



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 9, 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 Manager-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 Rev. Kyra Baehr of Unity Bay Area Houston. Mayor Long led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3A. [23-0211](#) April 11, 2023 Council Work Session

3B. [23-0221](#) April 25, 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**

4A. [23-0222](#) Recognition from the City of Deer Park's Mayor, Jerry Mouton, Jr., regarding the City of League City's aid during the January 2023 severe weather event that resulted in significant damage to the City of Deer Park and surrounding areas (City Manager)

Jerry Mouton, Jr., Mayor of Deer Park, addressed the City Council.

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
Laura Teatsworth	517 Small Cedar	LCHOOA
David Johnson	2426 Thorndon Park	10A
Jeff Murello	2800 E. League City Pkwy	
Patricia Rytlewski	4757 Oakmont	LC Shelter
Dr. Robin Armstrong		Ken Clark Hwy

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Mr. Bowen, 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. 23-0220** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a one-year renewal of professional services agreement with Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP for external auditing services in an amount not to exceed \$99,447 (Director of Finance)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-68

- 6B. 23-0205** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an agreement with Cunningham Recreation for the purchase of a playground climber unit and fitness station (PK1801N) in an amount not to exceed \$78,067.64, with addition of contingency of \$7,807.00 for a total budget amount of \$85,875.00 (Director of Parks and Cultural Services)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-69

- 6C. 23-0207** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation (SETH) for funds in the amount of \$50,000, for infrastructure work in low to moderate income areas, and authorizing the Director of Planning to accept the grant if awarded (Director of Planning)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-70

- 6D. 23-0208** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a 5-year professional services agreement with ADC Rig Inspection Americas Corp for technical review services related to oil and gas production in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 (Director of Planning)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-71

- 6E. 23-0154** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an amendment to an existing Multiple Use Agreement with TxDOT to allow renovations to the Farm-to-Market 270 Boat Ramp at Clear Creek (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-72

- 6F. 23-0206** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Sander Engineering Corporation for the design and construction phase services related to the East Main Lift Station Conversion project (WW1901E) in an amount not to exceed \$202,050 (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-73

- 6G. [23-0209](#) Consider and take action on Ordinance 2023-11 re-adopting standards of care for the League City Youth Recreation Programs to address staffing ratios, health standards and staff qualifications - Second Reading (Director of Parks & Cultural Services)

City Council approved first reading 8-0-0 on April 25, 2023.

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Ordinance No. 2023-11 - Second Reading

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

- 8A. [23-0225](#) Consider and take action on a resolution updating the EMS Pay Scale, authorizing an effective date of July 3, 2023, and approving the implementation plan (Council Member Cones and Council Member Tressler)

Council postponed 5-3-0 on April 11, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Cones, to approve Resolution No. 2023-74 updating the EMS Pay Scale, authorizing an effective date of July 3, 2023, and approving the implementation plan. 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

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 9A. [23-0203](#) Consider nominations to the Ethics Review Board (Mayor Long)

The nominee is:

Melissa Davis – Position 6.

No Action was required. The nomination will be confirmed at the May 23, 2023 Council Meeting.

- 9B. [23-0210](#) Consider and take action to confirm appointment to the Ethics Review Board (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Cones, to confirm the appointment of Scott Higginbotham to Position 5 on the Ethics Review Board for a term expiring December 31, 2024. 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**10A. 23-0204**

Consider and take action on an ordinance requiring all boards and commissions established by ordinance in League City to meet Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. or later, effective August 1, 2023 (Council Member Hicks and Council Member Cones)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Cones, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-14 requiring all boards and commissions established by ordinance in League City to meet Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. or later, effective August 1, 2023, with the condition to strike the language with 6 p.m. and replace with 5 p.m., on First Reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Crews, to postpone the item to the next meeting and poll board members. The motion failed by the following vote:

For - Mr. Tressler and Mr. Crews

Opposed - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Saunders

The original motion passed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: 2 - Mr. Crews and Mr. Tressler

10B. 23-0216

Consider and take action on an ordinance 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 (Assistant City Manager - CFO)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Ordinance No. 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 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

10C. 23-0215

Consider and take action on an ordinance 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. 2032-009, and Ordinance No. 2023-___ to adjust the operating and capital budget for actual and projected expenditures (Assistant City Manager - CFO)

A motion was made by Mr. Cones, seconded by Mr. Saunders, to approve Ordinance No. 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. 2032-009, and Ordinance No. 2023-12 to adjust the operating and capital budget for actual and projected expenditures 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

11. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED

- 11A. [23-0230](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution supporting the renaming of FM 517 between I-45 and SH-35 as “Ken Clark Memorial Highway” (City Manager)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve Resolution No. 2023-75 supporting the renaming of FM 517 between I 45 and SH 35 as “Ken Clark Memorial Highway”. 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

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

Tom Crews – No Comments

John Bowen – No Comments

Justin Hicks – No Comments

Chad Tressler – No Comments

Sean Saunders – No Comments

Tommy Cones – I just want to say thank you to the EMS guys out there, I see all of you here and the fire department. Thank you for all you do. I think it’s a great honor tonight that we came together to vote for Ken Clark, because Ken Clark was a very dedicated community servant. I remember when he came to town many many years ago and he was true public servant to Galveston County, so thank everybody here who voted for it.

Mayor Long – Absolutely, and to kind of second that as well, I’m glad that our representatives in Austin spearheaded this idea. I think it’s a really appropriate road to name after him. Nobody really did more for transportation in this county than Ken Clark in the last 20 years. He lived off of this road and spent a lot of time traversing it back and forth. It was right in the heart, in the middle of his precinct for many years. I was glad to be able to do that. I look forward to being able to drive down the Ken Clark Highway sometime soon. Thank you.

14. EXECUTIVE(CLOSED) SESSION(S)

At 6:39 p.m. Mayor Long announced the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss the following items:

- 14A. [23-0201](#)** 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)
- 14B. [23-0228](#)** 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: League City Volunteer Fire Department (City Attorney)

At 6:56 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. [23-0202](#)** 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. Bowen, to authorize staff to convey right-of-way to TxDOT for the FM 646 Widening Project. 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
- 15B. [23-0229](#)** Consider and take action regarding consultation with City Attorney, to-wit: League City Volunteer Fire Department (City Attorney)
- No Action**

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:57 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 23, 2023