



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, November 14, 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
Vacant
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:

Cliff Woitena

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 7 - Mayor Nick Long, Mr. Andy Mann, Mr. Tommy Cones, Mr. Tom Crews, 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 Matt Jones of Citymark Church. Mayor Long led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 3A. [23-0516](#) July 24, 2023 Council Budget & CIP Workshop
- 3B. [23-0517](#) July 31, 2023 Council Budget & CIP Workshop
- 3C. [23-0518](#) August 1, 2023 Council Budget & CIP Workshop
- 3D. [23-0514](#) October 24, 2023 Council Work Session
- 3E. [23-0515](#) October 24, 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
Suzanne Bucker		Holiday in the Park
St Mary’s Choir		Holiday in the Park
Ange Mertens		Holiday in the Park
Lesley Johnson		Holiday in the Park
Kari Towner		Holiday in the Park
Melaine Sweeney		Holiday in the Park
Shari Ferguson		Holiday in the Park
Kristi Wright		Holiday in the Park
Sara – Cookies		Holiday in the Park
Jeffrey Murillo		Council
Katherine Swanson		Council
Shawn Byars	425 N. Wisconsin Ave	Council
Alison Kelley		Shelter
Liz Williams		Shelter
Peggy Zahler	1802 Rampart	
Nicci Anton	719 Davis	Animal Shelter

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Item 6I was pulled by Mr. Crews.

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

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

- 6A. [23-0501](#)** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a variance to Chapter 110, Article I, Section 110-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled "Parades and Processions Generally" for lane closures, and to waive the City costs associated with traffic control for the 2023 Holiday in the Park event (Chief of Police)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-167

- 6B.** [23-0503](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the purchase of ammunition for the Police Department from Precision Delta Corporation, through a Texas Buy Board Contract, in an amount not to exceed \$63,811.60 (Chief of Police)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-168**
- 6C.** [23-0457](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the submittal of four separate grant applications (Fire Department Training, Volunteer Firefighter Insurance Recruitment Resources, and Fire Department Equipment) for the Texas Forest Service Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program HB2604 and HB3367 (Fire Chief)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-169**
- 6D.** [23-0494](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a one year professional service contract with Kelsey-Seybold for Firefighter physicals in an amount not to exceed \$84,000 for FY2024 (Fire Chief)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-170**
- 6E.** [23-0502](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a one-year agreement with The Galveston Daily News for legal advertisements and notices for an amount not to exceed \$28,095.00 and designating The Galveston Daily News as the official newspaper for the City of League City (Director of Finance)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-171**
- 6F.** [23-0526](#) Consider and take action on a resolution to correct a clerical error and ratify amendments one, two, and three to the agreement with NeoGlobal Enterprises, LLC (Horticare Landscape Management) to increase the total compensation to an amount not to exceed \$962,120 (Director of Finance)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-172**
- 6G.** [23-0511](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a Feasibility Study cost share agreement with US Army Corps of Engineers through the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP 205) in support of the Clear Creek - (DR 18) FM 270 Bypass Channel Project for an amount not to exceed \$625,788.25 (Executive Director of Capital Projects)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-173**
- 6H.** [23-0513](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a construction contract with Brights Build, Inc. for work related to the Hurricane Harvey Drainage Repair Project (DR2008C) in an amount not to exceed \$147,138, and authorizing \$14,713 for a work change directive budget for a total construction of \$161,851 (Executive Director of Capital Projects)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-174**

- 6I. [23-0522](#) Consider and take action on a resolution that denies an increase in revenue and a change in rates proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation, D/B/A, CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas; authorizes continued participation in the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition of Cities; representation of the City by special counsel intervention in proceedings related to CenterPoint's Statement of Intent; and requires the reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses (City Attorney)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Cones, to approve Resolution No. 2023-175 denying an increase in revenue and a change in rates proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation, D/B/A, CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas; authorizes continued participation in the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition of Cities; representation of the City by special counsel intervention in proceedings related to CenterPoint's Statement of Intent; and requires the reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

- 6J. [23-0479](#) Consider and take action on Ordinance 2023-38 amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled, "Building and Building Regulations" to adopt the 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code - Second Reading (Executive Director of Development Services)

Council approved first reading, 8-0-0 on September 26, 2023.

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Ordinance No. 2023-38 - Second Reading

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

- 7A. [23-0507](#) Hold a public hearing on a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment, PUD-23-0004 (Duncan PUD Amendment), to modify the lot width requirement in Pedregal, Section 2, generally located along the north side of West Farm to Market Road 517, south of League City Parkway and west of Calder Drive (Council Member Cones and Council Member Hicks)

Mayor Long opened the hearing at 6:37 p.m.

No members of the public requested to address the Council.

Mayor Long closed the hearing at 6:37 p.m.

- 7B. [23-0508](#) Consider and take action an ordinance amending a Planned Unit Development (PUD), PUD-23-0004 (Duncan PUD Amendment), to modify the lot width requirement in Pedregal, Section 2, generally located along the north side of West Farm to Market Road 517, south of League City Parkway and west of Calder Drive (Council Member Cones and Council Member Hicks)

Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval, 4-2-1 with one member absent and one member abstaining on September 18, 2023.

Council voted 4-4-0 on first reading (motion failed) on October 10, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Cones, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-41 amending a Planned Unit Development (PUD), PUD 23 0004 (Duncan PUD Amendment), to modify the lot width requirement in Pedregal, Section 2, generally located along the north side of West Farm to Market Road 517, south of League City Parkway and west of Calder Drive on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 5 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Saunders

Opposed: 2 - Mr. Crews and Mr. Tressler

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9A. [23-0525](#) Consider and take action on a resolution 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 a Special Election on January 13, 2024 (City Secretary)

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve Resolution No. 2023-176 approving 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 a Special Election on January 13, 2024. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

10. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 10A. [23-0512](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance amending section 2-51 of the League City Code of Ordinances to require that all personal financial statements filed pursuant to Chapter 145 of the Texas Local Government Code are posted online (Mayor Nick Long)

Pulled.

- 10B. [23-0519](#) Consider and take action an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled, "Building and Building Regulations" to adopt the National Electric Code, 2023 Edition (Executive Director of Development Services)

Pulled

- 10C. [23-0523](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Section 22-280 entitled, "Cross-Connection Control Program" of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled, "Building and Building Regulations" to remove the requirement that all residential backflow assemblies be tested every three years (Executive Director of Development Services)
- A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Saunders, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-42 amending Section 22 280 entitled, "Cross Connection Control Program" of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled, "Building and Building Regulations" to remove the requirement that all residential backflow assemblies be tested every three years on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:**
- For:** 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders
- 10D. [23-0524](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance ordering a Special Election for the City of League City, Texas on Saturday, January 13, 2024, to elect a Council Member to Position 4; ordering a Runoff Election on Saturday, February 17, 2024, if necessary (City Secretary)
- Staff requests approval on first and final reading.
- A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-43 ordering a Special Election for the City of League City, Texas on Saturday, January 13, 2024, to elect a Council Member to Position 4; ordering a Runoff Election on Saturday, February 17, 2024, if necessary on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:**
- For:** 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders
- A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-43 on First and Final Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:**
- For:** 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders
- 10E. [23-0529](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance appointing Judge Dick Hoskins Gregg, III and Judge Richard Cope as the associate judges of the Municipal Court of Record in the City of League City for a two-year term beginning February 1, 2024 and ending January 31, 2026 and appointing Judge Laticia Fuhr and Judge Shari Goldsberry as associate judges for the Municipal Court of Record in the City of League City for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025 (Director of Finance)
- A motion was made by Mr. Cones, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-44 appointing Judge Dick Hoskins Gregg, III and Judge Richard Cope as the associate judges of the Municipal Court of Record in the City of League City for a two year term beginning February 1, 2024 and ending January 31, 2026 and appointing Judge Laticia Fuhr and Judge Shari Goldsberry as associate judges for the Municipal Court of Record in the City of League City for a two year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025 on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:**
- For:** 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, 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 Andy Mann – No Comments

Tom Crews – Thank you, Mayor. I just kind of want to echo comments that were made, several that were made online, that John Bowen will be missed up here. He had leadership, he had principles, and he was always prepared and well thought out in his arguments. It was a privilege to be able to sit beside him.

Justin Hicks – No Comments

Chad Tressler – I'll keep it brief. I'm just also going to lament the loss of John Bowen on the dais up here. He was not just a peer, I consider him a friend. We're worse off without him.

Sean Saunders – I too was shocked by the resignation of Councilman Bowen, and I do agree with Councilman Tressler, we are at a loss without him. I hate to see him go. I did not want to see that.

Tommy Cones – No Comments

Mayor Long – There was a lot of good events this weekend for Veterans Day, had a pretty good turnout. Thanks for all the sponsors and especially the staff that helped set that up. It was a great event. The barbecue was fantastic, the speakers were great, and the veterans had a great time. Also, the American Legion had another great event, got to hear from a 100-year-old Battle of the Bulge veteran.

He told his story. I think we could all be lucky to be half as spry as he is when we're 100 years old. There was four other World War II veterans at the event, as well, spanning almost every branch. We had Air Corps, the Marines, Navy. We got to hear all their different stories. We got to hear about a ball gunner in a liberty bomber. That sounded like maybe the worse job that I heard, although we did hear 30 days on Okinawa, also did not sound like too good of a time. It was great to get to hear from those guys and to hear those stories, really kind of special. Same thing with Councilman Bowen, shocked that he left us so soon. Enjoyed him on the Council and always getting to hear his different perspective and unique brand and way of thinking of things. He'll be missed.

14. EXECUTIVE(CLOSED) SESSION(S)

At 6:55 p.m. Mayor Long announced the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss the following items:

- 14A. [23-0504](#) 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: ARPA Audit (City Attorney)
- 14B. [23-0506](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072 Government Code - Deliberations about real property
- Discuss potential purchase or sale of real property interests (City Manager)
- 14C. [23-0532](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 Government Code - Personnel Matters
- Discuss employment, appointment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Secretary (Director of Human Resources and Civil Service)
- 14D. [23-0534](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 Government Code - Personnel Matters
- Discuss employment, appointment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Auditor (Director of Human Resources and Civil Service)

At 7:53 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. [23-0505](#) Consider and take action regarding consultation with City Attorney, to-wit: ARPA Audit (City Attorney)
- No Action**

- 15B. [23-0509](#) Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (City Manager)
No Action

- 15C. [23-0533](#) Consider and take action on discussion regarding the employment, appointment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Secretary (Director of Human Resources and Civil Service)
No Action

- 15D. [23-0535](#) Consider and take action on discussion regarding the employment, appointment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Auditor (Director of Human Resources and Civil Service)
A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Crews, to give a merit increase of 6 percent to the City Auditor. The motion passed by the following vote:
For: 7 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Cones, Mr. Crews, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:54 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: November 28, 2023