



# City of League City, TX

300 West Walker  
League City TX 77573

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Monday, January 27, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 200 West Walker Street

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### Council Work Session

The City Council of the City of League City, Texas met in a work session in the Council Chambers at 200 West Walker Street on the above date at 6:00 p.m.

**Mayor:**

**Tim Paulissen**

**City Council Members:**

**Dan Becker  
Dennis O'Keeffe  
Heidi Thiess  
Todd Kinsey  
Geri Bentley  
Andy Mann  
Joanna S. Dawson**

**Acting City Manager:**

**John Baumgartner**

**City Attorney:**

**Arnold Polanco**

**City Secretary:**

**Diana M. Stapp**

**Chief of Police:**

**Michael Kramm**

**Director of Engineering:**

**Linc Wright**

**Director of Finance:**

**Rebecca Underhill**

**Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:**

**Queenell Fox**

**Director of Parks & Cultural Services:**

**Chien Wei**

**Director of Planning & Development:**

**Tony Allender**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Paulissen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present.

Present 8 - Mayor Tim Paulissen, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Dennis O'Keeffe, Ms. Heidi Thiess, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Ms. Geri Bentley, Mr. Andy Mann and Ms. Joanna Dawson

### 2. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION(S)

At 6:01 p.m. Mayor Paulissen announced the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss the following item:

- 2A. 14-0056 Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 Government Code - Personnel Matters

Discuss employment or appointment of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Manager (Mayor Paulissen)

At 6:38 pm. Mayor Paulissen 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.

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING UPCOMING COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION, WITH DIRECTION TO STAFF AS APPROPRIATE

David Benson, Assistant City Manager said as you know we have a strategic planning session scheduled for this Saturday, February 1 from 10 am to 2 pm in the Theatre Room at Helen Hall Library. We have put together a summation of possible agenda topics and are looking for any suggestions or guidance that the Council wishes to offer in making sure that we have an agenda that leads to a good productive session. To walk you through those quickly, the overriding premise would be to discuss future direction and Goals, not just for the past fiscal year but going forward as well. That would begin with a review of last year's work session and the goals that were set there in, where did we succeed, where do we have room for improvement, what we learned from that process. Moving on to looking ahead, things that we have heard crop up in conversation over the months include the communities' interest in economic development. Question of do you look at new revenue for infrastructure investment particularly related to economic development. That might tie to a sales tax. The City still has some capacity under state law there in that rate. When you get to capital improvements there is also the question if the City wished to issue debt would that be done through the CO's (certificates of obligation) that have used over the last number of years, or would you go out for a bond election, GO standing for General Obligation that would require voter approval of any debt that was to be issued for projects. Then looking ahead to what sort of goals might be in place for the current fiscal year and the next one, what measure of success would be there. The Acting City Manager has already disseminated a budget survey that relates to a budget direction and process. The idea there would be to get input that would help shape the upcoming budget process and preparation. Finally in talking with Ron Holifield he suggested that there might be value in a follow up retreat, after Council selects a manager but perhaps before that manager has begun work, just to go over the Council's Rules of Governance and make sure that there is common ground and understanding on all of those. A typical approach would include a Friday evening session and all day Saturday. The anticipated cost of that including travel, pre-interviews with elected officials and the actual conducting of the retreat would be approximately \$13,000 if SGR was to do it.

4. CONDUCT A WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS APPEARING ON THE MEETING AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 28, 2014 MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY.

NO VOTE OR ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38 p.m. Mayor Paulissen said there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

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TIMOTHY PAULISSEN  
MAYOR

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DIANA M. STAPP  
CITY SECRETARY

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MINUTES APPROVED: