



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
200 West Walker Street

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:

Pat Hallisey

City Council Members:

**Dan Becker
Hank Dugie
Larry Millican
Todd Kinsey
Greg Gripon
Keith Gross
Nick Long**

City Manager:

Mark Rohr

Deputy City Manager:

John Baumgartner

Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance:

Rebecca Underhill

City Attorney:

Nghiem Doan

City Secretary:

Diana M. Stapp

Chief of Police:

Michael Kramm

Director of Engineering:

Vacant

Acting Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:

April Patterson

Director of Parks & Cultural Services:

Chien Wei

Director of Planning/Development:

Paul Menzies

Director of Public Works:

Gabriel Menendez

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Hallisey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present with Mr. Long attending via videoconference call.

Present 8 - Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Mr. Greg Gripon, 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 Dr. Jan Sattlem of Good Shepherd Church. Mayor Hallisey led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3A. 16-1402 October 25, 2016 Regular Meeting

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

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

4A. 16-1394 Presentation of a proclamation recognizing November as Epilepsy Awareness Month (Council Member Dugie and Mayor Hallisey)

Trysten Pearson, 2016 Teens Speak Up! Texas Representative and Co-Founder of the Galveston County Epilepsy Awareness Support Group, was present to receive the proclamation.

4B. 16-1403 Recognition of Associated Credit Union of Texas for their efforts in refurbishing the Fire Safety House (Council Member Kinsey and Mayor Hallisey)

4C. 16-1393 Recognition of former Council Member Heidi Hansing

4D. 16-1382 Recognition of former Council Member Geri Bentley

5. **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

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

6A. 16-1390 Hold a public hearing on Special Use Permit Application, SUP16-04 (Lowguard Automotive Collision Repair), to allow an Auto Repair and Other Heavy Vehicle Service use to be operated on a property zoned "CG" (General Commercial), generally located along the north side of West FM 517, approximately 215 feet east of Dove Meadow Drive, with the address of 351 West FM 517 in League City, Texas (Director of Planning and Development)

Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval 4-2-0, with 1 absent on November 7, 2016.

Mayor Hallisey opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

NAME	ADDRESS
Rebecca Villarreal	Blue Wing Drive
Gary Piper	Blue Wing Drive
Tom Watkins	
Tabitha Guardione	Owner, Lowguard Automotive

Mayor Hallisey closed the public hearing at 6:29 p.m.

- 6B. 16-1391 Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2005-24 for a Special Use Permit, SUP16-04 (Lowguard Automotive Collision Repair), to allow an Auto Repair and Other Heavy Vehicle Service use to be operated on a property zoned "CG" (General Commercial), generally located along the north side of West FM 517, approximately 215 feet east of Dove Meadow Drive, with the address of 351 West FM 517 in League City, Texas (Director of Planning and Development)

Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval 4-2-0, with 1 absent on November 7, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve Ordinance No. 2016-40 amending Ordinance No. 2005-24 for a Special Use Permit, SUP16-04 (Lowguard Automotive Collision Repair), to allow an Auto Repair and Other Heavy Vehicle Service use to be operated on a property zoned "CG" (General Commercial). The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

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. 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 Act. Comments should be directed to the entire Council, not individual members of Council or staff. If addressing a specific agenda item, speakers must keep their remarks specific to the item being considered by the City Council. Any speaker making personal attacks or using vulgar or profane language shall forfeit his/her remaining time and shall be seated.

NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
David Caudill	9314 Stone Terrace Ct.	Land De-annexation/Nile Lake Ct.
Clint Titzman	2743 Terranova Ln.	Nile Lake Ct. De-annexation
Chuck DiFalco	2118 Eastland Court	Communication/Advocacy
Bill Heins	1505 Lanier Dr.	Ethics
Cheryl Barr	1505 Lanier Dr.	City Attorney
Larry Garza	520 Dallas St.	Storage Containers
Janice Hallisey	2205 Acacia	Holidays
Shari Ferguson	2205 Acacia	Holidays
Neva Schroder	2915 Port Rose Lane	Hometown Heroes Park dances

8. COMMENTS/REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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

Todd Kinsey said I want to start off by wishing Heidi and Geri all the best. It has been an honor to share the dais with you the past four years. You're going to be missed. Next, on to the Library, always good stuff happening over there. The Library will be closed starting at 2:00 p.m. on November 23 through 27, and re-open at 10:00 a.m. on November 28. The Teen Writing Club meets at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, December 3, in the Library Board Room. On December 6 at 6:30 p.m., the Marionette Playhouse will perform "Twas the Night Before Christmas" in the Library Theater. This event is tailored for families with children ages 4 to 11. On Friday, December 9, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Teens are invited to make Star Wars crafts in the Library Theater. I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and God bless.

Greg Gripon said today is an exciting day for the Gripon family. It was two years ago today we named Countryside Park after my father, Lynn Gripon. And today, on the same date I was sworn in as your Councilman. That's pretty cool. I'm very excited to be your voice on Council and looking forward to the next four years serving and listening to the needs and wishes of our citizens. I will give you the respect as I will also give my fellow Councilmen. Together we will move the City forward. I am proud and honored to represent you, the citizens of League City. I'm also very League City proud and I'd like to tell you our League City Lions Club stays very active in our community. We have coming up on December 4 our senior breakfast. It will be at 7:30 and we'd love to have you out.

Keith Gross said I've said it before, I'll say it again, Heidi, it's been a pleasure working with you. I'm going to miss you. You always, on important issues, had a way of talking and rationing your way through things and your rationing was very insightful in helping the rest of us reach our vote. So, thank you. Geri, you were my first mentor. I remember for my first council meeting she invited me over to her house and we got this big agenda book and she goes Keith, we go through this page by page. And I said what did I sign up for. Geri, I want to thank you for that. Thank you so much. You live a lot closer to me so I know where to find you. Lastly, I want to welcome Larry Millican and Greg Gripon. Larry, I've seen you at every council meeting for the last two years and so I know you are already current and up to speed on everything. Greg, we've had a couple of chances to talk, and I know for a fact he dove right into things and has started planning and looking out for the best interests of League City and I have the utmost confidence in our newest Council Members. I don't mean to neglect Todd, but you are a seasoned veteran. Anyway, I do want to welcome you whole-heartedly.

Nick Long had no comments.

Dan Becker had no comments.

Hank Dugie said I want to welcome our newest councilmen, my new neighbors on the dais. They're not nearly as pretty as my past neighbors, but I think they'll do a good job. Welcome to both of you. Heidi and Geri, I've told you this before, but I sincerely mean it. I look at the both of you, both of you put so much time and energy into the work you have done on Council. It's definitely admirable. If I could get to the point up here where I'm as well researched and as well-versed as both of you, I will consider it a success. Thank you all for your service to the City. I want to make a couple of notes about some things that people brought up during the public comments. First of all, I felt like I was in one of my government classes in college when Chuck was up here speaking. I know the rest of you might not feel the same way, but I hope you do continue coming up with lesson plans for us. Some of them are better than others, but I think all of them are worthwhile and I look forward to more of them. A couple of people spoke about the dog park, and is it going in at Newport, etc. I don't think anyone knows exactly what the future holds for the dog park. I do think that it's time that we have one in League City, but I think it is very important that we meet with residents and find out where the best spot is for it, whether that's one location, a large one, whether it's pocket parks. But I think some long-term visioning with the Parks Department is in order. I think we're going to get there, but I want to let the residents of Newport and the Dog Park Association know that you have Council's attention and I think we're going to get something done that works out best for both groups. Lastly, if Mr. Garza is still here, there are opportunities to request variances through the City, so I don't know if you've gone through that process yet with staff, but it might be something to approach with them. We're not typically keen on giving a lot of variances because we have the ordinances for a reason, but I do want to let you know that there is a process in place that you can request. Then while we're going through that process we can be looking into different mechanisms in the future. I do think after the meeting, if you're still around, or even if you leave, I'd like to touch base with you. There are a lot of events going on in League City this month and next month. I want to let you know that on December 10 there is a breakfast with Santa, the real Santa, from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, open to the public. I think it is \$15 per person. Description - "Come and share a yummy breakfast with Santa and friends. You can register online at leaguecity.com/parks."

Larry Millican said I'd like to say thank you both to Geri and Heidi for their contributing to the City for the four years that they were here. I sat on the front row and watched all your meetings and I can tell you that I believe that you added a great deal to the City and I thank you for your service. I sit here and I am very thankful and very humbled and I can tell you that it was a tremendous ride to get here. As I was at a watch party looking at the votes coming in, I was sitting there thinking to myself how humbled I was and how thankful that the votes were coming in. I looked around and I saw all my friends and campaign supporters and my wife of 44 years, Monica. I can tell you that it was just a great feeling and it was very difficult for me to describe, it's difficult for me to describe now. I can tell you that Monica serving as my campaign manager and treasurer and the leader of all the supporters, I guess the best thing to say is Monica and I, neither one of us knew what we were signing on for when I made application to be a member of City Council.

But I'm very thankful of all the support and the activities and the people who joined in that campaign and I say thank you. I was very humbled by the votes that supported me and my platform. I can tell you that it was probably the most humbling experience that I ever had in my life. I can tell you that I will work tirelessly towards fulfilling all those campaign platforms and serving League City to the best of my ability. I think that we all need to work together; we need to have the support of all citizens. We need to have citizens on the boards and committees. We need to have citizens that are going to be involved in all of the different programs and events of the City. I think that we are a tremendous city, but we can be even stronger if we can get the citizenry involved in the activities that we need to have to make this the great city that I know we can be. The one thing that I am real concerned about is who's going to be taking my place on the front row. The last six years I've been sitting out on the front row and I know Peggy's going to feel lonely, so I want to solicit someone right now to volunteer to step forward and to start attending meetings and being that concerned individual so they can be ready to maybe step forward and come to Council the next time. I thank you very much and I look forward to the next four years.

Mayor Hallisey said we wish the best to Heidi and Geri. You put a lot of time in, we didn't always agree on everything. I don't agree with Janice on everything either, but she blends and that's how that works. We wish you the best. Larry and Greg, two honorable guys that I've known for a long time, have a high regard for, and I'm glad you made it. It was a slugfest to get here, but you got here and I know that the community is really waiting for you to accept the leadership role which you've embarked on and move this city forward. I had a good opportunity last Saturday, I got a call, I try to go everywhere, but I went out to the League City Cowboys who were playing in the super bowl and I had a ball. 10-year old kids out there knocking each other around, looked like pros, it was incredible. I want to congratulate them and thank them for the invite to be out there. They didn't win the super bowl, but they sure did League City proud, so we're very proud of them. I want to give a lot of thanks to the League City Police Department, as reported in the paper this week they ran a sting operation, picked up so not-so-good guys out on the street that were harassing children and women and everything else. So to Chief Kramm, let the guys across the street know we appreciate the job they did. I had a fun experience at Ralph Parr Elementary last week. Ralph Parr Elementary PTA won a national award and it was a big deal to them, all the parents were out, the children were singing. Unfortunately, and I say this because he might be watching, Ralph Parr himself could not get out of bed that early in the morning to be at the recognition at his school. Ralph is an old-timer here in town, grew up in the park house over at Walter Hall Elementary, long time administrator and school board member here, so to Ralph and to the people at Ralph Parr Elementary School, we're very proud of them. Also, I was shocked to know that Calder Road Elementary School had a career day. I didn't know 5th graders and down had career days. Angela from City Secretary's office accompanied me out there, must have been 500 or 600 kids. I shook everybody's hand and I made them all know that the Mayor all day long didn't do anything but shake hands. That's what the Mayor does. There were cute as they could be, they had great questions about government and they were very proud of being in League City even though they are in the Dickinson School District and they get Dickinson mail, they are League City. So I was very proud to be with them.

I attended the CCISD Education Gala. They seemed to have an awful lot of people in black ties. It's always good to be with educators because children are our future, so I was happy to be with them. Many of us up here went to the Holiday Ball, which is a great opportunity put on by League City Proud, good chance to get dressed up in your tuxedo and your evening gowns and go and hobnob with one another. It was a great deal of fun, thank you, Janice and all your committee who put that together. We also hosted, since the last Council Meeting, the Galveston County Mayor and Council Members Association. We hosted the meeting at the Butler Longhorn Museum. Ms. Bentley was there, she is at everything. Mr. Gross was there. People were really proud and intrigued about that museum, they really liked it. If you have not been there, please take some time to go out there. It's a great place for an event. Janice talked about the upcoming Holiday in the Park, I have to say something. If I don't, I'll hear something at home. Please come and participate in the parade and be part of that. December 1 the Library is having its open house at 5:00 p.m. The community is invited, one of those things we are most proud of in this community is that library. At 6:30 our Parks Department and the City, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus will be lighting the Christmas tree out in front of the Library. Everybody is invited, please let all your kids know. It's a big event. I also want to mention that December 10 is the Christmas Boat Parade, the 55th Annual Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Boat Parade. There are plenty of places within League City to see that. Stay in League City to see it, there are plenty of activities to do there. But 55 years and everybody that keeps a yacht in these marinas decks them out. It's a nice event, so please be there. I saw Scott Aldrich, one of our Policemen, here and wanted to congratulate him. He got a degree, or whatever you get, for polygraph testing so now League City is the polygraph testing capital of the county. We're proud of him for doing that. All the people they caught last week, he can put them on a polygraph and make sure they're the right ones. So that's a good deal.

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

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

John Baumgartner said Heidi and Geri, on behalf of staff, it's been a great four years. We will miss your wisdom and leadership up here. Larry and Greg, we will look forward to working with you to keep League City the best place to live, work and play. Thank you for running and we'll look forward to working with you the next four years. Getting ready for the Thanksgiving holidays, just a couple of notes for the public, those of you who normally get trash service on Thanksgiving day, we have given everybody the day off and you will not be serviced until Monday. Save your trash on Thursday and please don't call me late. I'll get it cleaned up on Monday.

City Hall, on behalf of our hard working employees, we're talking off early on Wednesday afternoon and will be off for the holiday weekend to spend time with family and friends. We wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve Consent Agenda Items 10A through 10E. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

- 10A. 16-1379 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of League City and Galveston County to participate in a drug enforcement administration task force (Chief of Police)

Resolution No. 2016-160 was approved on the Consent Agenda

- 10B. 16-1380 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$85,000 from Galls through BuyBoard Contract #432-13 for the purchase of uniforms and duty gear for the League City Police Department (Chief of Police)

Resolution No. 2016-161 was approved on the Consent Agenda

- 10C. 16-1388 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a construction contract with Lucas Construction Company, Inc. for the Chester L. Davis Sportsplex Access Road Improvements Project (PK1502) in an amount not to exceed \$411,272, and authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$48,967.20 for a construction work change directive budget and construction material testing services budget (Deputy City Manager)

Resolution No. 2016-162 was approved on the Consent Agenda

- 10D. 16-1387 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of Aries Pathfinder PE3410 Sewer Camera with appurtenances from Atlas Inspection Technologies in an amount not to exceed \$55,336 (Deputy City Manager)

Resolution No. 2016-163 was approved on the Consent Agenda

- 10E. 16-1384 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a Consent to Encroach Agreement with Adam Grub and Lisa Episcopo for a proposed private fence line within an unnamed, unopened 20-foot platted alley right-of-way associated with improvements to residential property located at 205 South Iowa Avenue (Deputy City Manager)

Resolution No. 2016-164 was approved on the Consent Agenda

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

- 13A. 16-1383 Consider and take action on a resolution canvassing the returns of the November 8, 2016, City of League City General Election for Council Positions No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 (City Secretary)

13A. was completed at the Special Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

- 13B. 16-1392 Consider and take action on the selection of Mayor Pro Tem (City Secretary)

A motion was made by Mr. Gross, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to appoint Mr. Kinsey as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

14. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**15. TABLED ITEMS SUBJECT TO RECALL****16. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED****17. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION (S)**

Mayor Hallisey announced that Item 17A had been pulled.

- 17A. 16-1395 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 7:26 p.m. Mayor Hallisey announced the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss the following items:

- 17B. 16-1397 Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071 Government Code - Consultation with City Attorney

Consultation with City Attorney regarding potential litigation (City Attorney)

- 17C. 16-1400 Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.087 Government Code - Deliberations Concerning Economic Development Negotiations

Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City of League City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City of League City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations (Director of Economic Development)

At 8:10 p.m. Mayor Hallisey 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.

Absent 1 - Mr. Nick Long

Present 7 - Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Mr. Greg Gripon and Mr. Keith Gross

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

18A. 16-1396 Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Deputy City Manager)

No Action

18B. 16-1398 Consider and take action on consultation with City Attorney regarding potential litigation (City Attorney)

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Gross, to direct the City Attorney to proceed as discussed in executive session. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon and Mr. Gross

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Becker

Absent: 1 - Mr. Long

18C. 16-1401 Consider and take action on deliberations regarding commercial or financial information the City of League City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City of League City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations (Director of Economic Development)

No Action

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:11 p.m. Mayor Hallisey said, there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

PAT HALLISEY
MAYOR

DIANA M. STAPP
CITY SECRETARY

(SEAL)

MINUTES APPROVED: