



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

4:15 PM

Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center
400 West Walker Street

Workshop

The City Council of the City of League City, Texas met in a workshop in the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center at 400 West Walker Street on the above date at 4:15 p.m.

Mayor:

Tim Paulissen

City Council Members:

**Dan Becker
Tommy Cones
Heidi Hansing
Todd Kinsey
Geri Bentley
Keith Gross
Nick Long**

City Manager:

Mark Rohr

Deputy City Manager:

John Baumgartner

City Attorney:

Arnold Polanco

City Secretary:

Diana M. Stapp

Chief of Police:

Michael Kramm

Director of Engineering:

Earl Smith

Director of Finance:

Rebecca Underhill

Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:

Queenell Fox

Director of Parks & Cultural Services:

Chien Wei

Director of Planning & Development:

Paul Menzies

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Paulissen called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present.

Present 8 - Mayor Tim Paulissen, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Tommy Cones, Ms. Heidi Hansing, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Ms. Geri Bentley, Mr. Keith Gross and Mr. Nick Long

Student Mayor Ashton Duke asked Student City Secretary Kyersta Pfleger to call the roll of Student Council Members:

Hannah Gellman
Lulu Bana
Justin Augustine
Ryan Zachary Diaz
Nicholas Zamora
Meggie Conley
Elizabeth Guillot

2. **MOCK CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS**

(This is a workshop for high school students to learn how government works and is for educational purposes only. No official business will be conducted. This is only a Mock City Council Meeting.)

A. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2015-01 authorizing funds be dedicated to promote economic development within the City of League City.

B. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2015-02 authorizing funds be dedicated to issue a City wide traffic study to be completed within 75 days and implemented directly following results.

C. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2015-03 authorizing staff to improve communications with Clear Creek Independent School District.

D. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2015-04 approving increased water education, increased water conservation and the pursuit of additional water resources.

The Student Council unanimously approved all of the items above.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MOCK COUNCIL MEETING**

John Baumgartner, Deputy City Manager said I would like to thank you for all your efforts associated with these new initiatives. But aside from the big things I would like for us to keep track of some of the smaller things. I noticed a large number of pot holes being developed on Wesley Avenue and Calder Road and would like you to see if staff can address those quickly.

Hunter Dugie, Student Public Works Manager said since you touched on water conservation as one of the topics, one of my jobs has been to look into water desalination process which is very expensive.

Geri Bentley, Councilmember said I would request more police presence in my subdivision especially between the hours of going to and from Ferguson Elementary School. The drivers tend to speed through the subdivision.

Nick Long, Councilmember said I would like to speak to you about a pressing matter in this city. Let's set the monkeys free. Currently it is illegal to have a lemur or monkey, however across the southeast Texas area many of the other cities have already freed the lemur. It is now time for the City to take a progressive step forward to allow us to take advantage of these small little friends of ours. The monkeys are watching.

Rachel Gaylor, Student Chief of Police said I would like to address some of the issues that people have brought up like patrolling by Ferguson. I will talk to the commander of patrol and have him direct police cars that way. But the issues of monkeys, exotic animals are very unpredictable. There have been numerous cases where animals have attacked humans deforming them in terrible ways. So I don't think we can do anything about that issue right now.

4. STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON MOCK COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Diaz asked if we have enough fire safety to effectively protect League City.

Max Ledesma, Fire Chief said we are working on that with the City Manager and we will report back to you.

Councilmember Zamora asked how do we educate the public about water in general.

Hunter Dugie, Director of Public Works said we are already taking first steps within the elementary schools educating the students with demonstrations of what we do in our labs and the importance of conserving of water. Basically if we educate our teens from a small age we will have a more productive use of water and less waste. We will make sure we get more advertisement on our local media and ads to get everyone to be more conservative with their water usage.

Councilmember Guillot asked approximately how many street lamps are within the neighborhoods and are they sufficient for the residents.

Rachel Gaylor, Police Chief said from what the numbers and statistics show criminals are less likely to commit crimes in a lighted area. So what we recommend to homeowners and businesses is to have motion activated lighting to detour crime. We could call a meeting of the residents and encourage them to improve lighting in and around their homes and businesses.

Councilmember Diaz asked what does our current budget allow for police patrol?

Mark Hinkel, Director of Finance responded.

Councilmember Gellman asked how this end of year interest report compares to last years.

Mark Hinkel, Director of Finance said we have seen moderate projected growth in revenue from last year end-of-year reports.

Councilmember Augustine asked do we have spaces available for economic development in League City that will be used to implement economic growth.

Patrick Clarke, Deputy City Manager said yes there is a lot of space in the downtown area that we are confident we can expand our local businesses.

Councilmember Bana asked how many job vacancies are currently available.

Allison Clark, Director of Human Resources said we currently have one position available.

Councilmember Conley asked how you would go about making a better relationship between the City and school district.

Allison Clark, Director of Human Resources said the City is already trying to reach out to schools and recruit for jobs rather than advertising to get better employees. We are already working with the schools so we can educate students about how the local government works and the benefits of working within the local government. The employee we are looking for would be confident and would have a resume.

Councilmember Guillot asked do we need to have more cellular towers within League City and if so where would we put one.

Mary-Cate Brooks, Director of Planning said I think it would be effective and a benefit to have more towers in the areas where we are starting to build on League City Parkway.

Councilmember Diaz asked how has the Parks Department and the Fire Department been working together to ensure the safety of the parks and how is the trail system coming along.

Brittany Hornik, Director of Parks and Cultural Services said you put pools in the parks. We have eight trails under development right now, four on the east side and four on the west side that will be complete in the next few months. We are currently working on working on trails project with TxDOT.

Mayor Duke said the great City of League City has recognized our problems and regarding “freeing the lemur”, do our parks have the infrastructures for these pets?

Brittany Hornik, Director of Parks and Cultural Services said there are trees, yes.

5. MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON MOCK COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Duke said I feel like this Mock Student City Council has done some remarkable things during this meeting. Our water initiative is going to be some great things to see. We need more water and finding new ways of getting this water and/or possibly using the desalination process if a cheaper process. We reviewed possibilities of renovating the downtown area to bring in more economic development and money into the City with bigger events. These can be brought together by schools and other organizations like the Lions Club and Rotary Club. Other organizations like PALS at the high school can volunteer for these events. If the citizens of League City are at these events and they see these students working hard to make these events the best they can be then we will get a good community feeling. The issue with the traffic flow, obviously we need a better way of getting around the City, whether it is a back road or any other areas that need help, that would greatly benefit our City. Also there is the five-corner issue that everyone knows about because the traffic is terrible.

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:51 p.m. Mayor Duke said there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

TIMOTHY PAULISSEN
MAYOR

DIANA M. STAPP
CITY SECRETARY

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MINUTES APPROVED: