

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE PUBLIC FACTUAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED PASSAGE OF A QUARTER CENT SALES TAX AND THE PURPOSE THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the City has called election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 to decide whether to approve the passage of a sales and use tax at the rate of one-fourth of one percent for the purpose of financing development projects; and

WHEREAS, Texas Election Code Section 255.003 provides that an officer or employee of the City shall not knowingly spend or authorize the spending of public funds for political advertising, but an officer or employee of the City may give factual communications to the public that describe the purpose of the measure if the communications do not advocate passage or defeat of the measure; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wants the electorate to receive information that factually describes the purpose of the proposed sales and use tax so that the electorate can make an informed decision on election day; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, as follows:

Section 1. The facts and opinions in the preamble of this resolution are true and correct.

Section 2. The City Council hereby directs city staff to prepare, compile, and disseminate information to the public that describes the purpose of the imposition of a sales and use tax, utilizing various forms of communications, so long as the communications do not constitute political advertising prohibited by the Election Code.

Section 3. The various forms of permitted communication include but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Print media, including flyers, pamphlets and the City's "City Matters" publications;
- (b) Audio media, including audio messages sent through the City's Blackboard Connect Service informing the public of the election and directing the public to the City's website for additional information; or
- (c) Videographic media, including infomercials on the League City's Channel 16, League City Website, You-Tube and other social media sites and video presentations during City Council meetings.

Section 4. All resolutions, ordinances and/or agreements and parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

Section 5. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public and that advance public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED the _____ day of _____, 2015.

TIMOTHY PAULISSEN
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA M. STAPP
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

NGHIEM V. DOAN
City Attorney