



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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
Justin Hicks
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 5:01 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present except Mr. Mann.

Absent 1 - Mr. Andy Mann

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

3. **PRESENTATION FROM THE 2023-2024 CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mike Hembree, Vice Chair of the Charter Review Advisory Committee, gave a presentation.

Overview of Presentation

Laws that affect Charter

Topics considered by the CRAC

Recommended Charter Amendments

Possible Timeline

Direction from Council on next steps

Laws that Affect Charter

Texas Constitution – Article XI, Section 5

- A City Charter may not be altered, amended or repealed more often than every two years.

The City Charter – Article X, Section 28

- Not less than once every two years following an election to amend this Charter and each two years thereafter, the City Council shall conduct a review to determine if amendments or other revisions to the Charter are necessary or in the best interest of the City.

Texas Local Government Code – Chapter 9

- Election must occur on the first authorized uniform election date, the next municipal general election, or presidential election
- Election must occur on or after the 30th day after election ordinance
- The ballot amendments must be worded in such a way so that a voter can either approve or disapprove

- Each proposed amendment may not contain more than one subject
- Any voter-approved charter amendment does not take effect until the City Council formally declares the amendments adopted by a subsequent ordinance
- Any charter amendments must be filed with the Secretary of State

Topics Considered by the CRAC

- Recall Procedure
- Council Vacancy Procedure
- Total number of Council Seats
- Form of Government
- Newspaper publications
- Bond Election Language
- Housekeeping edits
- Single-Member Districts
- Partisan Elections
- Mayor appointment authority
- Abstention Vote Explanations
- City Attorney Appointment

Recommended Changes

- Article II, Section 17 (Appointive Officers) – City Secretary Bond Amount: We recommend that the specific bond amount for the City Secretary be deleted.
- Article II, Section 17 (Appointive Officers) – Mayor Appointment Authority: We recommend that the charter language be changed to allow other Councilmembers to make nominations for appointments for the City’s boards, commissions and agencies, not just the Mayor.
- Article II, Section 18 (Bond of Officers): We recommend that the specific bond amount for Councilmembers be deleted from the Charter.
- Article III, Section 1 (General Election): We recommend that the references to the 2013 and 2015 election dates be deleted from the Charter.
- Article IV, Section 3 (Requirements of petition for initiative or referendum): We recommend the required signatures for a petition/referendum be reduced from 20% of registered voters to 10% of those who voted in the last general election, with a required 2,000 minimum signatures required.
- Article X, Section 7 (Streets and Subdivisions): We recommend that Harris County be added to account for the parts of League City located in Harris County.

Possible Timeline

- 05/14/2024 CRAC presentation on proposed propositions (today)
- 06/11/2024 Recommended action on resolution determining charter propositions and language
- 07/09/2024 Recommended 1st reading of election ordinance
- 07/23/2024 Recommended 2nd reading of election ordinance
- 08/13/2024 Last possible council meeting to approve election ordinance

- 11/05/2024 Uniform Election Date
- 11/14/2024 Special Meeting to Canvass returns (9th day, or TBD) – adopt charter amendments, ordinance F&F
- 11/22/2024 Send certified copy of updated Charter to SOS

Direction from Council

- Shall we proceed with the current list of recommended changes?
- Do we want to remove any of the recommendations?
- Are there any recommended changes you wish to add?

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:27 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: May 28, 2024