The City Council of the City of Lubbock, Texas met in emergency session on the 29th day of August, 2008, in the City Council Chambers, first floor, City Hall, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas at 2:15 P.M.

2:16 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED
City Council Chambers, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas
Present: Mayor Tom Martin, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Gilbreath, Council Member Paul R. Beane, Council Member Todd R. Klein, Council Member John Leonard, Council Member Floyd Price
Absent: Council Member Linda DeLeon

Mayor Martin convened the meeting at 2:16 P.M.

1.1. Resolution No. 2008-R0335 accepting the request of the Governor to take evacuees from Hurricane Gustav and to incur expenditures (to be taken from General Funds and reimbursed by FEMA) for shelter, clothing, food and other emergency items and providing for issuance of a proclamation of a state of disaster.

Lee Ann Dumbauld, City Manager, stated that Governor Perry and the State Operations Center are preparing for Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Hanna. The State Operations Center said Hurricane Gustav presents a clear and imminent threat to the Texas coast. Governor Perry issued a proclamation for sixty-one Texas counties to insure FEMA reimbursement is available to all state and local emergency operations. The City has created a unified command that includes: Chief Dale Holton, Chief Ray Cooper, and Captain Tony Menchaca. Lubbock is designated as a shelter HUB and we can accommodate up to 800 evacuees. It is unknown where the evacuees will be coming from. We do not anticipate special needs persons.

Kevin Overstreet, EOC Director, stated Hurricane Gustav is a threat to Texas. The state has asked Lubbock to be prepared in the event evacuees are sent to Lubbock.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gilbreath, seconded by Council Member Leonard to pass Resolution No. 2008-R0335. Motion carried 6-0. Council Member DeLeon was absent.
Mayor Pro Tem Gilbreath read the following:

WHEREAS, Governor Perry has issued an emergency disaster declaration for the State of Texas to free up resources to deal with the existing challenge of providing services to thousands of Hurricane Gustav storm victims; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has requested that the City of Lubbock take refugees as needed from the storm to be housed in Lubbock facilities; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to incur expenses for providing housing, food, clothing and other necessities for the refugees, until these funds can be reimbursed by FEMA; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK:

SECTION 1. THAT the City Council hereby accepts the request of the Governor to assist in relief efforts and take refugees of Hurricane Gustav and approves incurring expenditures of up to $500,000 from the General Fund (to be reimbursed by federal emergency funds) for housing, food, clothing, and other emergency items for care of the refugees.

SECTION 2. THAT an appropriate Proclamation of Disaster be issued, seconded by Council Member Leonard to pass Resolution No. 2008-R0335 as recommended by staff. Motion carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Council Member DeLeon was absent.

Mayor Martin issued the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Governor Perry has issued an emergency disaster declaration for the State of Texas to free up resources to deal with the existing challenge of providing services to thousands of Hurricane Gustav storm victims; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has requested that the City of Lubbock take refugees as needed from the storm; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to incur expenses for providing housing, food, clothing and other necessities for the refugees until funds can be reimbursed by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lubbock has agreed to assist in relief efforts and to take victims of Hurricane Gustav and approves incurring expenditures of up to $500,000 from the General fund (to be reimbursed by federal emergency funds) for housing, food, clothing, and other emergency items for care of the victims if needed; and

WHEREAS, Mayor of the City of Lubbock has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of the victims and to protect their health, safety and welfare; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK:

SECTION 1. THAT a state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Lubbock, Texas; and
SECTION 2. THAT the City of Lubbock’s Emergency Management Plan is hereby implemented; and

SECTION 3. THAT the state of disaster shall continued until such time as this proclamation is rescinded or continued by consent of the City Council of the City of Lubbock not more than seven (7) days from the date hereof; and

SECTION 4. THAT this proclamation shall take effect immediately upon its issuance and the City Manager of the City of Lubbock is hereby authorized and directed to distribute this proclamation to all news media and ensure wide distribution of this proclamation to the public.

PROCLAIMED this 29th day of August, 2008.

2:30 P. M.  COUNCIL ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting.