

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING OF THE  
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014  
6:00PM

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Chairman Ed Smith called the Special-Called meeting to order in the Commission Chambers, City Hall at 6:00pm.

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Ed Smith, District 7

COMMISSIONERS:

Gloria Moon, District 1  
Zephaniah Timmins, District 2  
John Flowers, District 3

Bill Marshall, District 4  
Charlie Oliver, District 5  
Garrett Boersma, District 6

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Kenneth Snyder, Acting City Manager  
Leland Benoit, Interim Police Chief  
J. C. Hughes, Public Services Director

Lisa Agnor, City Secretary/Finance Director  
Jack Redmon, Support Services Director

101. TOWN HALL MEETING: TOWN HALL MEETING FOR AN OPEN DISCUSSION BETWEEN CITIZENS AND CITY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FOR WONDERLAND OF LIGHTS 2014.

Chairman Smith stated the Town Hall Meeting was to hear from the citizens their thoughts on Wonderland of Lights 2014. Chairman Smith called on Lisa Agnor, City Secretary/Finance Director, as Chairman of the Wonderland of Lights 2014 Committee, to give an update.

Lisa Agnor presented a brief overview of the Committee's ideas regarding Wonderland of Lights 2014.

George Smith spoke regarding the history of Wonderland of Lights and the Community Spirit demonstrated when the entire community works together.

Gayle Beil, 500 Henley Perry, spoke in support of Wonderland of Lights and community participation.

Gerald Smith, 1308 Pecan, would like to see the prayer and pledge to flags at all meetings.

Ned Dennis, 44 Cherrywood, stated that Wonderland of Lights enhances the quality of life for the citizens of the City of Marshall.

Narcie Crosby, 211 North Bolivar, wants to see the tradition of Wonderland of Lights continue.

Judge Richard Anderson, 211 W. Austin, pledged \$1,000 to start a local match challenge. Mr. Anderson spoke in support of a back to basics approach to Wonderland of Lights.

Kay Clement, 501 Elmwood, spoke in support of Wonderland of Lights.

Commissioner Marshall stated he wanted this meeting to gauge the community support of Wonderland of Lights and that he does see the community support. He would like to know what the attendees think the future of Wonderland of Lights should look like and how are they going to help in accomplishing that.

Judge Anderson asked for a show of hands of those in attendance in support of Wonderland of Lights. He then asked if anyone attending the meeting did not support Wonderland of Lights continuing. There was no one not in support of Wonderland of Lights continuing.

Chairman Ed Smith matched Mr. Anderson's challenge with a donation of \$1,000.

Terry Gerber, MD, 4015 Willow Bend, Longview, stated that people enjoy driving to tour lights. Dr. Gerber doubled Mr. Anderson's challenge with a donation of \$2,000 and challenged others to donate. Dr. Gerber volunteered to serve on the Wonderland of Lights 2014 Committee.

Rhonda Phelps, owner of Addictions by Rhonda, did not speak but donated \$500.

Robert Wood stated he would pledge between \$50 and \$1,000 in support of Wonderland of Lights.

Melinda Gaulden appreciates the community spirit of Wonderland of Lights and pledged 5 people to help with the event and \$1,000.

Connie Ware, President and CEO of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber staff is committed to help with Wonderland of Lights.

Jennifer Larned pledged to volunteer to work on Wonderland of Lights.

Christina Anderson, Judge Anderson's wife, raised his donation to \$2,000.

Chairman Ed Smith increased his donation to \$2,000.

The Commission and attendees engaged in discussion regarding ideas to foster community involvement in Wonderland of Lights.

Maryann Vassar, 215 E. Rusk, stated Wonderland of Lights has been good for their business.

Brandon Bradbury stated the he would like to see Wonderland of Lights back on track.

Chairman Smith expressed appreciation for input from the community and stated that the next Wonderland of Lights Committee meeting is April 1, 2014.

Jack Redmon, Support Services Director, stated there will be a link on the City of Marshall website to volunteer for Wonderland of Lights.

Chairman Smith closed the Town Hall Meeting regarding Wonderland of Lights.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

102. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.

1. Discussion regarding issues related to contracts between Norit Americas, Inc., Harrison County, and the City of Marshall.

B. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney to discuss matters related to pending or contemplated litigation regarding the previous architectural design contract for Memorial City Hall.

**Commissioner Marshall moved to enter into the Executive Session.**

**Commissioner Moon seconded the motion which passed with a 7:0 vote. The time was 7:18 pm.**

**Commissioner Timmins moved to reconvene from the Executive Session.**

**Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion which passed with a 7:0 vote. The time was 7:47 pm.**

59. ADJOURNMENT

**Commissioner Timmins moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

**APPROVED:**



**Chairman of the City Commission  
of the City of Marshall, Texas**

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Secretary