

**Official Minutes  
City Of Lorenzo, TX  
March 24, 2024**

**PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL ROOM - LORENZO, TX 6:00 P.M.**

**Mayor Lori Landin called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:00 p.m.** with the following Council Members present: Aldermen, Earlene Rampy, Cheryl Birdwell, Janet Peterson-Gonzales, Rhonda Cypert and Hilda Castillo. Also present were City Manager Michael Chambers, City Secretary Lisa Hernandez, City Utility/Court Clerk Isabel Salazar, and guests.

**Lorenzo City Manager Michael Chambers gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Lori Landin.**

**Public Comment:**

*Mayor Lori Landin lets guests know that we are conducting public comments on Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Mayor Lori Landin asked if anyone signed up or if anyone wishes to speak if not, we shall move forward. Mayor Lori Landin again asked the citizens if there were any questions or comments on the budget. No comments were made Mayor Lori Landin closes the Public Hearing.*

**5. Closed Public Hearing at 6:02 pm.**

**6. Opened Special Meeting at 6:02 pm.**

**Discuss and Take Action Regarding:**

- 7. Consider & Take action by adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.** – Mayor Lori Landin tells council she will go around and ask each council or if line by line if they have any questions. Mayor Pro-Tem Cheryl Birdwell says it looks like what we had discussed at the Budget Workshop and Michael made the changes that he told them about today. Council Member Earlene Rampy had a question on the office software but that was corrected. Council Member Rhonda Cypert says she has no questions. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales has questions on the miscellaneous items and that she wants them to be itemized to be more transparent. She wants to know what is in the Vendor Permits and how much we get for Vendor Permits and we need to shrink it down or try to figure out what is in it, and began asking if the chamber can do a check to purchase items. City Secretary Lisa Hernandez says that when I do my report and the Chamber reimburses the city, I put the amount and a note next to it that it was reimbursed by Chamber. Mayor Lori Landin wants them to explain why the chamber writes a check to reimburse the city. Council Member Earlene Rampy says one example is when the AC went out at the Senior Citizens and the City and the chamber split the cost and the city paid the full amount and the Chamber reimbursed the half. Council Member Rhonda says that the Lions Club split the cost as well. Council Member Rhonda Cypert assures that the city is reimbursed and it does not happen very often. Council member Janet Peterson-Gonzales asks if the chamber can give a check that way Lisa can use the check instead of using the city funds because she does not know how the auditors feel about it. Council Member Rhonda Cypert says the city and the chamber have done it that way for years. Council member Cheryl Birdwell says is it because Lisa knows where to go to order the stuff for the chamber and Rhonda says yes. Council Member Rhonda Cypert says that we will just stop it now because it was never an issue until now. City Mayor Lori Landin talks on the Court Tech Fund software from judicial \$3500 will be used to the fire hydrants. City Manager says it will be two separate checks for the hydrants. City Council member Hilda Castillo asked about the Opioid money and if it was not in there and City Manager Mike Chambers says he will ask about doing an account for the opioid. Council Member Earlene motions to adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 with the corrected changes that have been made. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
- 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: An Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. No Final decision, action or vote will be taken in executive session.**

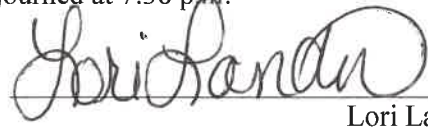
**TIME INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:17 PM**

**TIME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:37 PM**

**9. Reconvene into open session and take action on items discussed in Executive Session.**

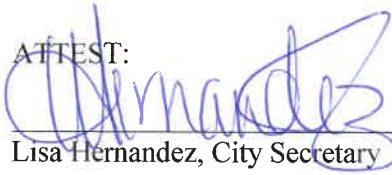
**A. City Council/ Personnel Matters - No Motion- Discussion Only.**

**10. Adjournment.** - Council Member, Janet Peterson-Gonzales motions to adjourn. Council Member, Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Lori Landin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary