



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

5:00 PM

Council Chambers
200 West Walker Street

Council Work Session

The City Council of the City of League City, Texas, met in a work session in Council Chambers at 200 West Walker Street on the above date at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor:

Nick Long

City Council Members:

**Andy Mann
Tommy Cones
Tom Crews
Courtney Chadwell
Scott Higginbotham
Chad Tressler
Sean Saunders**

City Manager:

John Baumgartner

Assistant City Manager:

Rick Davis

Assistant City Manger-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

Executive Director of Development Services:

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 5:00 p.m. and called the roll. Mr. Mann was absent.

Absent 1 - Mr. Andy Mann

Present 7 - Mayor Nick Long, Mr. Tommy Cones, Mr. Tom Crews, Mr. Courtney Chadwell, Mr. Scott Higginbotham, Mr. Chad Tressler and Mr. Sean Saunders

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NAME:

Peggy Zahler

3. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING SECTION 287(G) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND OPERATION LONE STAR**

Cliff Woitena, Chief of Police, gave a presentation:

What is it?

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 added Section 287(g) to the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) — authorizing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to delegate to state and local law enforcement officers the authority to perform specified immigration officer functions under the agency’s direction and oversight.

Model of 287(g) Program

There are 3 types of participation: Jail Enforcement Model, Warrant Service Officer, Task Force Model

Jail Enforcement Model – this model is not recommended for our agency due to the average length of stay in our facility and the overall average prisoner population.

Warrant Service Officer – partnership would not change how we currently conduct business. This model offers some benefit to the agency based on the increased legal authority with which we detain individuals when comparing Ice Detainers versus ICE Arrest Warrants.

Tash Force Model – could be beneficial for investigating and mitigating some of our organized crime offenses. Criminal Investigations Division, Special Investigations Unit.

Funding/Reimbursement – SB8 provides State funding for Texas counties based on population. Currently, there is no available funding for municipalities at the State or Federal level.

Operation Lone Star – OLS Grant Program FY2026, closed in March 2025. OLS Grant Program FY2027, opens January 2026, tentatively.

4. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY PROPOSED FY2026-2030 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND FY2026 BUDGET**

Angie Steelman, Assistant City Manager and CFO, gave a presentation:

Property Tax Values Decrease by 1.1% - FY2025 \$13.25 Billion

FY2026 NNR Property Tax Rate - \$0.36355/\$100 valuation

Property Tax Revenue by Fund – FY2026 83%

Estimated Property Tax Revenue – FY26 Proposed \$50 million – At NNR rate \$48 million

Changes to General Fund Expenditures – Reducing the cash transfer to CIP and removing the West Side Master Plan Project Phase 2

Changes to Asset Forfeiture fund – Fund 3 new Police Captain vehicles from the Asset Forfeiture Fund

Remove the contract for Internal Audit Services

Remove Historic District Survey Update

Reduce funding in the non-departmental for Property and Windstorm insurance based on an estimate from TML

Reduction in Fleet Revenue – Reduce General Fund funding to the Fleet department while maintaining an estimated Fleet fund balance of \$1 million.

Position Changes:

- **Remove new position for Employee Leave and Claims Coordinator**
- **Delay hiring date of some positions from October to January 1**

Citywide:

Operating budget - \$193,639,604 FY2026 Adjusted for No-New-Revenue Rate of \$0.36355

Capital budget - \$329,553,766 FY2026 Adjusted for No-New-Revenue Rate of \$0.36355

CIP Totals by Program:

- **Key New Tax Supported Projects:**
- **City-wide streetlight acquisition and LED conversion - \$294 million cash**
- **Multi-Function Training Facility – \$900,000 cash**
- **Walker Street Municipal Pool - \$4.79 million – 4B debt**
- **Marina Bay (ST12) & FM518 (ST13) Streetlights**

Tax Supported & 4B Debt – Go Bond \$43.62 million Projected FY2026-20230 – Future CO Projected – 4B Debt Projected (Slide) FY2026-2030 Non-GO Debt Estimated \$95 million

Utility Fund Debt Payments (non CRF’s) based on \$262 million new debt FY2026-2030 CIP (Slide)

Budget Schedule:

- **August 26 – 5:30 p.m. Council Budget Workshop #3 – Outstanding Questions**
- **August 26 – Public hearing and First reading of FY2026 budget ordinance**
- **September 9 – Second (final) reading on FY2026 budget ordinance and Adopt Property Tax Rate**
- **September 20 – Deadline to adopt FY2026 budget**
- **September 30 – Deadline to adopt property tax rate**

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:52 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: August 26, 2025