



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

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:

Pat Hallisey

City Council Members:

**Dan Becker
Hank Dugie
Larry Millican
Todd Kinsey
Greg Gripon
Keith Gross
Nick Long**

City Manager:

John Baumgartner

Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance:

Rebecca Underhill

City Attorney:

Nghiem Doan

City Secretary:

Diana M. Stapp

Chief of Police:

Michael Kramm

Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:

Janet Shirley

Director of Parks & Cultural Services:

Chien Wei

Director of Planning/Development:

Paul Menzies

Director of Public Works:

Gabriel Menendez

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Hallisey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present Mr. Dugie.

Absent 1 - Mr. Hank Dugie

Present 7 - Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Mr. Greg Gripon, Mr. Keith Gross and Mr. Nick Long

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Kyra Baehr of Unity Bay Area Houston. Mayor Hallisey led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3A. [17-0164](#) January 24, 2017 Regular Meeting

3B. [17-0161](#) February 13, 2017 Council Work Session

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

4. **APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS**

4A. [17-0160](#) Consider and take action on a resolution for the appointment of a representative to the Galveston County Transit District for FY2017 and FY2018 (Mayor Hallisey and Council Member Gripon)

A motion was made by Mayor Hallisey, seconded by Mr. Gross, to approve Resolution No. 2017-41 appointed Council Member Greg Gripon as representative to the Galveston County Transit District for FY2017 and FY2018. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Becker

Absent: 1 - Mr. Dugie

4B. [17-0163](#) Consider and take action on appointments to the Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Policy Council (Mayor Hallisey and Council Member Gripon)

A motion was made by Mayor Hallisey, seconded by Mr. Gross, to approve the appointment of Council Member Larry Millican as Primary Voting Member and City Manager John Baumgartner as Alternate Voting Member to the Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Policy Council. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Becker

Absent: 1 - Mr. Dugie

5. **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING**

7. **CITIZENS REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL**

The privilege of speaking at this time is limited to the following persons: residents, persons having an ownership interest in property or a business located within the City, or their attorneys.

A statement of no more than 3 minutes may be made. There will be no yielding of time to another person. State law prohibits the Mayor and members of the City Council from commenting on any statement or engaging in dialogue without an appropriate agenda item being posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Comments should be directed to the entire Council, not individual members of Council or staff. If addressing a specific agenda item, speakers must keep their remarks specific to the item being considered by the City Council. Any speaker making personal attacks or using vulgar or profane language shall forfeit his/her remaining time and shall be seated.

NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
Katelyn Gross	2604 Admiral	Turtle Pond
Sebastian Lafaro	123 Coral Bay Dr.	Lions Club
Peggy Zahler	1802 Rampart	Item 13A

8. **COMMENTS/REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

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

Todd Kinsey said I wanted to take this opportunity to wish my wife, Heather, a happy birthday. Her birthday is this week. Quickly, going on at the library over the next couple of weeks on March 20, the League City Book Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the theater to discuss Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow. The library will also be offering a class in Online Privacy at 10:00 a.m. on March 22 in the second floor Computer Lab. Finally, the Hempstead Stage Company will present the classic story The Secret Garden, with audience participation, at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 26. This event is appropriate for families with children ages four to eleven and will probably sell out so get there early. Thanks and everybody have a great week.

Dan Becker had no comments.

Nick Long had no comments.

Keith Gross said Katelyn Kyle Gross, you did that so eloquently and I'm very proud of you. Thank you.

Mayor Hallisey said as many of you know, Mr. Dugie is out of the country. He is touring Europe, I think he is in London this evening, but he will be back at the end of the week.

Greg Gripon said thank you, Mr. Mayor. Good evening. First I would like to say thank you to Sebastian and the Lion for coming out tonight. I'm really excited about bring back the Vintage Village Fair Parade. It's something I've been attending my whole life, 50 years, and I'm really excited about the League City Music Festival. Second, I attended the Galveston County Mayor's and Council Association. Dickinson was the host of it. We have so many great things happening in Galveston County. It was really exciting. I also attended the League City Regional Chamber of Commerce State of the City. Our staff did a fabulous job doing their presentation. Thank you. I also went and saw a great movie. I went and saw "The Shack". Really great movie, we all need a little more forgiveness in our lives. It does the heart good. Thank you.

Larry Millican had no comments.

Mayor Hallisey said last Wednesday night, Janice and I went to the rodeo. That's not significant in itself but while we were there we were watching the calf scramble and we kept hearing the announcer say League City. We didn't really understand what was going on and then these cute little bitty people got involved in this thing called mutton bustin' where they jump on these lambs and they roll out. Well, we heard League City so many times in the announcements we decided let's see if we can find somebody who knows somebody at that rodeo who can figure out who some of these folks are and Sandra Kelley helped us out because that's what she does. She's involved up there. I want you to meet, and I want them and their families to come up because we want a picture of you, but I want to introduce you to two League City young people. Now, all of you are aware that Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo raises lots of money. They are big time raisers of money that goes to scholarships for young people. I think the youngest ones out there are probably the mutton busters. They're a lot braver than I am. I don't believe that I'd be grabbing on the back of one of those things and charging down the rodeo arena. But they do. Riley's mother told me that when she latched on to that thing, she had her fingernails in there and she looked at her mother and she said no, and her mother said it's too late, you're going and she went and she did very well. Riley Ann James, why don't you and your family come on up here and while you're coming, this is really a treat because this goes back a long way for me, not so much with Steven Holt who got a calf out of the calf scramble the other night, but he is following in the footsteps of his father who used to be a neighbor of mine and those of you that know Denny Holt around town know that Steven Holt is Denny's son. I don't know but maybe 25 years ago I said to Denny one day what's Steven doing, I haven't seen him in a while and he said he's out at Runge Park riding bulls, so I guess there's something in the water that makes them do it. Steven Holt is sixteen years old and he wrestled one of those calves to the ground and got him into the circle and his dad told me tonight the real work was not catching the calf, the real work begins because he has to raise the calf this year. Steven, if you and your family will come forward we will get a picture.

Now, several other things. Chief, you're going to have to pass the word on to him, but Officer John Pena was named your Police Officer of the Year. I saw that in the paper. Please tell him congratulations. We're very proud of him. I wish he would've been here,

I would've given him a pin, too. I had a great time last Saturday morning at the Seniors 1K Walk 5K Fun Run. I got there ten minutes late so I didn't have to run the 5K but there were probably 200 people at this thing of all ages, all having a great time. I particularly want to congratulate Chien Wei and all his staff, Kenny Walsh and Lydia Rodriquez who put that together on Saturday morning. They were out there a little after 7:00 o'clock. It was a good turnout. A lot of running. Also, Rena Olson who's president of the League City Senior Foundation. She used to be a Rockette in New York. I don't know how old she is but she can kick her leg up over her head and I was pretty impressed by that because I couldn't get mine a foot off the ground. For those of you that came on Friday to the Chamber event, we had the State of the City. We really appreciate the Chamber putting that on. It gave the City an opportunity to brag a little bit about what last year was like. I thought John Baumgartner did a great job. I'm eternally proud of John, I think he does a good job and he stepped up to the plate and gave a great speech over there on Friday. Angel Lopez did a good job of putting all our stuff together. She was the director of what we all had to do, but she did a great job. Nora Salinas put the video together and if you were there Friday you saw the video. It was a good quality, good overview. I saw it today on Channel 16, so if you've not seen it, you can go to Channel 16 and hear what happened at the League City Regional Chamber of Commerce. But thank you to them, they did a great job. I'm always proud of how far this Chamber has come in the leadership role it has taken in town. Galveston County Day at the Capitol was on March 1. Mr. Long was there, Mr. Millican was there, Mr. Dugie was there, and Mr. Baumgartner was there. Gave us a chance to roam the capitol, talk to the legislators about what's important to us. Chamber had a big crowd that was there, in fact they had over 200 people throughout Galveston County that went. It was a great time to see a lot of friends from around the County and hopefully we made some headway on our legislative agenda by having a chance to talk to folks. I want to thank the Regent Care Facility over on Walker Street. They invited me over for Go Texan Day and I probably met 120 of their residents who are elderly, that are in that home and they were having a great time. I had a great time visiting with them. They're not sure what kind of person I am, but I was a fun one when I shook everybody's hand and I'd tell them that's what I do. Thank you to Regent Care. I made it to the first and second fish fries at the Catholic Church. If you haven't been there, it's a great deal, \$9 all the catfish you can eat, all the trimmings. Great place to take your family. On February 9, I attended the Friendswood State of the City where Mayor Kevin Holland gave an exceptionally good speech on the State of Friendswood. Friendswood, much like League City, much like Clear Lake Shores, much like Kemah, much like Dickinson, and Texas City, Hitchcock, LaMarque, Santa Fe, and Galveston are all growing and seeing great times in their communities, and just to see that as proud as we are of our community, how proud these people are of their communities. So it was a great day. I attended on March 4, the League City Girls Softball Association opening day. What a blast that was. 6 and under girls softball, all the way up to 12 and 13-year-old softball, and I am particularly heartened when I go that I see families doing things together, mothers and dads participating in their children's activities. The stronger the family is in this community, the stronger our community is.

I was really happy and got to see a lot of friends and I want to give a shout out because my old buddy, Gwen Nugent, who we saw at the Crossings, celebrated this week her 94th birthday. She was one of the first women to get into management at League City Bank and Trust over the years. She was the person who saved our railroad depot at League Park in 1968 when at that time City Council said bulldoze it down and she saved it, restored it and moved it to Dickinson and if you want to see it today, it's in the depot tourist attraction, The Depots, along with the Dickinson depot. They did a great job of saving it. Happy Birthday to Gwen. She is a sweetheart.

9. **REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS**

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

- 9A. **17-0156** Presentation of the City Auditor's 2016 Annual Report (City Auditor)

City Auditor Michelle Tressler presented the report.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to approve Consent Agenda Items 10A through 10D. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Dugie

- 10A. **17-0148** Consider and take action on a request by the Lighthouse Christian Ministries for a variance to the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Chapter 74, Article I, Section 74-1, entitled "Hours for use of city parks and boat ramps", for use of Hometown Heroes Park on April 29, 2017 (Director of Parks and Cultural Services)

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 10B. **17-0149** Consider and take action on a resolution consenting to the sale and issuance of Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 for the Bay Colony West Municipal Utility District Number 44 in an amount not to exceed \$3,600,000 (Assistant City Manager)

Resolution No. 2017-42 was approved on the Consent Agenda

- 10C. **17-0155** Consider and take action on a resolution to approve an amendment to the contract with O'Reilly Auto Parts through Buyboard cooperative contract #470-14 for various auto parts through November 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$195,800 (Director of Public Works)

Resolution No. 2017-43 was approved on the Consent Agenda

- 10D. [17-0146](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the purchase of windstorm and hail property insurance from McGriff, Siebels & Williams of Texas, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$441,001 (Assistant City Manager)

Resolution No. 2017-44 was approved on the Consent Agenda

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 12A. [17-0147](#) Consider and take action on a resolution to approve a new park and facility usage policy (Director of Parks & Cultural Services)

A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Gripon, to approve Resolution No. 2017-45 approving a new park and facility usage policy. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Dugie

- 12B. [17-0165](#) Consider and take action on a resolution to create a League City Clean and Green Committee (Mayor Hallisey and Council Member Dugie)

A motion was made by Mayor Hallisey, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to approve Resolution No. 2017-46 creating a League City Clean and Green Committee. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Dugie

- 12C. [17-0166](#) Consider and take action on a resolution to create a Transportation Committee (Mayor Hallisey and Council Member Dugie)

A motion was made by Mayor Hallisey, seconded by Mr. Long, to approve Resolution No. 2017-47 creating a Transportation Committee. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Dugie

13. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 13A. [17-0162](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-219 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Texas entitled "Finance Committee" (Council Member Dugie and Mayor Hallisey)

A motion was made by Mayor Hallisey, seconded by Mr. Millican, to approve Ordinance No. 2017-08 amending Chapter 2, Section 2-219 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Texas entitled "Finance Committee". The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Dugie

14. TABLED ITEMS SUBJECT TO RECALL

15. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED

16. EXECUTIVE(CLOSED) SESSION(S)

Mayor Hallisey announced that the Executive Session had been pulled by staff.

- 16A. [17-0151](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072 Government Code - Deliberations about real property

Discuss potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Director of Public Works)

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

- 17A. [17-0152](#) Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Director of Public Works)

Executive Session was pulled.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:47 p.m. Mayor Hallisey said, there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

**PAT HALLISEY
MAYOR**

DIANA M. STAPP
CITY SECRETARY

(SEAL)

MINUTES APPROVED: April 25, 2017