



Meeting Minutes
City Council

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

5:00 PM

Council Chambers
200 West Walker Street

Special Meeting

The City Council of the City of League City, Texas, met in a special 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

Assistant City Manager:

Bo Bass

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

Interim Director of Public Works:

Jody Hooks

Interim City Engineer:

Christopher Sims

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Hallisey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present except 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS**3. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

- 3A. 17-0520 Consider and take action on an ordinance approving an ad valorem tax rate for the City of League City, Texas, upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2018; directing the assessment and collection thereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date (Assistant City Manager)

Staff requests first and final reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Long, to approve first and final reading of this ordinance. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 5 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Opposed: 2 - Mr. Millican and Mr. Gripon

Absent: 1 - Mr. Dugie

Mr. Dugie arrived at 5:14 p.m.

Present 8 - Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Mr. Greg Gripon, Mr. Keith Gross and Mr. Nick Long

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Staff requests first and final reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Long, to approve Ordinance No, 2017-27 approving an ad valorem tax rate for the City of League City, Texas, upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2018, directing the assessment and collection thereof, providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Hallisey read the exact verbiage from the data sheet that the motion needs to include to adopt the tax rate. Mr. Becker and Mr. Long agreed to include in their motion "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.056500 which is effectively a 2.8% increase in the tax rate".

A motion to amend was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Millican, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.57 which is probably effectively a 3% increase in the tax rate.

Bo Bass, Assistant City Manager, said it is my understanding that if you choose to increase above \$.56500, the previously discussed tax rate, you would have to renotify and initiate the public hearing process again. One thing that is a bit of a rub in that regard is that as I understand it we are required to adopt the tax rate by October 20.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kinsey to call the question.

At 5:45 Mayor Hallisey called for a five minute break for a procedural clarification from the City Attorney. The City Attorney clarified that a motion to call the question does not require a second, but does require a 2/3 vote of the council.

The motion to call the question passed by the following vote:

- For: 6 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon and Mr. Long
- Opposed: 2 - Mr. Millican and Mr. Gross

Staff advised that a rate of \$.57 is effectively a 3.79% increase in the tax rate. Per the City Attorney, the additional language is technically not needed on the amended motion because as has been pointed out by staff previously in the meeting we are going to have to go through this process again.

The vote to amend the motion failed by the following vote:

- For: 4 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey and Mr. Gripon
- Opposed: 4 - Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

The original motion passed by the following vote:

- For: 5 - Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long
- Opposed: 3 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Millican and Mr. Gripon

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:52 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: