



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

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:

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 6:02 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present.

Present 8 - Mayor Nick Long, Mr. Andy Mann, Mr. Tommy Cones, Mr. Tom Crews, Mr. Courtney Chadwell, Mr. Justin Hicks, Mr. Chad Tressler and Mr. Sean Saunders

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Zac Ashley of Bay Area Church. Mayor Long led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3A. [24-0599](#) November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

3B. [24-0600](#) November 12, 2024 Council Work Session

3C. [24-0603](#) November 19, 2024 Special Meeting

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

4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

Members of the public are invited to give comments at this time, lasting not longer than 3 minutes. Comments may be general in nature or may address a specific agenda item.

NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
Jonathan Keeth	409 Perkins Ave	Walking Path Old LC
Jeanne Avandsalehi	2102 Castle Dr	Library
Shay Smith	710 S. Wisconsin Ave	Heritage Trail
Marika Fuller	2920 Marlin Ct	SB240 9F
Calley Humphus	2201 Webster St	Vape
Mohammad Islam		CBD
Marlon Herndon		
Eve Gammill	Wakefield Drive	
Heidie Gordon		
Elizabeth Protas		
Sandra Blankenship		
Peggy Zahler	1802 Rampart	Multiple

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Mann

- 6A. [24-0546](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a five-year agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for 30 body-worn cameras for the Fire Department's EMS Division for a total not to exceed \$151,949.60 (Fire Chief)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2024-218
- 6B. [24-0582](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a three-year renewal agreement with Wittman Enterprises for EMS Billing and Collections for a total not to exceed \$495,000.00 (Fire Chief)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2024-219
- 6C. [24-0588](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the annual internal audit plan for the City of League City for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 (City Auditor)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2024-220
- 6D. [24-0596](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the reclassification of the Lead Deputy Court Clerk to a Juvenile Case Manager and adoption of a code of ethics and minimum training standards (Director of Finance)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2024-221
- 6E. [24-0594](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$64,550 with Baker & Taylor, Inc. under Texas Smart Buy 715-M2 for the purchase of library print and audio-visual materials for adults through September 30, 2025 (Director of Parks & Cultural Services)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2024-222
- 6F. [24-0595](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$56,500 with Baker & Taylor, Inc. under Texas Smart Buy 715-M2 for the purchase of library print materials for children and teens through September 30, 2025 (Director of Parks & Cultural Services)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2024-223
- 6G. [24-0583](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a two-year agreement with Brooks Concrete, Inc. for streets, sidewalks, and concrete pavement repair in an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000 (Director of Public Works)
Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2024-224

- 6H.** [24-0610](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing Third Amendment to professional services agreement with Huitt Zollars, Inc. for additional design phase services related to the SH 3 and FM 518 Intersection Improvements (ST2003) in an amount not to exceed \$57,060 (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2024-225

- 6I.** [24-0611](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with ARKK Engineers, LLC for final design, ROW acquisition and other additional services, and construction administration phase services related to the FM 518 Waterline Replacement Project - SH 3 to FM 270 (WT1904G) in an amount not to exceed \$639,517 (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2024-226

- 6J.** [24-0612](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a construction contract with Jerdon Enterprise, L.P. for the Dr. Ned & Fay Dudley Clear Creek Nature Center Kayak Launch Project (PK1910B) in an amount not to exceed \$1,161,285.50, including a Work Change Directive budget of \$116,128 for a total project budget not to exceed \$1,277,413.50 (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2024-227

- 6K.** [24-0613](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an amendment to the professional services agreement with ARKK Engineers for the Oaks of Clear Creek Detention Pond Improvements (DR2101B) in an amount not to exceed \$117,190 (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2024-228

- 6L.** [24-0614](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 with ISJ Underground Utilities, LLC related to the East Main 24-inch Force Main Replacement Project (WW1801I) in an amount of \$189,600 (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2024-229

- 6M.** [24-0617](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing Change Order 1 to the construction contract with Wilson Building Services, Inc. related to the Main Street (FM 518) Sidewalk Improvements Phase 1 Project (RE2301A), in the amount of \$81,050.92. (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2024-230

- 6N. [24-0589](#) Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2024-52, an ordinance adopting a Special Use Permit, SUP-23-0002 (Storage King), for a “Self-Storage” use, on approximately 8.4 acres zoned “CG” (General Commercial), generally located along the west side of State Highway 3 (SH 3) and approximately 1,500 feet north of Farm to Market Road 646 (FM 646), with the address of 2615 State Highway 3 South - Second Reading (Director of Planning)

Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval, 7-0-0, with one member absent, subject to conditions on November 4, 2024.

City Council approved the first reading, 8-0-0, subject to conditions, on November 12, 2024.

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Ordinance No. 2024-52 - Second Reading

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

- 7A. [24-0618](#) Hold a public hearing on a request to rezone approximately 1.7 acres from “CG” (General Commercial) to “PS” (Public / Semi-Public) and a request for a Special Use Permit on the same property, MAP-23-0007 (Stella B.E.S.S.), to operate a Battery Energy Storage Station (B.E.S.S.), generally located along the east side of Caroline Street and south of Farm to Market Road 646 (Director of Planning)

Mayor Long opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

SPEAKERS:

Brian Yarbrough

Alan Grosse

Chuck DiFalco

Jim Whitely

Peggy Zahler

Mayor Long closed the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

- 7B. [24-0619](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance: 1) rezoning approximately 1.7 acres from “CG” (General Commercial) to “PS” (Public / Semi-Public), 2) issuing a Special Use Permit on the same property, MAP-23-0007 (Stella B.E.S.S.), to operate a Battery Energy Storage Station (B.E.S.S.), generally located along the east side of Caroline Street and south of Farm to Market Road 646 and 3) authorizing a strategic partnership agreement (Director of Planning)

Planning and Zoning Commission failed to recommend approval 0-7-0 with one member absent on February 19, 2024 (Prior to the creation of the B.E.S.S. Ordinance).

City Council held a public hearing and postponed the item, 7-1-0 on April 23, 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Mann, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-53 rezoning approximately 1.7 acres from “CG” (General Commercial) to “PS” (Public / Semi Public), issuing a Special Use Permit on the same property, MAP 23 0007 (Stella B.E.S.S.), to operate a Battery Energy Storage Station (B.E.S.S.), generally located along the east side of Caroline Street and south of Farm to Market Road 646 and authorizing a strategic partnership agreement on First Reading - subject to the seven conditions put forth by staff and to require a masonry wall on all sides. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 5 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 3 - Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews and Mr. Hicks

- 7C. [24-0620](#) Hold a public hearing on a request for a Special Use Permit, SUP-24-0003 (Skyway Towers), to allow a cell tower (Communication Towers and Structures use) to be constructed on approximately 0.14 acres zoned “CG” (General Commercial), generally located along the west side of Tuscan Lakes Boulevard and along the north side of Farm to Market Road 646 (FM 646) with the cell site located approximately 1,200 feet north of the intersection of Farm to Market Road 646 (FM 646) and Tuscan Lakes Boulevard (Director of Planning)

Mayor Long opened the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

SPEAKERS:

Vincent Hueberger

Mayor Long closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

- 7D. [24-0621](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance adopting a Special Use Permit, SUP-24-0003 (Skyway Towers), allowing a cell tower (Communication Towers and Structures use) to be constructed on approximately 0.14 acres zoned “CG” (General Commercial), generally located along the west side of Tuscan Lakes Boulevard and along the north side of Farm to Market Road 646 (FM 646) with the cell site located approximately 1,200 feet north of the intersection of Farm to Market Road 646 (FM 646) and Tuscan Lakes Boulevard (Director of Planning)

Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval, 4-2-0, on November 18, 2024, subject to conditions with two members absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-54 adopting a Special Use Permit, SUP 24 0003 (Skyway Towers), allowing a cell tower (Communication Towers and Structures use) to be constructed on approximately 0.14 acres zoned “CG” (General Commercial), generally located along the west side of Tuscan Lakes Boulevard and along the north side of Farm to Market Road 646 (FM 646) with the cell site located approximately 1,200 feet north of the intersection of Farm to Market Road 646 (FM 646) and Tuscan Lakes Boulevard on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

- 7E. [24-0622](#) Hold a public hearing on a request for a Special Use Permit, SUP-24-0004, (KSSGH Gas Station/C-Store), to allow a gas station with a convenience store (Vehicle Fueling Station use) on approximately 2.363 acres zoned “CG” (General Commercial), generally located along the west side of the Gulf Freeway South (Interstate Highway 45), with the address of 2261 Gulf Freeway, League City, Texas (Director of Planning)

Mayor Long opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

No members of the public requested to address the Council.

Mayor Long closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

- 7F. [24-0623](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance adopting a Special Use Permit, SUP-24-0004, (KSSGH Gas Station/C-Store), to allow a gas station with a convenience store (Vehicle Fueling Station use) on approximately 2.363 acres zoned “CG” (General Commercial), generally located along the west side of the Gulf Freeway South (Interstate Highway 45), with the address of 2261 Gulf Freeway, League City, Texas, 77573 (Director of Planning)

Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval, 7-0-0, on December 2, 2024, subject to conditions with one member absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Cones, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-55 adopting a Special Use Permit, SUP 24 0004, (KSSGH Gas Station/C Store), to allow a gas station with a convenience store (Vehicle Fueling Station use) on approximately 2.363 acres zoned “CG” (General Commercial), generally located along the west side of the Gulf Freeway South (Interstate Highway 45), with the address of 2261 Gulf Freeway, League City, Texas, 77573 on First Reading . The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

8. OLD BUSINESS**8A. 24-0542**

Consider and take action on an ordinance amending section 125-3.12.7, entitled “Zoning (Historic District)”, section 125-3.13, entitled “Use of Land and/or Buildings”, and Appendix A, entitled "Definitions" of Chapter 125, entitled “Unified Development Code”, to update and consolidate provisions related to permitted uses (Director of Planning)

Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval, 7-0-0 with one member absent on September 9, 2024.

City Council postponed the item, 7-1-0 on October 8, 2024.

A motion was made by Mayor Long, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-56 amending section 125 3.12.7, entitled “Zoning (Historic District)”, section 125 3.13, entitled “Use of Land and/or Buildings”, and Appendix A, entitled "Definitions" of Chapter 125, entitled “Unified Development Code”, to update and consolidate provisions related to permitted uses, with an amendment to allow special use permits for Office Uses in Single-Family Districts, on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

A motion was made by Mayor Long, seconded by Mr. Saunders, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-56 on First and Final Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Crews

8B. 24-0591

Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. (Halff) for the design, bid, and construction phase services related to the Heritage Signature Trail (PK2302) in the amount not to exceed \$270,160. (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to adopt a resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. (Halff) for the design, bid, and construction phase services related to the Heritage Signature Trail (PK2302) in the amount not to exceed \$270,160.

A motion was made by Mayor Long, seconded by Mr. Saunders, to amend the item to approve but to not make Coryell a one-way street. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Long, Cones, Chadwell, Cones, Tressler and Saunders

Opposed: 2 - Mann and Cones

The original motion, as amended, failed by the following vote:

For: 4 - Mayor Long, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 4 - Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews and Mr. Hicks

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9A. **24-0561** Consider and take action on the selection of Mayor Pro Tem (City Secretary)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Cones, to name Tommy Cones as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Tressler

9B. **24-0482** Consider and take action on an appointment to the Civil Service Commission (City Manager)

A motion was made by Mr. Cones, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to reappoint Mike Sanders to Position 2 of the Civil Service Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2027. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

9C. **24-0626** Consider and take action on appointments to non-city organizations (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Saunders, to approve appointments to non-city organizations as presented except to appoint Tom Crews to the Clear Creek Watershed Steering Committee in place of Tommy Cones. Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Director appointments were approved as Resolution No. 2024-235. The motion passed by the following vote:

Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership:

Council Member Tommy Cones (Term to expire 12/31/2025)

Clear Creek Watershed Steering Committee

Representative - Council Member Tom Crews (Term to expire 12/31/2025)

Alternate - Peggy Zahler (Term to expire 12/31/2025)

Dickinson Bayou Watershed Steering Committee

Representative - Dave Johnson (Term to expire 12/31/2025)

Alternate - Council Member Chad Tressler (Term to expire 12/31/2025)

Houston-Galveston Area Council (Resolution No. 2024-235)

Representative - Mayor Nick Long (Term to expire 12/31/2025)

Representative - Council Member Andy Mann (Term to expire 12/31/2025)

Alternate - Council Member Justin Hicks (Term to expire 12/31/2025)

Alternate - Council Member Tom Crews (Term to expire 12/31/2025)

Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Policy Council

Primary Voting Member - Council Member Tommy Cones (Term to expire 12/31/2025)

Alternate Voting Member - Council Member Andy Mann (Term to expire 12/31/2025)

Houston-Galveston Area Council Technical Advisory Committee

Primary Voting Member - Christopher Sims, Staff (Term to expire 12/31/2025)

Alternate Voting Member- Cara Davis, Staff (Term to expire 12/31/2025)

For: 8 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

9D. [24-0602](#)

Consider and take action on appointments and reappointments to City boards and commissions (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Crews, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve the appointments to City boards and commissions as presented except not to seat the Sunset Commission.

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (Terms to expire 12/31/26)

1. City Official/PD Chief - Travis Ladd - New Appointment

Community Standards Review Committee (Terms to expires 12/31/26)

- 1. Todd Kinsey (Chair) - Reappointment**
- 2. Leslie McKernan - Reappointment**
- 3. Laura Teatsworth - Reappointment**
- 4. Luann Shupp - Reappointment**

Conflict Resolution Panel

(Terms to expire 12/31/26)

- 4. Paul Winton - Reappointment**
- 6. Melissa Davis - Reappointment**
- 8. Amy Kilgore - Reappointment**

(Term to expire 12/31/25)

- 5. Ryan Schaffer - New Appointment**

Finance Committee (Terms to expire 12/31/26)

- 2. Council - Courtney Chadwell - New Appointment**
- 4. Wayne Lovett - Reappointment**
- 6. Jeremy Williams - New Appointment**
- 8. Jeffrey Tuttle - Reappointment**

History Commission

(Terms to expire 12/31/26)

- 1. Susan Pierce - Reappointment**
- 3. Howard Haskell - New Appointment**
- 5. David Hake - Reappointment**
- 7. Jeff Warwick - New Appointment**

(Term to expire 12/31/25)

- 4. Dustee Rivera - New Appointment**

Keep League City Beautiful Committee (Terms to expire 12/31/26)

- 5. Richard Williams - Reappointment**
- 6. Dave Bowman - Reappointment**

- 7. Beth Sears - Reappointment
- 8. Frank Zgonc - Reappointment
- 9. Jackie Liddell - Reappointment

League City Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board (Terms to expire 12/31/26)

- 1. Business Representative - Judith Burleson - Reappointment
- 3. Hotel/Motel Representative - Jose Miranda - Reappointment
- 5. Business Representative - Amber Murphy - Reappointment
- 9. Arts/History Preservation Or - Michael Hendershot - New Appointment

League City Sunset Commission (Terms to expire 12/31/26 - Not Seated per motion)

- 1. Finance Director - Kimberly Corell - Reappointment
- 3. City Auditor - Candace Brown - Reappointment
- 4. Council - Andy Mann - Reappointment
- 8. Bill Roach - Reappointment

League City Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

(Terms to expires 12/31/26)

- 1. Andy Aycoth - Reappointment
- 2. Dave Person - Reappointment
- 4. Planning & Zoning Member - Paul Maaz - Reappointment

(Terms to expire 12/31/25)

- 6. David Johnson - Reappointment
- 7. Council - Justin Hicks - Reappointment

Library Board

(Terms to expire 12/31/26)

- 1. Lori Bain - New Appointment
- 3. Mary Dugie - Reappointment
- 5. Tina Coker - Reappointment

(Terms to expire 12/31/25)

- 6. Carla Burris - New Appointment
- 8. Olaf "Tony" Lovett - New Appointment

Parks Board (Terms to expire 12/31/26)

- 1. Marcos Jaramillo - Reappointment
- 3. Aric Deuel - New Appointment
- 5. Don Kappel - Reappointment
- 7. Jay Williams - Reappointment

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 4 - West Oak

(Terms to expire 12/31/26)

- 4. Bowie Campbell - Reappointment
- 6. Javier Morales - Reappointment
- 8. Norma Ramos - Reappointment

(Terms to expire 12/31/25)

- 5. Scott Short - Reappointment

- 7. Maria Morales - Reappointment
- 9. Travis Campbell - Reappointment

Planning & Zoning Commission (Terms to expire 12/31/26)

- 1. Pamela Arnold - Reappointment
- 3. Scott Higginbotham - Reappointment
- 5. Paul Maaz - Reappointment
- 7. Nathan Jung - Reappointment

Section 4B Industrial Development Corporation (Terms to expire 12/31/26)

- 2. Rick Holm - Reappointment
- 4. Ken Riner - New Appointment
- 6. Malcolm Daly - Reappointment

Zoning Board of Adjustment

(Terms to expire 12/31/26)

- 1. Kathleen Benoit - Reappointment
- 3. Michael Hendershot - Reappointment
- 5. Robert Kline - Reappointment

Alternate No. 1 - Dave Person - New Appointment

(Terms to expire 12/31/25)

Alternate No. 2 - Jeremy Williams - New Appointment

The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

9E. [24-0606](#)

Consider and take action on a resolution in support of SB 239/HB 309, "restricting the use of taxpayer funds for certain lobbying purposes" proposed for the 89th Texas Legislative Session in 2025 (Mayor Long, Mayor Pro Tem Hicks, and Council Member Cones)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, to approve Resolution No. 2024-231 in support of SB 239/HB 309, "restricting the use of taxpayer funds for certain lobbying purposes" proposed for the 89th Texas Legislative Session in 2025. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 2 - Mr. Crews and Mr. Tressler

- 9F. [24-0607](#) Consider and take action on a resolution in support of SB 240/HB 239, "Texas Women's Privacy Act" for the 89th Texas Legislative Session in 2025 (Mayor Long, Mayor Pro Tem Hicks, and Council Member Cones)
- A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Cones, to approve Resolution No. 2024-232 in support of SB 240/HB 239, "Texas Women's Privacy Act" for the 89th Texas Legislative Session in 2025. The motion passed by the following vote:**
- For:** 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Saunders
- Opposed:** 1 - Mr. Tressler
- 9G. [24-0608](#) Consider and take action on a resolution in support of SB 395/HB 530, "banning mandated universal income programs by political subdivisions" for the 89th Texas Legislative Session in 2025 (Mayor Long, Mayor Pro Tem Hicks, and Council Member Cones)
- A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Cones, to approve Resolution No. 2024-233 in support of SB 395/HB 530, "banning mandated universal income programs by political subdivisions" for the 89th Texas Legislative Session in 2025. The motion passed by the following vote:**
- For:** 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Saunders
- Opposed:** 1 - Mr. Tressler
- 9H. [24-0584](#) Consider and take action on a resolution establishing a Legislative Program as a part of the City of League City's Advocacy Program (City Manager)
- A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Cones, to approve Resolution No. 2024-234 establishing a Legislative Program as a part of the City of League City's Advocacy Program. The motion passed by the following vote:**
- For:** 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Saunders
- Opposed:** 1 - Mr. Tressler
- 9I. [24-0571](#) Consider and take action on a resolution determining that land is needed for the construction and improvements associated with the SH 3 & FM 518 Intersection Improvements (ST2003), in the City of League City, Texas, specifically: 1) Parcel 7- a 0.0770 acre parcel of land, 2) Parcel 8- a 0.1228 acre parcel of land; and authorizing the institution of eminent domain proceedings (Executive Director of Capital Projects)
- A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Cones, to table the item until after executive session. The motion passed by the following vote:**
- For:** 8 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

10. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 10A. [24-0593](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Section 46-153 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of League City to allow limited fireworks during the New Year's Holiday and Independence Day Holiday (Mayor Long, Council Member Tressler, Council Member Chadwell, Council Member Saunders)

Sponsors request approval on first and final reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Mann, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-57 amending Section 46 153 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of League City to allow limited fireworks during the New Year's Holiday and Independence Day Holiday on First Reading . The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 2 - Mr. Cones and Mr. Hicks

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-57 on First and Final Reading. The motion failed by the following vote:

For: 5 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 3 - Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews and Mr. Hicks

- 10B. [24-0625](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance formally adopting the various charter amendments that were approved by a majority of qualified voters during the November 5, 2024 charter election (City Attorney)

Staff requests approval on first and final reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Saunders, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-58 formally adopting the various charter amendments that were approved by a majority of qualified voters during the November 5, 2024 charter election on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Saunders, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-58 on First and Final Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

- 10C. [24-0624](#) Consider and take action on a ordinance amending the City of League City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Article IV. Animal Advisory Committee to align with the State requirements outlined in Chapter 823 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Chief of Police)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-59 amending the City of League City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Article IV. Animal Advisory Committee to align with the State requirements outlined in Chapter 823 of the Texas Health and Safety Code on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

11. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED**12. REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS**

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

13. COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

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

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Cones – Thank you, I'd like to thank all the colleagues up here for their vote of confidence. I will do my best job up here and try to work with everybody. Thank you.

Justin Hicks – This is our last meeting until like mid-January or something, so I just want to say Merry Christmas to everybody and then also just give a little bit of love to League City Proud and League City staff for a well-executed what 26, 27, 28 years in a row at Holiday in the Park. Then also to all of the nice homes that entered, there was like, 24, 42 or something like that, that entered into the Holiday Light Fight.

Andy Mann – No Comments

Tom Crews – Thank you, Mayor. Two things real quick. One, I'd like to give a big thanks to Fire Station Three. My wife was stuck in the elevator in between floors and they came out and helped her and they did it pretty fast. I don't think there's any long-lasting mental fears there. The second one, on a little more serious note, to the members of the trans community, this was a difficult vote for me. I really have concerns about safety and I don't want anyone to feel like I do not represent them. I care very heavily for all of the citizens. This one here is just a little bit tricky. I don't think we have a whole lot of options the way this thing is written, but I think the real key is if you don't like how this is going we need to go with our state legislature. So that's where this needs to go. I hope that the citizens don't feel that they've been neglected and not heard, because they're an important part of our society here and our citizens. Thank you.

Courtney Chadwell – Just congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Cones and Merry Christmas to all the citizens out there.

Chad Tressler – Whether you choose to set off fireworks that are going to be legal on a second reading but technically aren't on New Years Eve this year or not, I hope that everyone keeps in mind safety during New Years Eve this year. As the Mayor pointed out, this is a holiday where there is a lot of alcohol consumed. Probably the biggest safety issue going on that evening. Don't let your friends drive when they've been drinking. Be responsible, be safe, look out for each other. Thanks.

Sean Saunders – Mr. Mayor, thank you. First of all, congratulations Tommy. Second of all, nobody's really said it, Christmas, we will not meet again before Christmas, of course. I want everybody to please remember the men and women who are out there who are not with their families for Christmas nor New Years, particularly Christmas. Remember the fire fighters, the police officers, the paramedics, who will be on duty protecting y'all on these holidays, because we have no choice. I will be on duty that day, and we have no choice but to be there when we'd like to be with our families, too. So, if you would, please keep them in your mind, keep them in your prayers, that they finish their shift and they go home safe and sound to their families, and the men and women in the military that are protecting us, that they come home safe from wherever they're at. Thank you.

Mayor Long – Merry Christmas and I wanted to say thank you to the Daughters of the American Revolution who did the Wreaths Over America this weekend. It was a pretty neat event. I got to learn a lot about it. Maybe it was a little bit hotter than it normally is out there, but they decorated the Fairview Cemetery with a bunch of wreaths and it was a pretty well done event, so thank you to them.

14. EXECUTIVE(CLOSED) SESSION(S)

At 8:03 p.m. Mayor Long announced the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss the following items

- 14A. [24-0572](#)** Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072 Government Code - Deliberations about real property
- Discuss potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

At 8:11 p.m. Mayor Long 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. A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mayor Long, to hear comments from the affected property owner for item 15A. No action was taken, Mayor Long announced the City Council would adjourn to executive session at 8:16 p.m.

- 14B. [24-0585](#)** Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 Government Code - Personnel Matters
- Discuss employment, appointment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: Municipal Judges (City Manager)

- 14C. [24-0597](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.087 Government Code - Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations
- Discuss the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that seeks to locate, stay, or expand within the City of League City, Texas (Assistant City Manager)
- 14D. [24-0604](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071 Government Code - Consultation with Attorney
- Consultation with City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter, to-wit: Harris County v. Clear Creek Shores, Inc. (City Attorney)

At 9:12 p.m. Mayor Long 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.

15. **ACTION ITEM(S) FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)**

- 15A. [24-0573](#) Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Executive Director of Capital Projects)
- A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to proceed as discussed in executive session. The motion passed by the following vote:**
- For:** 8 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders
- 15B. [24-0586](#) Consider and take action on discussion regarding the employment, appointment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: Municipal Judges (City Manager)
- A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-60 appointing Kathleen M. McCumber as the presiding judge of the municipal court of record in the City of League City and authorize an agreement with Kathleen M. McCumber for various judicial services on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:**
- For:** 8 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders
- A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-60 on First and Final Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:**
- For:** 8 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Chadwell, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders
- 15C. [24-0598](#) Consider and take action on the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that seeks to locate, stay, or expand within the City of League City, Texas (Assistant City Manager)
- No Action**
- 15D. [24-0605](#) Consider and take action regarding consultation with City Attorney, to-wit: Harris County v. Clear Creek Shores, Inc. (City Attorney)
- No Action**

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

NICK LONG
MAYOR

DIANA M. STAPP
CITY SECRETARY

(SEAL)

MINUTES APPROVED: January 14, 2025