



# City of League City, TX

300 West Walker  
League City TX 77573

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, December 8, 2015

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:**

**Tim Paulissen**

**City Council Members:**

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

**City Manager:**

**Mark Rohr**

**Deputy City Manager:**

**John Baumgartner**

**Assistant City Manager:**

**Rebecca Underhill**

**City Attorney:**

**Nghiem V. Doan**

**City Secretary:**

**Diana M. Stapp**

**Chief of Police:**

**Michael Kramm**

**Director of Engineering:**

**Earl Smith**

**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 6:00 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present.

Present 7 - Mayor Tim Paulissen, Mr. Dan Becker, Ms. Heidi Hansing, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Ms. Geri Bentley, Mr. Keith Gross and Mr. Nick Long

2. **INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG**

The invocation was given by Rev. Paul Clines of Bay Harbour United Methodist Church. Mayor Paulissen led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3A. 15-0739                      October 27, 2015 Regular Meeting

3B. 15-0740                      November 9, 2015 Council Work Session

Mayor Paulissen asked if there were any corrections. He said hearing none, these minutes are approved.

4. **APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS**

4A. 15-0658                      Consider and take action on a resolution casting a ballot for the election of members to the Board of Directors of the Galveston Central Appraisal District for 2016-2017 (Mayor Paulissen)

A motion was made by Ms. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Long, to approve Resolution No. 2015-56 allocating the City of League City's 306 votes as follows: 300 votes for Clay Morrison, and 1 each for Scott Brast, Kevin Corcoran, Vaun Henry, Kevin Holland, Roney McCrary, and Victor Pierson. The motion passed by the following vote:

For:    6 -     Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Ms. Hansing, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Opposed:    1 -     Mr. Kinsey

4B. 15-0738                      Consider and take action on a resolution casting a ballot for the election of a person to the Board of Directors of the Harris County Appraisal District for 2016-2017 (Mayor Paulissen)

A motion was made by Ms. Hansing, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to approve Resolution No. 2015-57 casting the City of League City's ballot for Ed Heathcott. The motion passed by the following vote:

For:    7 -     Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

5. **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

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

**7. CITIZENS REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL**

The privilege of speaking at this time is limited to the following persons: residents, persons having an ownership interest in property or a business located within the City, or their attorneys.

A statement of no more than 3 minutes may be made on items of general relevance. There will be no yielding of time to another person. State law prohibits the Mayor and members of the City Council from commenting on any statement or engaging in dialogue without an appropriate agenda item being posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law. Comments should be directed to the entire Council, not individual members. Engaging in verbal attacks or comments intended to insult, abuse, malign or slander any individual shall be cause for termination of time privileges and expulsion from Council Chambers.

NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
Monica Millican	934 Plantation	Animal Shelter
Cheryl Scott	2033 Barrington Pointe Dr.	Animal Shelter
Chuck DiFalco	2118 Eastland Court	Ballot Referendum
Lee Walton	1125 Bess Road	Annexation of St. Edmunds Green
Delia Rose	283 West Fork Dr.	Animal Shelter

**8. COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Announcements concerning items of community interest. No action will be taken or discussed.

Geri Bentley said I'd like to welcome everybody here today to observe how your city government works. Thank you for coming. Hope everybody had a good time this weekend at the Holiday in the Park. There were a lot of activities and a lot of fun for everybody. On a personal note, I'd like to wish my husband happy birthday.

Heidi Hansing said I'd like to thank everyone for coming. Just a remark on the three-legged stool, it is not for just property tax, it is for all revenue coming into the City. So it would not be a one-third, one-third, one-third split between commercial, retail and residential properties, it would be the revenue from those items. So I wanted to correct your misconception. You've been laboring with it for far too long. I'd like to invite all of you at the beginning of the year, if you would be interested in participating in the League City Citizens University for 2016. We had our first university in January of this year, and this will be the second round of classes, particularly if you are interested in participating in city government.

The mission of the Citizens University is to familiarize the residents and the business owners of League City with the purpose, process, and the structure of League City government and equip citizens to become active participants leading League City into the future. This was very highly regarded the first time around, our staff worked very hard on putting together informational briefings and involving people and I'd like to invite you all to participate. The class is going to start January 7. They're going to run for about 10 weeks and they will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Each of the presentations will have one or more of League City staff members. The course will also include tours of the various city facilities and this year we are implementing a capstone project to be selected and completed by the class. This project may require some additional work outside the class. So if you have interest in participating in your local government, this is a great way to learn about it. This is a great way to become engaged and particularly if you have any interest in running for City Council or becoming involved in any of the boards and commissions. I think this would be a great place to start.

Keith Gross said I want to welcome you all. I enjoyed the Christmas parade, it was a wonderful feeling to sit on top of a float instead of running back and forth as I did last year and pass out flyers. I also want to pledge my support for the animal shelter. During the last six months I have been there two times, with my daughter, and we had walked up and down and seen the animals and we walked a few of the dogs and played with a few of the cats. My daughter is really an animal lover. We do mean to get back there. But I do want to say on the record that you all have my full support. Additionally, over the months I have repeatedly welcomed the citizens' participation in government. I think the last time I raised the issue that if you're really not happy with government, it would be wonderful to have a couple of people run for City Council. But what I do want to acknowledge is that as I look out here I see the same faces over and over again. I see Chuck DiFalco, Peggy, and Larry and Monica, and the League City staff, almost every time I am up here. I want to say thanks for coming, because I do encourage participation. I just wish I would see more of you, more often, and to get your opinions. While we may not always agree with an individual opinion, your voices are heard. And that is by far better than you get with some other governments. So thank you for coming.

Nick Long said I'd like to say thank you to League City Police Department for what Pastor Paul said earlier. There was a pretty tense situation earlier today, an extremely tense situation in what SWAT had to come out and about every law enforcement agency in Galveston County was out there eventually. But they were able to resolve the incident with nobody being injured and eventually got the bad guy off the streets. Thank you to the League City PD for all that you do. Also thank you to the people, the organizers of Holiday in the Park, the Halliseys, Tommy Cones, Holly Primeaux, and all the other volunteers. It was an awesome time. My kids thoroughly enjoyed it even though the parade went quite long, but when they got home they were still pretty wound up, so they ended up being up to about 9:30, a few too many candy canes. Thank you all for coming out tonight.

Dan Becker had no comments.

Todd Kinsey said first, over at the Library on Wednesday, December 9, at 10:00 a.m., preschoolers are invited to the library's "Art on a Cart" where they will be making Snowman Sock Puppets. The Marketing and Publishing group for local authors will meet on December 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Library Theater. I also wanted to remind people that there are still a few tickets available for the Salute to Heroes III that is being sponsored by Methodist Hospital this time around. It is on Saturday, April 2 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at South Shore Harbour Resort and everybody will be able to see the new remodel of the resort. If you're interested in tickets or buying a table, you can call 281-334-1000 ext. 2025.

## 9. MAYOR COMMENTS/ REPORT

Announcements concerning items of community interest. No action will be taken or discussed.

Mayor Paulissen said I'm just going to reiterate the comments from most of the dais. Kudos to the League City Proud organization for putting on just an outstanding Holiday in the Park. Pat and Janice Hallisey have the City and our holiday season in their heart and they do an excellent job of that with Holly and Tommy and the whole board of that organization. I want to say thanks to our Parks Department, our Streets Department and our Police Department for all their efforts on this and I really want to thank Rusty Bolen, our Parks supervisor. If you didn't go out to the park and see all the lights that Rusty and his crew put up there this year, it was just an awesome thing to see. League Park is one of our jewels here in the City, and Rusty is one of our jewels here in the city. We just had our employee holiday Christmas party this past week and Rusty Bolen was awarded the Kristy Wyatt Leadership Award for his dedicated service to our fine city. I frequent Hometown Heroes Park and Helen's Gardens and Rusty is the supervisor, but all the time I will see him with a shovel, running a backhoe, running a lawnmower, or whatever. He says, "Well, Mayor, I started at the very bottom and I've done every single job." That's the type of person Rusty is, if he sees a need it doesn't matter, no job is beneath him. So, Rusty, you're doing an awesome job and thanks to City staff for rewarding his fine accomplishments. We also, last Thursday, had our annual Christmas tree lighting and our Library open house. And again, if you haven't had a chance to go into Helen Hall Library and see all the fine new enhancements as far as the ease of checking in books, and checking out books, it's just one of our greatest deals here in the City and we're so proud of our staff and Jenny, our librarian, and our whole Library Board. Also, kudos to Beau Miller. He has been on our Library Board since 1972. He's been a welcome addition to the library for however many years. He said he started with Johnnie Arolfo and Mayor Lamb, so he's not seeking reappointment to the Library Board and that's the kind of dedicated people we have in the City, that spend countless hours to try to better their City and again, the library is a fine representation of the good things in our city.

**10. REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS**

Announcements concerning items of community interest. No action will be taken or discussed.

City Manager Mark Rohr said I echo some of the comments with respect to League City Proud and their volunteers. They stage what is probably the premiere community wide event within the City of League City and put a lot of hours into it. I would like to thank them for their efforts and for inviting me to participate in some small way. We need more community like events similar to the parade and we're going to have an announcement within the next week with respect to that, calling attention to a milestone we're about ready to reach. Secondly, any criticism directed to City Council with respect to the animal shelter is misplaced. They haven't even seen the report yet. I have not read the report; I've got a verbal summary that has been provided to me. No decision has been made on finding sources or any other decision because it hasn't gotten to the point, to the people that make that decision. We heard talk about the envisioning process, that it's an imperfect process. I would agree that it is, we acknowledged that going in, but very few cities even make the effort to reach out to get input from citizens, which we did. The product is something that we invited input into and not only that day, when we have the opportunity to speak for the citizens, but afterwards when Council formally ratified the plan in this chamber. With respect to what was produced that Saturday over at the Civic Center, there are a number of projects that were listed on that Roadmap to the Future, and what we have to do here, given the demands that we have on our time and resources, is we have to wait until the appropriate time to present those items and we have scheduled a time in January to present the animal shelter issue to Council. But they haven't seen anything nor has any decision been made with respect to funding sources. So any criticism directed at this body is inappropriate. Lastly, with respect to health insurance, at the last Council Meeting we heard a lot about employee health insurance and some of the implementation challenges we were facing. We pledged to have meetings with those employees the first week in December, which we did on two successive days. We held meetings on December 1 and at the first meeting 58 employees attended. I was at that meeting, the whole meeting. 10:00 a.m. we had 19 employees, I was at most of that meeting and at the 1:00 meeting we had 17. The following Thursday, on December 3 we had three more meetings. 18 attended the first, 4 attended the second. I was at that one also. And 15 attended the third. Our health insurance consultant, the administrator of the plan, Boon-Chapman was there and they put on a presentation that centered around some of the complaints we had received with respect to implementation and they did a good job in addressing those concerns. They acknowledge that there have been implementation challenges, and they pledged to resolve them, as they should. That's how the system works when there's a problem, identify it, recognize it, acknowledge it, try to address it and move forward. We would hope that the resolution of this issue going forward receives the attention that the actual complaints received in being delivered to City Council.

- 10A. 15-0719 Presentation of the Investment Report of the City of League City for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 (Assistant City Manager)

The report was presented by Assistant City Manager Rebecca Underhill.

11. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to approve Consent Agenda Items 11A through 11H. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

- 11A. 15-0724 Consider and take action to authorize payment of the annual public health service fees, for water services, in the amount of \$80,360.55 to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) (Deputy City Manager)

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 11B. 15-0725 Consider and take action on final acceptance of municipal infrastructure for Tuscan Lakes Subdivision Section SF50-5 SE (Deputy City Manager)

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 11C. 15-0728 Consider and take action on the award of a construction contract to Boyer, Inc., in the amount of \$596,300, for odor control at West Main Lift Station and Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant Lift Station (WW1501); and authorization of a Work Change Directive Budget of \$59,630 (Deputy City Manager)

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 11D. 15-0726 Consider and take action to abandon and convey portions of a 10-foot utility easement and adjacent aerial easements crossing Reserves "A" and "B" in Charter Square Subdivision, and to enter into an agreement with Litchfield Lakeside, LLC to establish the terms of such abandonment and conveyance (Deputy City Manager)

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 11E. 15-0727 Consider and take action on final acceptance of municipal infrastructure for Mar Bella, Sections 15A & 15B (Deputy City Manager)

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 11F. 15-0735 Consider and take action on a resolution ordering a Special Election for the City of League City, Texas on Saturday, March 19, 2016, to elect a Mayor and a Council Member to Position 2; ordering a Runoff Election on Saturday, April 23, 2016, if necessary (City Secretary)

Resolution No. 2015-58 was approved on the Consent Agenda

- 11G. 15-0734 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 March 19, 2016 (City Secretary)

Resolution NO. 2015-59 was approved on the Consent Agenda

- 11H. 15-0736 Consider and take action on an a resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Houston Authority that would add the Port of Houston to the Gulf Regional Information and Dispatch System and other related matters (Chief of Police)

Resolution No. 2015-60 was approved on the Consent Agenda

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

- 12A. 15-0729 Consider and take action on Ordinance 2015-44, annexing approximately 94.03 acres of land located west of State Highway 3, between Tangarine (18th Street) and 20th street, running west a distance of approximately 1.05 miles to the current city limits - Second Reading (Director of Planning and Development)

Council approved first reading 5-1-0 with 2 absent on November 17, 2015.

Paul Menzies, Director of Planning and Development, gave a presentation regarding the reduction of property being annexed to 80.53 acres.

A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Long, to approve Ordinance No. 2015-44 Second Reading, reducing the property being annexed to 80.53 acres of land. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mr. Becker, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Opposed: 1 - Mayor Paulissen

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

## **14. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

- 14A. 15-0733 Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Chapter 114, Section 114-2 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Water Wells" (Deputy City Manager)

A motion was made by Ms. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve Ordinance No. 2015-46 amending Chapter 114, Section 114-2 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Water Wells". The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

- 14B. 15-0737 Consider and take action on an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City by amending Article I of Chapter 102 entitled "Subdivisions" and Article V of Chapter 98 entitled "Streets, sidewalks and other public places" to clarify requirements for utility installations (City Attorney)

Staff recommends approval on first and final reading.

A motion was made by Ms. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve first and final reading of the ordinance. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long



A motion was made by Ms. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve Ordinance No. 2015-47 to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City by amending Article I of Chapter 102 entitled "Subdivisions" and Article V of Chapter 98 entitled "Streets, sidewalks and other public places" to clarify requirements for utility installations. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

**15. TABLED ITEMS SUBJECT TO RECALL**

**16. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED**

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

At 6:47 p.m. Mayor Paulissen announced the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss the following items:

- 17A. 15-0723 Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072 Government Code - Deliberations about real property

Discuss potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Deputy City Manager)

At 7:14 p.m. 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.

**18. ACTION ITEM(S) FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)**

- 18A. 15-0722 Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Deputy City Manager)

No Action

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:14 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**

(SEAL)

**MINUTES APPROVED:**