201 N. BRUSHY STREET, IN THE CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS, AND IN ADDITION TO THE ITEMS POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEETING REQUIREMENTS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE ADDITIONAL ITEMS LISTED BELOW:

1. Consider referring to the Ethics Commission the letter sent by the former Mayor Pro Tem to the Human Resources Director, regarding the person to be employed to fill a position on the city staff. This item sponsored by Mayor Cowman  
**Mayor Cowman read his statement regarding a letter that was sent to the HR Dept. from the Mayor Pro Tem in regards to employment with the City. A Discussion was held. No action taken**

Attest:

  
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John D. Cowman, Mayor

  
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Debbie Haile, TRMC City Secretary