

MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 2007

Mayor Bryce D. Kocian declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:05 P.M.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Bryce D. Kocian, Councilmembers V. L. Wiley, Jr., David Samuelson, Ken Freese, Don Mueller, Domingo Montalvo, Jr., and Ray Linseisen.

Councilmember absent was: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joyce Vasut, and City Secretary Lisa Stavena.

Visitors present were: Wharton Economic Development Corporation Executive Director David Schroeder, Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Donald Allen, Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Executive Director Ron Sanders, Sharon Joines, Henry Baade, Stephen Zetsche, Candyce Byrne.

The third item on the agenda was Budget Workshop: City of Wharton 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget:

- A. Funding request by the following:
  - 1. Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.
  - 2. Boys and Girls Club.
  - 3. Wharton Plaza Theatre, Inc.
- B. General Fund.
- C. Hotel Motel Fund.
- D. Narcotics Seizure Fund.
- E. Dare Fund.
- F. Debt Fund.
- G. Water & Sewer Fund.
- H. Solid Waste Fund.
- I. Emergency Medical Services Fund.
- J. Civic Center Fund.
- K. Airport Fund.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented the request for funding from the Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Executive Director Ron Sanders addressed the City Council and presented the proposed funding sources for tourism activities, hotel-motel tax for the last five years, civic center rentals for the past nine years, and the proposed budget allocations for 2007-2008. He stated that the hotel-motel tax was increasing; however, the Civic Center rentals remained flat. He proposed that the Chamber could promote the rental usage of the Civic Center, thus requested additional funding to the Chamber budget. He

stated that the City allocated \$26,000 to the Chamber for fiscal year 2006-2007; however, the Chamber was requesting \$32,383.85 for fiscal year 2007-2008. He stated that the Chamber would also be updating the brochures, which were currently over eleven years old.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented the request for funding from the Boys & Girls Club. Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Donald Allen addressed the City Council and presented the Federal Government-Wide information, revenue budget, expense budget, and the member demographics. He stated that the City allocated \$7,500 to the Boys & Girls Club for fiscal year 2006-2007; however, the Boys & Girls Club was requesting \$15,000 for fiscal year 2007-2008. He stated that if funding would not be received, then programs would have to be cut back. He stated that currently the Club was open 300 days a year, and the goal for 2007-2008 would be to impact 800 kids. He stated that on average, 180 children and 45 teenagers were participating in Club activities per day. He stated that the Club receives funds from membership, civic groups, and by leasing the facility. He stated that the club was asking for an increased amount from the City and has also requested funding from Wharton County.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented the request for funding from Wharton Plaza Theatre, Inc. Wharton Plaza Theatre, Inc. Board of Director Candyce Byrne addressed the City Council and requesting \$2,000 to fund to improve the website. She stated that John Dettling would be developing the website.

Finance Director Joyce Vasut presented the 2007 - 2008 fiscal year budget as follows:

General Fund Revenues	\$4,736,313
General Fund Expenses	\$4,912,739
General Fund Shortage	( \$176,426)

She then presented several tax rate options. Mrs. Vasut stated that she could also offer other options depending on the direction of the City Council.

After reviewing the 2007-2008 proposed budget as presented, the City Council held a discussion. Councilmember David Samuelson made a motion to use fund balance from the Debt Service Fund of \$166,800 for 2007-2008. Councilmember Domingo Montalvo, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was adjournment. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember V. L. Wiley, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**BRYCE D. KOCIAN**  
Mayor

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**ATTEST:**

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**LISA STAVENA**  
City Secretary