



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 200 West Walker Street

Regular Council 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: **Tim Paulissen**

City Council Members: **Dan Becker**
Dennis O'Keeffe
Heidi Thiess
Todd Kinsey
Geri Bentley
Andy Mann
Joanna S. Dawson

City Manager: **Mark Rohr**
Deputy City Manager: **John Baumgartner**
City Attorney: **Arnold Polanco**
City Secretary: **Diana M. Stapp**
Chief of Police: **Michael Kramm**
Director of Engineering: **Vacant**
Director of Finance: **Rebecca Underhill**
Director of Human Resources/Civil Service: **Queenell Fox**
Director of Parks & Cultural Services: **Chien Wei**
Director of Planning & Development: **Paul Menzies**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

Present 8 - Mayor Tim Paulissen, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Dennis O'Keeffe, Ms. Heidi Thiess, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Ms. Geri Bentley, Mr. Andy Mann and Ms. Joanna Dawson

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

The invocation was given by Dr. Jan Paul Sattem of Good Shepherd Church. Mayor Paulissen led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- 4A. **14-0416** Presentation of Annual Report to City Council by Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau (Mayor Paulissen)

Pam Summers, President of the Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau presented the report.

5. **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

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

- 6A. **14-0397** Hold a public hearing on a Zone Change Application, Z14-04 (AcroSports Rights-of-Way), to rezone two, abandoned, 70-foot wide rights-of-way segments of Pear Street and Oregon Avenue, approximately 0.9 acres from "OS" (Open Space) to "CG" (General Commercial), generally located east of Dickinson Avenue and north of FM 646. (Director of Planning and Development)

Mayor Paulissen opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

No one was present to speak for or against this item.

Mayor Paulissen closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

- 6B. **14-0398** Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2005-24, to rezone two, abandoned, 70-foot wide rights-of-way segments of Pear Street and Oregon Avenue, Z14-04 (AcroSports Rights-of-Way), approximately 0.9 acres from "OS" (Open Space) to "CG" (General Commercial), generally located east of Dickinson Avenue and north of FM 646. (Director of Planning and Development)

Staff requests first and final reading.

Planning & Zoning Commission recommendation to be determined on July 7, 2014.

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

For: 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. OKeeffe, Ms. Thiess, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Mann and Ms. Dawson

A motion was made by Ms. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve Ordinance No. 2014-24 amending Ordinance No. 2005-24, to rezone two, abandoned, 70-foot wide rights-of-way segments of Pear Street and Oregon Avenue, Z14-04 (AcroSports Rights-of-Way), approximately 0.9 acres from "OS" (Open Space) to "CG" (General Commercial), generally located east of Dickinson Avenue and north of FM 646. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. OKeeffe, Ms. Thiess, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Mann and Ms. Dawson

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 on items of general relevance. 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 Law. Comments should be directed to the entire Council, not individual members. Engaging in verbal attacks or comments intended to insult, abuse, malign or slander any individual shall be cause for termination of time privileges and expulsion from Council Chambers.

NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
Kim Kitchen	2951 Marina Bay	Resolution / Item 16A
Elise Wilkinson	2410 Spoonbill Dr.	Resolution / Item 16A
John Carrier	1111 W. Main	Resolution / Item 16A
Ajaz Shah	4415 Sugarvine Ct.	Resolution / Item 16A
Janice Smith-Bagheri	2013 Castlewind Ct.	Resolution / Item 16A
Carole Alexander	2526 Monclair Ct.	Resolution / Item 16A
Sandy Riner	1306 Coleman Boylan Dr	Resolution / Item 16A
Joel McMahan	5103 Orange Blossom Ct.	Resolution / Item 16A
Jean Casanave	2906 Sand Reef Ct.	Resolution / Item 16A
George Barba	408 El Toro	Resolution / Item 16A
Suhail Al-Sahli	2270 Longspur Ln.	Resolution / Item 16A
Ellen Lancaster	2025 Castlewind Ct.	Resolution / Item 16A
Thelma McCoy	307 Pinnacle Cove Ct.	Resolution / Item 16A
Hassan Harirah	301 Arbor Circle	Resolution / Item 16A
Tricia Vickers	2349 Windy Cove Ct.	Resolution / Item 16A
Abdul Al Sahli	1231 Fawn Valley Dr.	Resolution / Item 16A
Chris John Mallios	1904 Fairfield Ct. N.	Resolution / Item 16A

Terri Hubbard	625 Biscayne Bend Ln.	Resolution / Item 16A
Leslye Mize	1504 7th St.	Resolution / Item 16A
Amr Hussein	6120 Ramsay Lane	Resolution / Item 16A
Mohamed Elwassimy	541 Small Cedar	Resolution / Item 16A
Hesham Hussein	6081 Scarborough Ln	Resolution / Item 16A
Ahmed El-Rasheedy	2209 Indigo Cove Ct.	Resolution / Item 16A
Jay Ewend	1013 E. Main	Resolution / Item 16A
Lalon Willis	717 2nd	Resolution / Item 16A
Penny Ignazio	6160 Granger Lane	Resolution / Item 16A

A motion was made by Mayor Paulissen, seconded by Mr. Becker, to suspend the rules and move up Item 16A at this time.

The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. OKeefe, Ms. Thiess, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Mann and Ms. Dawson

- 16A.** [14-0439](#) Consider and take action on a resolution of the City of League City, Texas to protect the health, safety, and security of our citizens and community; and providing other matters related to the subject (Council Member Thiess and Council Member Becker)

A motion was made by Ms. Thiess, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve Resolution No. 2014-23, a resolution of the City of League City, Texas, to protect the health, safety, and security of our citizens and community; and providing other matters related to the subject. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Ms. Thiess, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley and Mr. Mann

Opposed: 2 - Mr. OKeefe and Ms. Dawson

A motion was made by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mayor Paulissen, to suspend the rules and move forward the executive session.

The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. OKeefe, Ms. Thiess, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Mann and Ms. Dawson

At 7:47 p.m. Mayor Paulissen announced the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss the following items:

- 17A.** [14-0417](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072 Government Code - Deliberations about real property

Discuss potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Deputy City Manager)

- 17B.** [14-0431](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.087 Government Code - Deliberations Concerning Economic Development Negotiations

Discussion of commercial information received from, and possible offers of incentives to, business prospects seeking location within the City of League City, Texas (City Manager)

At 8:13 p.m. Mayor Paulissen 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.

- 18A. [14-0418](#) Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Deputy City Manager)

No Action

8. **COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

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

Dennis OKeeffe had no comments.

Joanna Dawson said this was an exciting evening, guys.

Heidi Thiess said it was an exciting evening, but as exciting as it was I'm just glad we're done. I want to thank my fellow council members that voted for the resolution. I know that was a tough spot to be in. I'm very proud of you all because this is something that our own state legislature will not yet stand up to address and I think you're sending a clear message of what leadership at the local level looks like, so I appreciate that. Also, I just want to say to our staff, first of all I know I've put you on the spot as well and you've had a lot of extra flurry around here lately and I thank you for your commitment to your professionalism. Lastly, I want to say thank you for what an amazing event the July Fourth Citizen Appreciation Day turned out to be. It was very, very fun. It was packed. It was interesting. Lots of stuff for families to do, lots of free food. I got to sling some League City hot dogs and I'm just really proud of our staff and our city employees that put on such a fantastic event that had such a huge turn-out. One interesting thing is we had Sarah Penrod, who is on the Food Network Star. Does anyone know the result of the Food Network Star? I think it was announced on Sunday. They were having a watch party at La Brisa and I couldn't make it. Anyway, it was a great idea to bring her in. She was really fun and engaging so July Fourth was a blast. I was on my own because my family was scattered to the four winds so I partied with my League City family and it was really, really fun so thanks to the staff and the employees.

Andy Mann had no comments.

Geri Bentley said I would like to also say thank you to all the staff for the 4th of July and our Parks Director, Mr. Chien Wei. Good job, well done. Everybody had fun.

Dan Becker said I think we ought to all recognize the job that our police department did tonight. They made their presence known, very quietly and professionally and they were around here in case something got out of hand. You guys did a great job.

Todd Kinsey said there's great stuff happening over at the library. It's not too late to join the Summer Reading Program. Kids can read for prizes, attend programs, and come watch the transformation over there as the library continues to remodel. There will be dragons, a larger theater and a surprise. Come check it out. Local Authors Marketing and Publishing group known as MAP will be meeting on Thursday, July 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the library board room. You can bring a lunch or a snack with you, and they meet regularly on the second Thursday of every month. And last but not least, Sarah Gerke who we honored here a few meetings back, was the 2013 Congressional Art competition winner, she's doing a new mural on the walls at the library so check that out as well.

9. **MAYOR COMMENTS/ REPORT**

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

Mayor Paulissen said I'm going to reiterate Mr. Becker's comments about the police department. Chief Kramm went above and beyond. They had numerous meetings about this to make sure all the bases were covered. I also want to shout out to Reagan Pena for acting as our PIO in reference to this with Ms. Kristi Wyatt at home recuperating from having her wisdom teeth taken out today. Good job Ms. Pena for stepping in with that.

10. **REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS**

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

11. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mr. Becker pulled Item 11I.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Keeffe, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to approve Consent Agenda Items 11A through 11J with the exception of 11I. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. O'Keeffe, Ms. Thiess, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Mann and Ms. Dawson

- 11A. [14-0419](#) Consider and take action on award of a contract to 3M in the amount of \$102,047 for implementing Phase I of RFID at Helen Hall Library (Director of Parks and Cultural Services)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11B. [14-0414](#) Consider and take action on appointing Weaver Tidwell, LLP independent auditors for the City of League City and authorizing the City Manager to execute the audit contract for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014, 2015 and 2016. (Director of Finance)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11C. [14-0430](#) Consider and take action to approve the award of Bid 14-022 for Polyacrylamide Cationic Emulsion Liquid Polymer to Fort Bend Services at a unit price of \$1.22 per pound and an estimated annual cost of \$61,000. (Director of Finance)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11D. [14-0433](#) Consider and take action to authorize the City Manager to execute an Inter-Local Agreement with Harris County for cooperative purchasing authority, and authorizing a unit supply contract with Viking Construction for the Microsurfacing of asphalt streets (Director of Finance).
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11E. [14-0435](#) Consider and take action to amend a professional services agreement with Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$63,117 for the design phase of the WW1301 30-inch Gravity Sewer on Calder Road Project (Deputy City Manager)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11F. [14-0423](#) Consider and take action on a request for Consent to Encroach for a proposed private swimming pool apron and concrete flatwork improvements at 6152 Darlington Court, within a dedicated 8-foot utility easement on Lot 1, Block 2, Westover Park, Section 3 (Deputy City Manager)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11G. [14-0427](#) Consider and take action on acceptance of two "Utility Conveyance and Security Agreement(s)" with Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 39 for water, sanitary sewer, and drainage facilities associated with the following developments: (1) Westover Park, Sections 11C and 14B; and (2) the Magnolia Creek Channel Extension (Deputy City Manager)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11H. [14-0434](#) Consider and take action on a request for Consent to Drainage Easement to Galveston County Management District No. 1 through drainage and detention facilities owned and operated by the City (Deputy City Manager)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 11I. [14-0422](#) Consider and take action on the award of a construction contract to David Wight Construction Co. Ltd in the amount of \$121,393 for the Driveway and Parking Improvements for the Line Repair Facility, and authorization of a Work Change Directive budget of \$12,139 (Deputy City Manager)

A motion was made by Mayor Paulissen, seconded by Mr. Mann, to approve the award of a construction contract to David Wight Construction Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$121,393 for the Driveway and Parking Improvements for the Line Repair Facility, and authorization of a Work Change Directive budget of \$12,139. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. O'Keeffe, Ms. Thiess, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Mann and Ms. Dawson

Opposed: 2 - Mr. Becker and Ms. Bentley

- 11J. [14-0437](#) Consider and take action to approve a contract with AceScapes Inc., per Bid 13-031 for city-wide Manicured Mowing Services through September 30, 2014. (Deputy City Manager)

Approved on the Consent Agenda

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

12. **OLD BUSINESS**

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 13A. [14-0421](#) Consider and take action to approve a contract for election services between the Election Officer of the County of Galveston, the County of Galveston and the City of League City for the General Election on November 4, 2014 (City Secretary)

A motion was made by Mayor Paulissen, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve a contract for election services between the Election Officer of the County of Galveston, the County of Galveston and the City of League City for the General Election on November 4, 2014. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. O'Keeffe, Ms. Thiess, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Mann and Ms. Dawson

14. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

- 14A. [14-0420](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance ordering a General Election for the City of League City, Texas on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, to elect a Mayor and Council Members to Positions 1, 2, 6 and 7; ordering a Runoff Election on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, if necessary. (City Secretary)

A motion was made by Mayor Paulissen, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve Ordinance No. 2014-25 ordering a General Election for the City of League City, Texas on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, to elect a Mayor and Council Members to Positions 1, 2, 6 and 7; ordering a Runoff Election on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, if necessary. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. O'Keeffe, Ms. Thiess, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Mann and Ms. Dawson

15. TABLED ITEMS SUBJECT TO RECALL**16. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED**

Item 16A was moved forward and addressed following Citizens Request for Hearing Before City Council.

- 16A. [14-0439](#) Consider and take action on a resolution of the City of League City, Texas to protect the health, safety, and security of our citizens and community; and providing other matters related to the subject (Council Member Thiess and Council Member Becker)

17. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION (S)

Executive Session and Action Items from Executive Session were moved forward and addressed before Council Members Comments/Reports.

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Discuss potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Deputy City Manager)

- 17B. [14-0431](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.087 Government Code - Deliberations Concerning Economic Development Negotiations

Discussion of commercial information received from, and possible offers of incentives to, business prospects seeking location within the City of League City, Texas (City Manager)

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

- 18A. [14-0418](#) Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Deputy City Manager)

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:27 p.m. Mayor Paulissen said there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

**TIMOTHY PAULISSEN
MAYOR**

DIANA M. STAPP
CITY SECRETARY

(SEAL)

MINUTES APPROVED: August 26, 2014