



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

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
John Bowen
Justin Hicks
Chad Tressler
Sean Saunders**

City Manager:

John Baumgartner

Assistant City Manager

Rick Davis

Assistant City Manger-CFO

Angie Steelman

City Attorney:

Nghiem Doan

City Secretary:

Diana M. Stapp

Chief of Police:

Gary Ratliff

Executive Director of Capital Projects

Ron Bavarian

Director of Engineering:

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 6:00 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. John Bowen, 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 Rob Bailey of South Lake Church. Mayor Long led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3A. [23-0246](#) April 25, 2023 Council Work Session

3B. [23-0247](#) May 9, 2023 Council Work Session

3C. [23-0248](#) May 9, 2023 Regular 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
Jeffrey Murello	2800 E. League City Pkwy	Legion Signs
William Pate	2209 Bennigan	Meeting Schedule
Monica Millican	Plantation	Animals

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

- 6A. [23-0238](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a one-year professional services agreement with Laurel's House for spaying and neutering of animals in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 (Chief of Police)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-76**
- 6B. [23-0242](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with RPS Group for design work related to the Jarbo Bayou Watershed Drainage Study (DR2308B) in an amount not to exceed \$126,890 (Executive Director of Development Services)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-77**
- 6C. [23-0231](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an agreement with Paradigm Traffic Systems, Inc. through BuyBoard (Contract #695-23) for the purchase of Centrac's Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) Edaptive Software Expansion Module and associated hardware for 22 signalized intersections in an amount not to exceed \$634,238 (Director of Public Works)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-78**
- 6D. [23-0232](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an agreement with Paradigm Traffic Systems, Inc. for the purchase and installation of 20 UPS battery backups at various traffic signal lighted intersections through Buyboard Contract #695-23 in an amount not to exceed \$135,200 (Director of Public Works)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-79**
- 6E. [23-0233](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an agreement with Paradigm Traffic Systems, Inc. for the purchase of 18 internally illuminated street name signs and 5 traffic cameras through Buyboard (Contract #695-23) in an amount not to exceed \$84,255 (Director of Public Works)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-80**
- 6F. [23-0234](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution to ratify the agreement with Alvin Contracting for the emergency replacement of an 18-inch Ductile Iron Pipe Riser in the influent receiving well at the Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant (DSWWTP) in an amount not to exceed \$59,220 (Director of Public Works)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-81**

- 6G. [23-0237](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for available funding from the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for activities associated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) mandated Lead Copper Rule Revision (LCRR) (Director of Public Works)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-82

- 6H. [23-0197](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with HR Green, Inc. for design, bidding, and construction phase services related to the Asphalt Streets Rehabilitation Project Package 7 (RE1704H) in an amount not to exceed \$215,943 (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-83

- 6I. [23-0227](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an Initial Funding Agreement with the Dow Chemical Company for the relocation of the existing 8-inch Dow Pipeline as part of the North Extension of Landing Blvd Project (ST1914) in the amount not to exceed \$100,000. (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-84

- 6J. [23-0244](#) Consider and take action on Ordinance 2023-12 amending the City of League City, Texas, Governmental, Proprietary, and Capital Funds Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 by amending Ordinance No. 2022-32 and Ordinance No. 2023-09 to adjust the operating and capital budget for actual and projected expenditures - Second Reading (Assistant City Manager - CFO)

Council approved first reading 8-0-0 on May 9, 2023.

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Ordinance No. 2023-12 - Second Reading

- 6K. [23-0245](#) Consider and take action on Ordinance 2023-13 amending the City of League City, Texas, Governmental, Proprietary, and Capital Funds Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 by amending Ordinance No. 2022-32, Ordinance No. 2023-009, and Ordinance No. 2023-12 to adjust the operating and capital budget for actual and projected expenditures - Second Reading (Assistant City Manager - CFO)

Council approved first reading 8-0-0 on May 9, 2023.

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Ordinance No. 2023-13 - Second Reading

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

- 7A. [23-0224](#) Hold a public hearing regarding approval of updated land use assumptions and capital improvements plan for Water and Wastewater Facilities and amending capital recovery fees pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 395 (Executive Director of Development Services)

Mayor Long opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m.

**William Pate
Russell Bynum
Nancy Carter**

Mayor Long closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

- 7B. [23-0223](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2019-13 approving updated Land Use Assumptions and Capital Improvements Plan for Water and Wastewater Facilities; and amending capital recovery fee pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 395 (Executive Director of Development Services)
- A motion was made by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-15 amending Ordinance No. 2019-13 approving updated Land Use Assumptions and Capital Improvements Plan for Water and Wastewater Facilities; and amending capital recovery fee pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 395 on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:**

For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Crews, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Cones

- 7C. [23-0240](#) Hold a public hearing on amendments to the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, amending Chapter 125, entitled "Unified Development Code", including amendments to Article 3, entitled "Zoning"; Appendix A, entitled "Definitions" and amendments to the Permit Fee Schedule (Director of Planning)

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

William Pate

Mayor Long closed the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

- 7D. [23-0241](#) Consider and take action on an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, amending Chapter 125, entitled “Unified Development Code”, including amendments to Article 3, entitled “Zoning”; Appendix A, entitled “Definitions” and amending the Permit Fee Schedule (Director of Planning)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval, 4-0-0 with 3 members absent on 5/1/23.

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Bowen, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-16 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, amending Chapter 125, entitled “Unified Development Code”, including amendments to Article 3, entitled “Zoning”; Appendix A, entitled “Definitions” and amending the Permit Fee Schedule on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

8. OLD BUSINESS

- 8A. [23-0243](#) Consider and take action on an Ordinance No. 2023-14 requiring all boards and commissions established by ordinance in League City to meet Monday through Friday at 5 p.m. or later, effective August 1, 2023 - Second Reading (Council Member Hicks and Council Member Cones)

Council approved first reading, with changes, 6-2-0 on May 9, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Cones, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-14 requiring all boards and commissions established by ordinance in League City to meet Monday through Friday at 5 p.m. or later, effective August 1, 2023 on Second Reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to amend the item to approve the ordinance with the exception of special meetings. The motion to amend passed by the following vote:

8 for - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

The motion, as amended, passed by the following vote:

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9A. [23-0214](#) Consider and take action to confirm appointment to the Ethics Review Board (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to confirm the appointment of Melissa Davis to Position 6 on the Ethics Review Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Bowen, to amend so that the new placement takes seat upon the conclusion of open Ethics Board considerations. The motion failed by the following vote:

**For 4 - Mr. Crews, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Tressler, Mr. Saunders
Opposed 4 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Cones**

The original motion passed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Bowen

- 9B. [23-0239](#) Consider and take action on a resolution supporting a No Wake Zone in and around the League City Clear Lake area on Friday, June 23, 2023 for the Texas Outlaw Challenge (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve Resolution No. 2023-85 supporting a No Wake Zone in and around the League City Clear Lake area on Friday, June 23, 2023 for the Texas Outlaw Challenge. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

10. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**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 Andy Mann – No Comments

John Bowen – Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just have one question, that’s rhetorical, and a statement. I’d like to really know how the unsigned contract from River Caddis got to the Galveston Daily News. I think, personally, that whoever carried that document, that was still being discussed in confidence, out to Galveston Daily News should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Justin Hicks – No Comments

Chad Tressler – No Comments

Sean Saunders – Two things. One, Mr. Mayor, thank you for bringing up EMS Week this week. As everybody knows here, EMS is my passion for 30 years now. I want to commend the men and women who answer the calls every day to take care of us in our time of need, especially whenever seconds can mean life and death. Again, thank you all for what you do for our city. I also want to bring up that on Memorial Day there will be a ceremony held to remember our veterans at Fairview Cemetery at 901 North Kansas. It’ll be held Monday, May 29 at 10 a.m. Unfortunately, I will be on duty that day. I will not be able to attend, I really want to be there, but I can’t. I hope that many people can turn out and honor this. Thank you.

Tommy Cones – Again, just thank everybody for coming out, but I also want to reiterate that this week is EMS Week, from May 21 to 27, and I thank the Mayor for mentioning that also earlier. If you see any EMS personnel, please thank them also. They do a great job.

Tom Crews – No Comments

Mayor Long – If you’ve never been out there, Fairview Cemetery is pretty amazing. It’s a really interesting setting right there by the water. Huge oak trees. Really interesting history in there, everything from Civil War graves to Japanese rice farmers' graves, and obviously many, many veterans. It’s an incredibly interesting place and a really unique place and the Memorial Day ceremony is always well attended out there. And we get to embarrass a new employee, as well. James Reckaway, so James was born and raised in Brazoria County and graduated from high school in 2003. He was in San Diego for the Marine Corps boot camp two days later, where he trained to be an infantryman. He later deployed to Fallujah, Iraq twice before receiving an honorable discharge. In 2009 he joined the police academy and worked for Bay City Police Department for 12 years. He served in various roles, including patrol, SWAT, training and administration. He’s now a law student at the University of Houston Law Center and currently holds a Bachelors and two Masters degrees.

14. EXECUTIVE(CLOSED) SESSION(S)

- 14A. [23-0212](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 Government Code - Personnel Matters
- Discuss evaluation of a public officer or employee - to wit: City Auditor (Mayor Long)
- Pulled**

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

- 15A. [23-0213](#) Consider and take action on discussion regarding the evaluation of a public officer or employee, to wit: City Auditor (Mayor Long)
- Pulled - No Action**

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:19 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: June 13, 2023