

**City of Lafayette  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Town Hall Meeting  
February 10, 2009  
7:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Chris Heisler called the meeting to order at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Mayor Chris Heisler, Chris Pagella, Leah Harper, Dean Rhodes, Nicholas Harris, and Bob Cullen.

**Absent:** Michael Roberts.

**City Staff Present:** None.

**Others:** Angela Flood, Darrell Flood, Don Leard, Bonita Pursel, Philip Pursel, Marian Chasse, Beth Pagella, Mary Heisler, Brenton Camac, George Placencia, Tim Svenson, Jack Grell, Kenneth Westfall, Brenda Westfall, Teha Kordich, Kara Hansford, Linda Lyon, Chris Harper, Randy Kashka, Alicia Kashka, Jim Crowell, Randy Nichols, Beth Cooke, Glen Sidney, Linda Sidney, Diantha Ellis, Suzi Lorence, Patricia Rhodes, James Davidson, and a few others.

**3. TOWN HALL DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Chris Heisler opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asked the Council to introduce themselves. He encouraged everyone to get involved in any way they can, including through various committees. Some of the issues that he is focusing on right now are: improving communication with residents (town hall meetings, emails, monthly newsletter, etc.), developing citizen committee groups, changing Council Rules to allow more citizen input, reviewing City bonds to determine if they can be restructured to reduce water bills, and contacting large local businesses to get sponsorship to fund City projects.

There was some discussion about the 2004 Parks Master Plan, and Mayor Chris Heisler said that he would like to see more of the projects listed in this plan carried out.

There was discussion regarding the proposed new charter, and each councilor expressed their concerns with the charter, and questions/comments were taken from the audience. A suggestion was made to form a committee to review the current charter and come up with ideas for updating it. Mayor Heisler passed around some committee sign up sheets to the audience.

There was some discussion about the long term goals for the City including water supply/storage, street improvements, park improvements, etc.

Some of the other concerns/comments that members of the audience expressed were: improving traffic patterns, improving communications with residents, clarifying the new Council's role in ensuring proper oversight at City Hall, establishing a library/bookmobile/book swap, better communication with neighborhood south of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, more recreational facilities (partner with Wascher School for evening use of their facilities), and gang activity/graffiti/clean-up.

No decisions were made at this meeting.

**4. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes approved on this 12<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2009.

**APPROVED:**

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Mayor Chris Heisler

**ATTESTED:**

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Diane Rinks, City Administrator