

Minutes of Workshop held July 1, 2008

Council Workshop with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Rudy Hernandez, Sam Cortez, Erik Dahler, Ward Sanders; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works' James McGrath.

Visitors: Matt Dear, Richard Hughes, Pablo Cortez, Pradip Bhatka; Reagon Houston, Bubba Light, Jessie Blanchard, Jolie Ares, Brad Boyd, Nan Boyd, Bobbie Lassiter, Beau Perry, Atascosa County Judge Diana Bautista.

Mayor Bowen opened the workshop at 8:00 p.m. by announcing the purpose for the workshop.

The Mayor asked Mr. Bhakta to explain his project to Council and tell Council what he is needing for this project.

Mr. Bhakta told Council he has a contract with Gary Priest for property on IH 35 access road for the purpose of building a Motel 6. Mr. Bhakta said he is needing an 8 inch water line, sewer, and gas for this motel. He told Council plans are for a three (3) story, sixty-five (65) unit motel with sprinkler system and truck parking.

Mr. Bhakta told Council he feels the City could see as much as \$50,000.00 in motel occupancy tax and that estimates show that a 50% occupancy, the motel will bring 40,000 to 50,000 people into Lytle. Mr. Bhakta told Council that Dairy Queen plans to move over by motel and that there are plans for another restaurant.

He said he needs all the utilities to the property line.

Mayor Bowen told Council that he had met with Mr. Bhakta a couple of times and looked at the property, which is next to the Suzuki dealership. The Mayor also said that Mr. Bhakta had been given ball park figures for these utilities, as well as impact fees. The Mayor told Council he feels the Council needs to get the engineer to do a feasibility study on this project. Beau Perry told Council that the prices their engineering has are three (3) years ago and need to be updated.

There was a lengthy discussion on the utilities requested by Mr. Bhakta.

Mayor Bowen reminded Council that the city's present ordinance calls for utility extensions being developer's cost. Mayor Bowen asked County Judge Diana Bautista what the county has set up for something like this project. Judge Bautista gave Council some information on contacting Congressmen and told of three options for possible funding for this project.

Members of the Lytle Chamber of Commerce told Council that they are in favor of this project and would like to see the utilities provided for this project because it would open up that area for more businesses.

After discussion, it was agreed to have engineer update information from three (3) years ago, and then place this item on the next regular meeting agenda.

Workshop adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



Mayor



City Secretary