



Meeting Minutes  
City Council

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Tuesday, April 25, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers  
200 West Walker Street

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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. Mr. Cones arrived at 6:22 p.m. and attended by videoconference.

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 Tiffany Sheldt of the Dominion Church. Mayor Long led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3A. 23-0188 April 11, 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
Hank Dugie		
David Johnson	2426 Thorndon Park	DBWSS
Laura Teatsworth	517 Small Cedar	LCHOAA
Marika Fuller	2920 Marlin	23-0169
Dave Bowen	310 Seabreeze	23-0169
Jeffery Murello	2800 E LC Parkway	
Shenna Pearson		Sullivan Foundation
Peggy Zahler	1802 Rampart	HGAC

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Bowen, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve Consent Agenda Items 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. 23-0175 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Galveston County Health District for a supply of Naloxone to use in combating the negative effects of opioid overdose (Chief of Police)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-57

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- 6B. 23-0181** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for a federally funded grant through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office, which will fund the creation of a new Mental Health Unit within the League City Police Department (Chief of Police)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-58
- 6C. 23-0182** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Department of Justice - Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program, which will partially fund the salaries and benefits for 6 full time police officer positions (Chief of Police)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-59
- 6D. 23-0177** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) for the 2023 Transportation Corridor Analysis & Evaluation Program (ST2201) in an amount not to exceed \$101,802 (Director of Engineering)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-60
- 6E. 23-0176** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a one-year renewable agreement with Southwest Signal Supply, Inc. for traffic control and related device maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$130,000, with the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods (Director of Public Works)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-61
- 6F. 23-0189** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a three-year agreement with Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics LLC for a 1.3G fireworks display with musical accompaniment at the July 3rd Fireworks Extravaganza event for an amount not to exceed \$85,500, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods (Executive Director of Communications, Community Engagement & Cultural Affairs)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-62
- 6G. 23-0190** Consider and take action on a resolution by the City of League City, Texas (“City”) denying the distribution cost recovery factor rate request of Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC, and its increase in rates under its “Rider TEEEF” application made on or about April 5, 2023; authorizing participation in a coalition of similarly situated cities; authorizing participation in related rate proceedings; requiring the reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses; authorizing the retention of special counsel (City Attorney)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-63
- 6H. 23-0191** Consider and take action on a resolution by the City of League City, Texas (“City”) denying the distribution cost recovery factor rate request of Texas-New Mexico Power Company made on or about April 5, 2023; authorizing participation in a coalition of similarly situated cities; authorizing participation in related rate proceedings; requiring the reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses; authorizing the retention of special counsel (City Attorney)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-64
- 6I. 23-0169** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing Work Change Directive #1 to the construction contract of C4 Partners, LLC related to the Bay Ridge Flood Reduction - Phase 2 (DR2005), in the amount of \$228,797 (Executive Director of Capital Projects)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2023-65
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- 6J. 23-0187 Consider and take action on Ordinance 2023-10 establishing a Charter Review Advisory Committee - Second Reading (Mayor Long)
- Council approved first reading 8-0-0 on April 11, 2023.
- Approved on the Consent Agenda - Ordinance No. 2023-10 - Second Reading

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 7A. 22-0180 Hold a public hearing on an ordinance re-adopting standards of care for the League City Youth Recreation Programs address staffing ratios, health standards and staff qualifications (Director of Parks & Cultural Services)

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

No members of the public requested to address Council.

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

- 7B. 22-0181 Consider and take action on an ordinance re-adopting standards of care for the League City Youth Recreation Programs address staffing ratios, health standards and staff qualifications (Director of Parks & Cultural Services)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-11 re adopting standards of care for the League City Youth Recreation Programs address staffing ratios, health standards and staff qualifications 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**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- 9A. 23-0179 Consider nominations to the Ethics Review Board (Mayor Long)

The nominee is:

Scott Higginbotham - Position 5.

No action was required. The nomination will be confirmed at the May 9, 2023 Council Meeting.

- 9B. 23-0152 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a construction contract with T-Construction, LLC for construction work related to the 15” Willow Branch and 18” FM 518 Gravity Line Improvements (WW2101) with a bid amount of \$1,470,936.50, and an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$147,093 for a Work Change Directive budget, for a total construction budget not to exceed \$1,618,029.50 (Executive Director of Capital Projects)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve Resolution No. 2023-66 authorizing a construction contract with T Construction, LLC for construction work related to the 15” Willow Branch and 18” FM 518 Gravity Line Improvements (WW2101) with a bid amount of \$1,470,936.50, and an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$147,093 for a Work Change Directive budget, for a total construction budget not to exceed \$1,618,029.50. 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**

- 11A. 23-0183 Consider and take action on the appointment of members to the Charter Review Advisory Committee (Mayor Long)

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve appointment of members to the Charter Review Advisory Committee.

Board appointees were:

- Mayor – Chuck DiFalco
- Andy Mann – Chad Duchon
- Tommy Cones – Pat Hallisey
- Tom Crews – Diana Lawless
- John Bowen – Larry Millican
- Justin Hicks – Elaine Kosty
- Chad Tressler – Mike Hembree
- Sean Saunders – David Johnson

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**

**Tommy Cones – No Comments**

**Tom Crews – No Comments**

**John Bowen – No Comments**

**Justin Hicks – I’m going to go real quick. Just to have a quick update from the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, last week we took briefing, one of four corridors of the adaptive traffic system has been completed and more to come soon. Also, we have completed our letter to the Sunset Commission. That should be coming, Andy. Also, CCISD elections are going on right now, so if anybody doesn’t know that, make a plan and go vote.**

**Chad Tressler – No Comments**

**Sean Saunders – No Comments**

**Mayor Long – I will say I went and voted in the CCISD election yesterday at the end of the day and there was like, 17 people voted. Your vote really counts, two of them were in my household. This is an election that you can certainly influence. That’s all I’ve got.**

**14. EXECUTIVE(CLOSED) SESSION(S)**

**At 6:32 p.m. Mayor Long announced the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss the following items:**

- 14A. 23-0170 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 (City Manager)**
- 14B. 23-0173 Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 Government Code - Personnel Matters**
- Discuss employment, appointment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee - to wit: Court Administrator (City Manager)**

- 14C. 23-0192 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)
- 14D. 23-0199 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 7:21 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. 23-0171 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 (City Manager)  
A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Bowen, to approve the Pre-Development Services Agreement with River Caddis Development, LLC and the League City Local Government Corporation. The motion passed by the following vote:  
For: 6 - Mayor Long, Mr. Mann, Mr. Crews, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Saunders  
Opposed: 1 - Mr. Cones  
Out of Room: 1 - Mr. Hicks
- 15B. 23-0174 Consider and take action on discussion regarding the employment, appointment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to wit: Court Administrator (City Manager)  
A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Bowen, to appoint Jessica Utton as the Court Clerk/Court Administrator for the League City Court of Record. 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
- 15C. 23-0193 Consider and take action on discussion regarding the evaluation of a public officer or employee, to wit: City Auditor (Mayor Long)  
No Action
- 15D. 23-0200 Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Executive Director of Capital Projects)  
No Action

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:23 p.m. Mayor Long said, there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

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**NICK LONG**  
**MAYOR**

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**DIANA M. STAPP**  
**CITY SECRETARY**

(SEAL)

**MINUTES APPROVED:**