



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
200 West Walker Street

Regular Meeting

The City Council of the City of League City, Texas, met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers at 200 West Walker Street on the above date at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor:

Nick Long

City Council Members:

**Andy Mann
Tommy Cones
Tom Crews
Vacant
Justin Hicks
Chad Tressler
Sean Saunders**

City Manager:

John Baumgartner

Assistant City Manager

Rick Davis

Assistant City Manager-CFO

Angie Steelman

Interim City Attorney:

Michelle Villarreal

City Secretary:

Diana M. Stapp

Chief of Police:

Cliff Woitena

Executive Director of Capital Projects

Ron Bavarian

Director of Engineering:

Christopher Sims

Director of Finance:

Kimberly Corell

Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:

James Brumm

Director of Parks & Cultural Services:

Chien Wei

Director of Public Works:

Jody Hooks

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Long called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present. Council Member Andy Mann attended via videoconference.

Present 7 - Mayor Nick Long, Mr. Andy Mann, Mr. Tommy Cones, Mr. Tom Crews, Mr. Justin Hicks, Mr. Chad Tressler and Mr. Sean Saunders

2. **INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG**

The invocation was given by Pastor Rob Bailey of South Lake Church. Mayor Long led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3A. [23-0577](#) November 14, 2023 Council Work Session

3B. [23-0610](#) November 28, 2023 Regular Meeting

Mayor Long asked if there were any corrections. He said hearing none, these minutes are approved.

4. **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS BEFORE CITY COUNCIL**

Members of the public are invited to give comments at this time, lasting not longer than 3 minutes. Comments may be general in nature or may address a specific agenda item.

NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
Jeff Murello	2800 E. League City Pkwy	Library
Laura Teatsworth	517 Small Cedar	Library
Janet Morris	3010 Woodwren Ct	Animal Control
Ange Mertens	2501 Robin Crossing	City
Galen & Carla Medlenka	524 Kansas	#9H Public Nec
Daniel Gibbs	3014 Bay Bend	LCVFD Contract
Patty Rytlewski	4757 Oakmont Ct	City TNR
Peggy Zahler	1802 Rampart	General

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve the Consent Agenda.
The motion passed by the following vote:**

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

- 6A. [23-0576](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the purchase of replacement Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) airpacks with Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Inc., through BuyBoard Contract 689-23 for an amount not to exceed \$72,000 (Fire Chief)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-188
- 6B. [23-0580](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the purchase of a Rapid Medical Response UTV in an amount not to exceed \$75,384.75 (Fire Chief)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-189
- 6C. [23-0581](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the purchase of portable Motorola APX 6000XE radios in an amount not to exceed \$90,489.00 (Fire Chief and Director of Information Technology)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-190
- 6D. [23-0584](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Texas Department of Public Safety for a Texas Statewide Interoperability Channel Plan (Fire Chief and Director of Information Technology)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-191
- 6E. [23-0570](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution consenting to the sale and issuance of Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2024 (the "Bonds") for the South Shore Harbour MUD No. 7 (the "District") in an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000 and authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Secretary to attest same for and on behalf of the City of League City (the "City") (Director of Finance)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-192
- 6F. [23-0606](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an agreement with Thirkettle DBA Aqua Metric Sales Company for software services and equipment maintenance for FY24 for an amount not to exceed \$635,870 (Director of Finance)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-193
- 6G. [23-0561](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an agreement with Hahn Equipment Co., Inc. for one (1) 85H.P. FLYGT electric submersible sewage pump for the Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant (WW2103) in an amount not to exceed \$94,170 (Director of Public Works)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-194

- 6H. [23-0594](#) Consider and take action on Ordinance 2023-45 to set a 35 miles per hour (mph) speed limit along Calder Drive from the intersection of Ervin Street to the intersection with Cross Colony Drive, a distance of approximately 1.1 miles - Second Reading (Executive Director of Development Services)

Council approved first reading 7-0-0 on November 28, 2023.

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Ordinance No. 2023-45 - Second Reading

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

8. OLD BUSINESS

- 8A. [23-0592](#) Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2023-46 amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled, "Building and Building Regulations" to adopt the National Electric Code, 2023 Edition - Second Reading (Executive Director of Development Services)

Council approved first reading 6-1-0 on November 28, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Cones, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-46 amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled, "Building and Building Regulations" to adopt the National Electric Code, 2023 Edition on Second Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9A. [23-0607](#) Consider nominations to the Ethics Review Board (Mayor Long)

Nominations to the Ethics Review Board, to be confirmed at the January 9, 2024 Council Meeting:

Terms to expire 12/31/2025

Timothy Brown, M.D. - Position 3

Paul Winton - Position 4

Position 1 - Seth Alford, was not considered for nomination.

- 9B. [23-0582](#) Consider and take action on appointments and reappointments to City boards and commissions (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Saunders, to approve appointments to boards and commissions as presented.

ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Terms to expire 12/31/25.

1. State Licensed Vet - Dr. Elizabeth Robinson

- 3. Shelter Representative - Jasmine O'Keefe
- 5. Karl Wankowicz - New Appointment

BIG LEAGUE DREAMS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Terms to expire 12/31/25.

- 2. Tommy Cones (Council)
- 4. Fred Growcock (Parks Board Chair)
- 6. Nick Corkill (User Group)
- 7. Clay Voss (User Group)

THE HISTORIC COMMISSION

Terms to expire 12/31/25.

- 2. Kelly Green - New Appointment
- 4. Ron Rohrbacher - New Appointment
- 6. Susan Smyer

KEEP LEAGUE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Terms to expire 12/31/25.

- 1. Todd Parker - New Appointment
- 2. Casey Richard - New Appointment
- 3. Lisette McClung
- 4. Jill Reason

LEAGUE CITY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD

Terms to expire 12/31/25.

- 2. Hotel/Motel Representative Tejal Patel
- 4. Business Representative Zandra Jones - New Appointment
- 6. Business Representative Jodie Kaluza
- 8. Arts/Historic Preservation Jacob Pratt

Term to expire 12/31/24.

- 1. Business Representative Judith Burleson - New Appointment

LIBRARY BOARD

Terms to expire 12/31/25.

- 2. Mark Lardas
- 4. Lanette Lashway - New Appointment
- 6. Roxann Lewis
- 7. David Hoffman
- 8. Patricia Ikegwuonu - New Appointment

PARKS BOARD

Terms to expire 12/31/25.

- 2. Angela Mertens
- 4. Natalie Dolan - New Appointment
- 6. Fred Growcock

The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

9C. [23-0590](#) Consider and take action on an appointment to the Civil Service Commission (City Manager)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Cones, to confirm the City Manager's reappointment of Marc Edelman to Position 1 on the Civil Service Commission. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

9D. [23-0585](#) Consider and take action on a resolution updating and adopting a schedule of fees for Emergency Medical Services (Fire Chief)

A motion was made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve Resolution No. 2023-195 updating and adopting a schedule of fees for Emergency Medical Services. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

9E. [23-0598](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an expenditure of \$1,599,114.11 with Motorola for radios for Public Safety (Mayor Long and Council Member Cones)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Cones, to approve Resolution No. 2023-196 authorizing an expenditure of \$1,599,114.11 with Motorola for radios for Public Safety. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

9F. [23-0604](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an updated and restated five (5) year agreement with Flock Group, Inc for the lease of seventy (70) Automated License Plate Reader cameras for an amount not to exceed \$899,600 (Mayor Long and Council Member Mann)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve Resolution No. 2023-197 authorizing an updated and restated five (5) year agreement with Flock Group, Inc for the lease of seventy (70) Automated License Plate Reader cameras for an amount not to exceed \$899,600. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

9G. [23-0611](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the League City Neighborhood Flock Camera Initiative (Mayor Long and Council Member Mann)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Saunders, to approve Resolution No. 2023-198 authorizing the League City Neighborhood Flock Camera Initiative. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 5 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 2 - Mr. Crews and Mr. Tressler

A motion was made by Mayor Long, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to suspend the rule and take up item 9H after executive session. The motion was approved by the following vote:

For - 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

- 9H. [23-0595](#) Consider and take action on a resolution determining that land is needed for the construction and improvements associated with the SH3 at FM 518 Intersection Improvements Project (ST 2003) in the City of League City, Texas, specifically: 1) a 0.0456 acre parcel of land, 2) a 0.0042 acre parcel of land, 3) a 0.0943 acre parcel of land, 4) a 0.0770 acre parcel of land, 5) a 0.1228 acre parcel of land, 6) a 0.0594 acre parcel of land, 7) a 0.0248 acre parcel of land, 8) a 0.0092 acre parcel of land and 9) a 0.0043 acre parcel of land; and authorizing the institution of eminent domain proceedings (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

This item was dispensed with under 15A.

10. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 10A. [23-0601](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance amending the City of League City, Texas, Governmental, Proprietary, and Capital Funds Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 by amending Ordinance No. 2023-28 and Ordinance No. 2023-33 to adjust the operating and capital budget for actual and projected expenditures related to Public Safety radios (Mayor Long and Council Member Cones)

Staff requests approval on first and final reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-47 amending the City of League City, Texas, Governmental, Proprietary, and Capital Funds Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 by amending Ordinance No. 2023-28 and Ordinance No. 2023-33 to adjust the operating and capital budget for actual and projected expenditures related to Public Safety radios on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-47 on First and Final Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Crews

10B. [23-0599](#)

Consider and take action on an ordinance amending the City of League City, Texas, Governmental, Proprietary, and Capital Funds Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 by amending Ordinance No. 2023-28 and Ordinance No. 2023-33 to adjust the operating and capital budget for actual and projected expenditures related to Flock Cameras (Mayor Long and Council Member Mann)

Staff requests approval on first and final reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Cones, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-48 amending the City of League City, Texas, Governmental, Proprietary, and Capital Funds Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 by amending Ordinance No. 2023-28 and Ordinance No. 2023-33 to adjust the operating and capital budget for actual and projected expenditures related to Flock Cameras on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Crews

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Cones, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-48 on First and Final Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Crews

10C. [23-0600](#)

Consider and take action on an ordinance amending the City of League City, Texas, Governmental, Proprietary, and Capital Funds Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 by amending Ordinance No. 2023-28 and Ordinance No. 2023-33 to adjust the operating and capital budget for actual and projected expenditures related to Security Cameras (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-49 amending the City of League City, Texas, Governmental, Proprietary, and Capital Funds Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 by amending Ordinance No. 2023-28 and Ordinance No. 2023-33 to adjust the operating and capital budget for actual and projected expenditures related to Security Cameras on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-49 on First and Final Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

10D. [23-0609](#)

Consider and take action on a ordinance amending Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-101 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of League City, Texas, entitled "Fee for City Emergency Medical Service" to relocate the schedule of EMS fees from the Code of Ordinances to the City's fee schedule (Fire Chief)

Staff requests approval on first and final reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Saunders, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-50 amending Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38 101 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of League City, Texas, entitled "Fee for City Emergency Medical Service" to relocate the schedule of EMS fees from the Code of Ordinances to the City's fee schedule on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-50 on First and Final Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

11. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED**[23-0492](#)**

Consider and take action on a resolution designating representatives and alternates to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly and Board of Directors for the year 2024 (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Resolution No. 2023-200 designating representatives and alternates to the Houston Galveston Area Council General Assembly and Board of Directors for the year 2024.

Tommy Cones – Representative, General Assembly and Delegate, Board of Directors

Andy Mann – Representative, General Assembly, and Alternate, Board of Directors

Justin Hicks – Alternate, General Assembly

Tom Crews – Alternate, General Assembly

The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

[23-0573](#)

Consider and take action on appointment of a Primary Member and an Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) for the term year February 2024 to January 2025 (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to appoint Christopher Sims as Primary Member and Cara Davis as alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Advisory Committee for the term year February 2024 to January 2025. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

[23-0574](#)

Consider and take action on the appointment of a Primary Member and an Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Transportation Policy Council (TPC) for the term year 2024 (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Cones, to appoint Tommy Cones as Primary Member and Andy Mann as Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Policy Council for the term year 2024. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

[23-0575](#)

Consider and take action on the nomination of a representative and alternate to the H-GAC Regional Flood Management Committee (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to confirm the nomination of Peggy Zahler as Representative and Christopher Sims as Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council Regional Flood Management Committee. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

[23-0578](#)

Consider and take action on the appointment of a representative and alternate to the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Steering Committee (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Cones, seconded by Mr. Saunders, to appoint David Johnson as Representative and Chad Tressler as Alternate to the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Steering Committee. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

[23-0579](#)

Consider and take action on the appointment of a representative and alternate to the Clear Creek Watershed Steering Committee (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to appoint Peggy Zahler as Representative and Nick Long as Alternate to the Clear Creek Watershed Steering Committee. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

[24-0001](#)

Consider and take action on the appointment of a representative to the Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to appoint Tommy Cones as Representative to the Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

Announcements concerning items of community interest. No action will be taken or discussed.

John Baumgartner, City Manager – Just real quickly, Mayor and Council, as you know this is our last meeting of the year, so on behalf of the staff I want to wish Mayor and Council Merry Christmas, all the best for the New Year as well as for the community as a whole. I think we've already talked about that we'll have an election that will culminate on January 13 and our next meeting is January 9. Everybody, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and we'll see you next year.

13. COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Announcements concerning items of community interest. No action will be taken or discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem Justin Hicks – There's people from Holiday in the Park still here, but in case anybody didn't notice we had it 26 years in a row, successful. It was good fun. I enjoyed it. I appreciate all the hard work, and Ange and Jeff are still here, you guys did a good job. You worked really hard. I was there several times over the weekend and I really appreciate the hard work that you guys do along with Janice and the rest of League City Proud to make us still have a small town feel. So, congratulations on 26 in a row.

Chad Tressler – No Comments

Sean Saunders – Yes, Mr. Mayor, I do want to recognize four individuals from our city. This past weekend we had a Christmas event at my HOA and Animal Control came out for an adoption, basically an Adopt-A-Thon slash chipping event. I really appreciate them coming out. They came out and spent the full three hours there. I'd like to recognize Jasmine O'Keefe, Animal Service Manager, Lynette Bodmer, Community Outreach Coordinator, and Animal Protection Officers Regina Stirr and Eli Perez, they were all four on location the entire time, and said that they had a very good event. Unfortunately, no adoptions, but they feel like the information that was passed on to homeowners will bring them into the shelter and possibly an adoption there. I would highly recommend any HOA that is putting on any kind of event to reach out and possibly have Animal Control there for a small Adopt-A-Thon slash chipping event. The microchips are very important. It gets the dog back to the house. Thank you again.

Andy Mann – No Comments

Tommy Cones – Thank you, Mayor. Again, I'd like to reiterate what our Mayor Pro Tem stated about our Holiday in the Park. League City Proud organization started over 26 years ago by three founding members, Janice Hallisey, Pat Hallisey and myself. So happy that we started it 26 years ago. It turned out to be from a small parade to a very, very large parade. I'd like to thank Ange Mertens for being the co-chairman. She's stepped up and taken this job for several years now. Jeff also was there working. It takes a lot, and it takes many, many hours throughout the year to put this festival on and this Christmas parade. Thank you very much, all of the first responders and their trucks and police officers and everybody that was there, thank you very much. Merry Christmas.

Tom Crews – Thank you, Mayor. I wanted to take this time to wish each member on Council here a Merry Christmas, even the ones I seem to constantly clash with I hope you have a Merry Christmas. And to each of the citizens, I hope that they have a Merry Christmas, as well. With all the parties going on I hope we will be smart and be safe and not drink and drive. There are several options out there. There's a lot of great charities that we have. This is the season, so please consider the local charities that do a lot of good jobs. Thank you.

Mayor Long – I guess I'll address the library committee and what was in the ordinance, not in the ordinance and what we can do to fix that. I do recall the sunset thing because I said it. Unfortunately, that did not get captured in the final ordinance. It's neither here nor there, though. I think we can still do that at the beginning of the year. That being said, I would actually say the committee is working exactly as it should, and here's why. People challenged two books so far this year. You heard Ms. Teatsworth mention one book and that's because one of the books that was challenged was an academic paper. A 500-page academic paper. That clearly was not the intent of the ordinance so immediately that one is disqualified and doesn't even go to the committee. It was challenged. It was evaluated for appropriateness inside the ordinance, did not fit the definition of the ordinance, hence didn't even move to stage two. The second book they talked about, I believe it's called the Big Book of the Body, or something similar to that, that one did meet the children's book definition, or young adult definition, what have you. That one did move to the next step. It was read by everybody. They went through it. They evaluated it. I believe it was unanimously agreed that it did not meet the definition, hence it was put back up. That's really the intent of the entire program. Both citizens, with both books, I don't know if it was one citizen or two, they got to be heard. Their complaint was processed. Their complaint was then analyzed and was dealt with in the appropriate way to the ordinance. First one, well that doesn't even qualify, so sorry. Second one, hey we looked at it. We looked at the specific areas you had concerns with. That doesn't meet the definition, hence it's gone. I would contend that it's working appropriately, because of the fact of we haven't had any more challenges. We haven't had people coming and saying they haven't been heard or

that there was some kind of cover-up, or some kind of nefarious activity at the library. Everybody got their day in court. It processed out. The books are still available. So, it kind of checked every piece that I would want for inside the committee. That being said, still agree, it should go in front of Sunset and we'll do that. I don't know what we need to do, but I don't even know if we need an ordinance, but we'll wait until after the new year obviously, and then get that handled.

14. EXECUTIVE(CLOSED) SESSION(S)

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Long announced the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss the following items:

- 14A. [23-0586](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072 Government Code - Deliberations about real property
- Discuss potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Executive Director of Capital Projects)
- 14B. [23-0588](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071 Government Code - Consultation with Attorney
- Consultation with the City Attorney regarding pending litigation, to-wit: The City of League City vs. Brittany Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc. (City Attorney)
- 14C. [23-0444](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071 Government Code - Consultation with Attorney
- Consultation with City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter, to-wit: Fire Protection (City Attorney)
- 14D. [23-0602](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 Government Code - Personnel Matters
- Discuss employment, appointment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Attorney (Mayor Long)
- 14E. [23-0591](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 Government Code - Personnel Matters
- Discuss employment, appointment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Manager (Director of Human Resources and Civil Service)

At 8:03 p.m. Mayor Long reconvened the regular meeting and announced there was no final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in the executive session just concluded.

15. ACTION ITEM(S) FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

- 15A. [23-0587](#) Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Executive Director of Capital Projects)
- Approval of Item 9H.**

- 9H. [23-0595](#) Consider and take action on a resolution determining that land is needed for the construction and improvements associated with the SH3 at FM 518 Intersection Improvements Project (ST 2003) in the City of League City, Texas, specifically: 1) a 0.0456 acre parcel of land, 2) a 0.0042 acre parcel of land, 3) a 0.0943 acre parcel of land, 4) a 0.0770 acre parcel of land, 5) a 0.1228 acre parcel of land, 6) a 0.0594 acre parcel of land, 7) a 0.0248 acre parcel of land, 8) a 0.0092 acre parcel of land and 9) a 0.0043 acre parcel of land; and authorizing the institution of eminent domain proceedings (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Crews, that the City of League City, Texas authorize the use of its eminent domain authority to condemn the property described in the attached agenda item 9H, except for the 0.0770 acre parcel of land and except for the 0.1228 acre parcel of land, and as further described in the metes and bounds description to the attached resolution, for the public purpose of the SH3 at FM 518 Intersection Improvements Project (ST 2003) - Resolution No. 2023-199. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 4 - Mayor Long, Mr. Crews, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 2 - Mr. Cones and Mr. Hicks

Absent: 1 - Mr. Mann

- 15B. [23-0589](#) Consider and take action regarding pending litigation, to-wit: The City of League City vs. Brittany Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc. (City Attorney)

No Action

- 15C. [23-0445](#) Consider and take action regarding consultation with City Attorney, to-wit: Fire Protection (City Attorney)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Resolution No. 2023-201 authorizing an agreement with League City Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated for emergency response services. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Long, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Absent: 1 - Mr. Mann

- 15D. [23-0603](#) Consider and take action on discussion regarding the employment, appointment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Attorney (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to set the pay of the Interim City Attorney at \$185,000 from the date of the original appointment. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Long, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Absent: 1 - Mr. Mann

- 15E. [23-0593](#) Consider and take action on discussion regarding the employment, appointment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Manager (Director of Human Resources and Civil Service)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mayor Long, to set the pay of the City Manager at \$273,105. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Long, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Absent: 1 - Mr. Mann

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:07 p.m. Mayor Long said, there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

NICK LONG
MAYOR

DIANA M. STAPP
CITY SECRETARY

(SEAL)

MINUTES APPROVED: January 9, 2024