

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS TO ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY IN MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL BY MEANS OF A VIDEOCONFERENCE CALL.

WHEREAS, the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) allows members of a governmental body to participate remotely in, and be counted for all purposes as present at, meetings of said body by means of a videoconference call if the applicable provisions of TOMA are met; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized remote meeting attendance by members of Council on a trial basis in 2013; and

WHEREAS, after expiration of the trial period the City Council authorized remote meeting attendance by members of Council on a continuing basis in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to clarify and amend the restrictions on remote meeting attendance by members of Council; NOW, THEREFORE

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

Section 1. A member of Council may participate remotely in any meeting of the City Council by means of a videoconference call, provided that: (i) all relevant provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act are met; (ii) no member of Council may participate by videoconference call in more than any two (2) consecutive meetings of the Council; (iii) a member of Council intending to participate remotely provides written notice of such intent to the City Manager not less than 24 hours prior to the posted start time of the meeting; and (iv) the written notice states the reason for requesting remote participation and discloses the physical location from which the member of Council plans to participate remotely in the meeting.

Section 2. All resolutions and agreements and parts of resolution and agreements in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of conflict only.

Section 3. 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 _____, 2017.

PAT HALLISEY
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA M. STAPP
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

NGHIEM V. DOAN
City Attorney