



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

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:

John Baumgartner

Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance:

Rebecca Underhill

Assistant City Manager:

Bo Bass

City Attorney:

Nghiem Doan

City Secretary:

Diana M. Stapp

Chief of Police:

Michael Kramm

Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:

Janet Shirley

Director of Parks & Cultural Services:

Chien Wei

Director of Planning/Development:

Paul Menzies

Interim Director of Public Works:

Jody Hooks

Interim City Engineer:

Christopher Sims

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 except Mr. Gripon.

Absent 1 - Mr. Greg Gripon

Present 7 - Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Todd Kinsey, 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. 17-0577 August 8, 2017 Regular Meeting
- 3B. 17-0580 August 21, 2017 Council Work Session
- 3C. 17-0581 September 11, 2017 Council Work Session

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

A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mayor Hallisey, to suspend the rule of order and move up items 4G and 16D, and allow citizen comments related to the respective agenda items.

The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

- 4G. 17-0587 Presentation of "Unprepared: A Nation at Risk" (City Manager)

- 16D. 17-0574 Consider and take action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of League City authorizing the Galveston Central Appraisal District and the Harris County Appraisal District to conduct reappraisals of all properties in League City damaged by Hurricane Harvey to determine their market values immediately after the storm (Council Member Long and Council Member Becker)

A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve a resolution authorizing the Galveston Central Appraisal District and the Harris County Appraisal District to conduct reappraisals of all properties in League City damaged by Hurricane Harvey to determine their market values immediately after the storm.

Cheryl Johnson, Galveston County Tax Assessor-Collector, Tommy Watson, Galveston County Chief Appraiser, and Michael Adams, General Council (representing the Chief Appraiser and Galveston County Appraisal District Board of Directors) were present to address this issue.

An amended motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Gross, to allow for League City to request the Central Appraisal District to conduct a disaster reappraisal, and after the other entities have an opportunity to weigh in or to act as well, determine how much we can fund the disaster reappraisal at.

City Attorney Nghiem Doan said 23.02 (Sec. 23.02 of the Texas Property Tax Code) allows the City Council to request the reappraisal. The CAD has to honor that request, but the Council in making that request also is agreeing, in effect, to be on the book and to bear all of the cost of that disaster reappraisal. Of course, there is some debate as to what those costs are and how you can allocate those costs to the disaster reappraisal as opposed to other costs. But at the end of the day if there is a vote to authorize the CAD to make the reappraisal, and that authorization is not contingent, for example, contingent upon the cost not exceeding some set amount, if it's an unconditional authorization, then yes, by law the City will be on the book for whatever that cost is going to be and even if it is not borne by other tax entities.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to postpone to the next council meeting so that staff has time to review what this is going to do to the budget. The motion failed by the following vote:

For: 3 - Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican and Mr. Kinsey

Opposed: 4 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

An amended motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to reflect Council's intention at a future date to request a reappraisal from the CAD, and to request the Tax Assessor-Collector and CAD to request clarification from the State by our next meeting on October 10. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

Mr. Doan, City Attorney, said the main motion has now been amended, not to approve the resolution that gives the authorization to do the reappraisal, but rather to direct and request that clarification be had on the methodology of the reappraisal and therefore determine the cost, and that is now the main motion on the floor that needs a vote. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

4. APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS

- 4A. 17-0576 Presentation of a proclamation declaring October 2017 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of League City (Mayor Hallisey)

Nikki Greenlee accepted the proclamation of behalf of D'Feet Breast Cancer Inc.

- 4B. 17-0578 Presentation of a proclamation recognizing October 2017 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of League City (Mayor Hallisey)**

Stephanie Jones, League City Police Department Crime Victims Advocate, accepted the proclamation.

- 4C. 17-0563 Presentation of the Texas Municipal Clerk, Level Three Certification Plaque to Amy Baldwin to be made by Pat Riffel, Co-Chair of the Texas Court Clerk's Association Education Committee (Assistant City Manager)**

- 4D. 17-0564 Consider and take action on a resolution making nominations for election to the Board of Directors of the Galveston Central Appraisal District for 2018-2019 (Mayor Hallisey)**

Mayor's recommendation for nomination: Clay Morrison

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to approve Resolution No. 2017-148 nominating Clay Morrison for election to the Board of Directors of the Galveston Central Appraisal District for 2018-2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Long, to postpone to the next council meeting and ask Mr. Morrison to address the Council. The motion to postpone failed by the following vote:

For: 2 - Mr. Becker and Mr. Kinsey

Opposed: 5 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

The motion to approve the resolution passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Becker

- 4E. 17-0565 Consider and take action on a resolution making a nomination for election to the Board of Directors of the Harris County Appraisal District for 2018-2019 (Mayor Hallisey)**

NOTE: this agenda item was placed on the October 10, 2017 agenda and vote was taken at that time.

- 4F. 17-0584 Consider and take action on an appointment to the Library Board (Mayor Hallisey)**

Mayor's appointment:

Position 2. Joyce Zongrone for term to expire 12/31/17

A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to approve the appointment of Joyce Zongrone. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

- 4G. 17-0587 Presentation of "Unprepared: A Nation at Risk" (City Manager)

Item 4G was moved forward and presentation was made following Item 3. Approval of Minutes.

5. **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

Gavin's Galaxy (Mayor Hallisey)

An organization "Dedicated to Pediatric Cancer Awareness"

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

- 6A. 17-0513 Hold a public hearing on a proposal to adopt a tax rate of \$0.565, which is effectively a 2.8 percent increase in the tax rate. This is the second of two required public hearings. The City Council will vote to adopt the tax rate on October 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at Council Chambers, 200 West Walker, League City, TX 77573 (Assistant City Manager)

Mayor Hallisey opened the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

NAME	ADDRESS
Peggy Zahler	1802 Rampart

Council Members
Nick Long
Larry Millican
Todd Kinsey
Hank Dugie

Mayor Hallisey closed the public hearing at 8:56 p.m.

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
Sean Saunders	254 Crystal Isle Dr.	Bay Colony
Paul Robinson	4600 Country Club Dr.	Donation
Veronica Polhemus	1315 Deer Ridge	Flooding/Oaks of Clear Creek
Peggy Zahler	1802 Rampart	Workshop, etc.

8. COMMENTS/REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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

Mayor Pro Tem Todd Kinsey said I don't think we would have had a discussion with the Appraisal District without the 500-year event happening. Had those people been here last night I think you would have seen that being vetted out. But there was no way to do it without them being here. I would urge the citizen who spoke earlier to get with staff about the speed hump criteria. It is a pretty simple process, just have your HOA fill out the forms and obtain signatures. It is pretty simple, it's been done numerous times. I also want to wish Rebecca Underhill, Paul Menzies and Michelle Tressler a fond farewell. I learned so much from them, especially from Rebecca and Paul. Just about everything I know about the city budgeting I've learned from Ms. Underhill and a little from her predecessor Mike Loftin who went on to be the City Manager. I am going to miss both of you. I always enjoyed seeing your faces in my five years sitting up here. Going on at the Library in the next couple of weeks, the volunteer fair will take place at the Civic Center on September 30 between noon and 2:00 p.m. They will bring together community organizations and those seeking to volunteer. This is available for both adults and teens. On October 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the library theater, Irene B. Walters from the Houston Public Library will show you how to explore HeritageQuest to fill in gaps in family trees. On October 7 in the library theater, children between the ages of 9-12 years will learn the fundamentals of programming at the Snapology event. There are two sessions, one from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and the other is 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Keith Gross said I also want to wish Rebecca and Paul the very best. On behalf of myself and I'm sure other council members on League City, we thank you for your services. It has been wonderful working with you. Also during these times when we are struck with a catastrophe such as Harvey and everyone suffers a loss, we are going to look for answers. It always exposes all the weaknesses in our city's development, and what else can expose a weakness other than 50 some odd inches of water. So there is always room for improvement. I know here at council and back in council chambers we have argued and deliberated on the best ways to spend our money and I can assure you that we are going to put our heads together to try and figure out a way to maybe modify the infrastructure on those areas that have a propensity for flooding.

Nick Long said so we have known that those subdivision ordinances were lax in this town for quite a while, Paul Menzies, Director of Planning and Development, has been working on them probably for over a year and they are still not done yet. With Paul leaving we need to take this as an opportunity to make this a priority so that we are not constantly accepting infrastructure that we are going to have problems with down the road. This goes not only for drainage but sidewalks as well. So on the topic of turnover, I think we all know that turnover at the director level is simply out of control. It has been crazy how many people have left in the last couple of months. We need to take action to try and make their job a little bit easier. Anything we can do to cut some of these workshops out, not make them stay until 9:30 at a council meeting, or eliminating these extra meetings that they are required to attend. We have added several various committees the last couple of years, these really weigh them down and take them away from their families. So let's look at ways to reduce these as best we can.

Dan Becker had no comments.

Hank Dugie said I don't think it needs to be said, we've all experienced the last couple of weeks in different ways. Some of us up here on the dais took on damage to our own homes. Many of us had family members, friends that were in those neighborhoods that were most severely affected. As Mr. Bass has stated at the last couple of meetings, about 7,700 homes or 23% of homes in League City flooded. New subdivisions, old subdivisions, high value properties, low value properties, the like. Ones that are less than 5 years old and ones that are 50 years old. As I have heard from some of our neighboring cities, they experienced losses much higher than 23%. During the event we were able to have a functioning Fire Department, Police Department. We had our Public Works Department out there running search and rescue. We were able to keep water, electricity and communications on for the most part with flickers here and there. With that being said, we fared much better than a lot of our neighbors. But for me and I think for a lot of you that is not good enough, and I think we are all committed to getting that 23% down to zero. We all know it is a huge undertaking, we don't even know how possible getting to zero percent is but I believe in our staff and I believe in the intentions of everyone up here to try their darnedest to get it there. Since the event we have been working our employees overtime. Public Works is out there every day running debris pickup. Mr. Bass has a war room set up in his office. He is following up with these contractors every day, communicating with citizens. We have put almost all city operations on stop so that we can address the issue before us and get people back to normal, so I understand the frustrations out there. I know that we have a long road ahead and I think this is the group to get it done. I am not saying that just to pat you all on the back, I think we have a good team here that not only cares about doing a good job but they care about the people that they are working with. So to staff I see the work you are putting it, keep it up. Let us know what we can do from the council side and we will do the same for you. With that being said we had a huge turnout of volunteers and community members during the event and we continue to have a huge turnout.

My church, Bay Harbour United Methodist Church, every week myself included, is still sending out teams to clean out homes. We are going to begin putting sheetrock back on and really doing our best to get people there. So for all the citizens out there watching, there are groups still volunteering, there are groups helping people get their homes back in order. If you are looking for a way to volunteer and give back reach out to myself, to city staff, to one of these groups and we will take all the help we can get. On the flipside, if you have been affected and you feel alone, you feel you don't have any help, reach out to one of us. Because I promise you we just need to know where you are, who you are, what kind of help you need and we will point whatever resources we can in your direction. So know you are not alone now, you haven't been alone through this whole process and if you are feeling that way please do let us know because we will get someone out there as soon as possible. Thank you all for being here, staff keep up the good work. We're in this for the long haul and I wouldn't rather be with any other team.

Larry Millican said to lead off, I want to say I wish I was in your shoes Ms. Underhill. I wish I could say I was retired and not have to worry about anything any longer. I am going to miss you. I think you have done an outstanding job for the City and I truly don't know how we are going to replace you. I thank you very much for your service and I am sorry to see you go. Mr. Menzies, you were good, bud. You are just leaving a little early in my opinion, but we have had that conversation. I am sorry to see you go and thank you for your service. Michelle, it has been short but good and I appreciate it. Candice, I understand you are exiting too. With that I appreciate your effort and all of the work that you did on the Downtown Project and for your service with that. Along the lines with that same discussion as far as the employees, I think Mr. Becker said it well at the last meeting. He said we hire good people and we wear them out, I think it was to the effect of that. I think we tax our people and charge them with a lot of responsibility and I think it wears thin on people very quick. I am sorry that we do that. I hope that through my term on this council that it is going to be better, that we are going to make some effective changes in all for the better. At any rate I am sorry to see the folks leave and hope that we do improve on the retention because it hasn't been said but I can certainly tell you that in my opinion the loss of folks with the city is the biggest cost that we have above anything else. If you look at all the cost that we have when you start talking about employee retention and employee training, it is going to cost more to replace those folks and get new people up to speed and the loss of that production than anything else and that is upsetting to me. That was one of the things that I looked at before I ran, was how much turnover we had and quite frankly it has gotten worse not any better and we need to make those changes. As far as the storm, I look at that storm as being very devastating and heart wrenching, affecting a tremendous amount of people. I think if we look at our city we are very fortunate in a lot of respects compared to a lot of other people in the region.

You look at the way that we are reacting to the storm and the activities that are happening, I feel very fortunate to live in League City and very proud to live in League City. As far as the flooding in the neighborhoods, I think that staff is going to be working towards those. I know that I have gone to all of the subdivisions and looked at them. I continue to look and drive them as I promised the people that I would, to see what effects we are having and how the trash is being removed and how we are recouping in doing the things that we need to do. I think that the City does care what people say, and I am sorry that some of the folks that spoke this evening have the opinions or perceptions that they do, but I certainly will tell you that we will be looking at all those areas and opportunities. I know that I have looked at them, I know that staff is looking at them, and we are not going to be forgetting anybody out there. But with a word of caution I will say is that when we look at the flooding that happened and the event that happened, when people say that it is a 100-year, or 500-year, or 800-year it is still devastating, But on the other side of that coin you have to look to see if in fact that the citizens want to afford all of the requirements to protect them from an 800-year flood. The devastation that we felt was very, very severe and very traumatizing and I understand that, but on the other hand simple things that we can do is what I think we will be looking at. More major things, those are things that we are going to have to be planning to do. If the expectations of the city is to prevent any flooding in an 800-year event they need to communicate that to the city because that is going to be very costly. It costs enough just to protect that 500-year event but when we are talking about protecting from an 800-year or 1,000-year event then that is even more costly, and it is going to take a lot of effort on a lot of people's parts. I feel sure that the city staff is going to work forward. We are participating in all of the government programs and looking at doing a lot of activities with drainage just like what we did after Ike. We have a lot of programs that we are just now finishing up after Ike. I think that we listen and we will pay attention.

Mayor Hallisey said I don't know how we are going to replace the people that are leaving. I went by and talked with Rebecca, I talked with Paul, and I talked with Michelle. Personally Candice, I just found out about you tonight and I will be by tomorrow. I listened to all of the reasons. I am sure I'll never quite understand this, in the middle of a budget cycle and in the middle of a tragedy, but I think I told each one of you I appreciate the job that you did. Becky, you were always the go to person on the finances and the money. You always gave straight up and direct answers that were understandable even to people like me. I remember when walking through your office you would ask 'don't you want to sit down and talk about how our cash is' and I would say no I trust you. I felt a lot of trust in you from day one, that you were on top of it and you always very assuredly let me know you were. Michelle, I would walk by your office and jokingly ask if there was any corruption around here, but it also opened the door if there was some you could have told me about it. But you said something to me that I will eternally be disappointed in when I came by to see you. You said I just don't know if the council appreciates what I do. I said to you that Mr. Millican did, just to put a little spin on it.

But I think everybody did, everybody understood the procedures. The City Council was never really set up to have employees. City Council – Manager form of government was supposed to take care of that. I never quite understood why you were kind of left out, but I read all of your stuff and I know you kept up with what was going on. I know that is not always easy when your questioning people's work product and how they do it, but I thought you did a great job and you are a breath of fresh air up there. You smiled when you walked down the hall. Your husband is a character, and serves on one of the boards and commissions. I hope this doesn't mean you are moving out of town, we don't want to lose any board members. We appreciate the job that you did. Paul, from day one you were a fixer. When somebody came to me with a problem I either took it to John or you personally and you found a way to fix it. You took on the role of talking to the development community, residential and commercial, and tried to faired out the reasons everybody thinks we are so terrible to deal with. For the rest of your information, if you sat in those meetings you would have known that the development community and the home builders this we are Atilla the Hun, we require standards that are unreasonable. They fight with Paul and his staff all the time and yet how we got to that point I'm not sure, but Paul took that on as a project. The only promise you didn't keep is that you were going to stay here until you got that resolved, but you made a good run at it and it is not over yet. I thank you for doing that. Candice, I can't believe you sat in all those trying to rewrite how League Park was going to be designed. You had a lot of A-type personalities in there that wanted to do it their way but you fared through it and everyone spoke well of you. I said if I can't keep you here then I wish you the very best wherever you are going. You are always welcome to see how we are doing and feel assured we are going to keep up with how your career is going. A couple of thank you's on the short term I want to make, I want to thank the Associated Credit Union of Texas that brought Jake Worthington to town on Friday night for a concert for first responders. There were police, fire, and Jody there were even employees from your shop. That was a nice thing for that company to do and to focus that on them. I want to thank Pizzafire who on Saturday night had a pizza and beer event for first responders. I can't let the night go without thanking somewhere in and around 1,500 volunteers that manned that distribution center on a call for help, to help people that were a lot less fortunate than we were. That had no place to live, had no food, had no water and we did that because nobody else was doing it. Nobody asked where they were from, I was proud of that. There were somewhere in the neighborhood of probably 5,000 people who came through that distribution center. A lot of our employees came through. I think Karl Wankowicz did a good job of trying to keep everyone going but they were worn down when it finally closed down. We are still trying to get whatever product we have out to social agencies and to the churches who are still having shelters. Just so all of them know, we still have a lot of clothes, we have a lot of water, we have some food, we have personal hygiene items down there. We have baby formula. I didn't know there were so many sizes in baby diapers in my entire life. I thought my kids all sat in one set of diapers but my wife reminded me that they didn't. The generosity of people in this town...I've talked about it many times. I want to put a happy ending to this.

I made it through all the shelters. I looked in the eyes of those people who had nothing, who were petrified. I saw volunteers from this community everywhere helping people. I saw them in the neighborhoods when I was out in them helping people. I know it's tough recovering but we are going to recover. As I tell people, lift up your neighbor. We're going to get through this nightmare. We all know it. We've seen it before. It doesn't mean that the road until we get to the end of this is going to be easy. Everybody's trying to do their part. I went out to 200 people at Bayridge right after the storm after some of the water had receded. I felt the frustration out there. I want to remind those people, John Baumgartner stood in front of 200 people and committed his resources of his office was going to take a look at how to resolve flooding, historical flooding, in Bayridge. Jody did something, he took two six inch trash pumps up there, put them up on a levee and they tell me in that neighborhood once he cranked those off within an hour and a half or two hours, the detention facility had gone down and they had pumped directly into Gum Bayou and the neighborhood was dry. I don't know what the ultimate answer is but if Jody can walk on water and drain Bayridge inside of two hours, he's my guy. John has done a preliminary assessment and nothing moves fast enough around here but we're committed to that. We're committed to the Oaks of Clear Creek. If any of you drove through the Park on Clear Creek, you saw a disaster area that looked like a war zone. However bad the back of my neighborhood was in Clear Creek Village it paled in comparison to what I saw and I saw the same things out there that I saw in my own neighborhood...people helping people try to their lives back together. It's a tough event but I've said so many times on my live deal that it's hard not to be proud of the people in this town. It's hard not to be proud of the fireman. It's hard not to be proud of the policemen who put their lives on the line. When I saw Jody Hooks dump truck going out my neighborhood with about four foot of water and all the little old ladies hanging on to that dump truck, you did something good. You saved those people because they were pulling people out of the second stories down there that were scared to death. A lot of folks. City employees are the best in the world. We're going to rebuild people that leave. You've got your careers, we get that, but we're focused on getting a new set of employees in here and we're going to bounce back as strong as we ever have. This community is going to grow. We've been hit hard before. Mayor Pro Tem Kinsey has alerted me that we have already budgeted the funds to examine the drainage issues around town. That I'm happy about. John and the team are committed to getting that done. Employees...I don't think there's enough money we can pay employees for what they did during the storm. When I see Janet Shirley trying to look over the countertop. She's about four foot eleven but she's a mighty mouse. She took care of all the things that needed to be taken care of from her department. I see Ryan Edgehill sitting there amongst a bunch of A type personalities who think they're in charge and he did a great job and I was very proud of him. We lost things, people. We lost things in this community. Things that are going to be hard to replace but they're things. As I'm aware of today, we only had one loss of life which was tragic. But compared to the trillions of gallons of water that flowed out of the skies and the flooding, the massive extent of the flooding.

We grieve for the single person we lost but we celebrate the lives of so many that we were able to save and able to get back into their homes. The step and prep programs are about the kick off. These are FEMA and State of Texas with rebuilding monies to get people in. A certain amount of money designated to each house. You're going to learn more about that in the next couple of days. Our legislative delegation, our county delegation did a good job of keeping us abreast of what was going on. We kept in touch with our neighbors in Dickinson. They took a hard shot. They took a really hard shot. Anyway, we're proud of everything and I'll leave you with this thought. I was listening to Ed Emmett early Sunday morning on television and he made a very profound statement. He said "We, as a region, have to rethink the drainage issues. Drainage issues are not a single city issue, they are a regional issue." That's bold and a little bit outside the box. It cost a lot of money for major detention areas along Clear Creek or Dickinson Bayou, but we're affected by both of them. I think in the years to come, those discussions have to take place but we've got to recover first. It's not an immediate thing. But I think he's right on the issue. We need to step to the plate. If we need to tighten up our building restrictions and get people up off the ground. If I would've been two feet off that ground I would not have flooded. It's on our minds right now. It's a good time to have the discussions and not them fall away. I'm proud of League City. They did a great job. I talk about being Gripon proud. That kid, he and his family, took on a whole shelter by themselves. They fed people three times a day. I'm sure his business just fell by the wayside. Mr. Dugie is over in the Methodist shelter working with them. Mr. Long is over at the Clear Creek High School shelter. There are a lot of people that put in a lot of time and effort that we'll never be able to thank enough. God bless League City. We survived another bullet. God bless Texas. There's people in Texas that took a really hard shot. I saw the army out helping in their big, high-water vehicles. You can't help but be proud of how people pulled together during this event. We're never going to get it rebuilt fast enough but let me tell you, the good part of this, the silver lining was the hearts of people in League City and I'm awful proud of that. Okay, that's all I've got to say, let's move on. We've still got a lot of things to do and I apologize for being here for so long.

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

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

John Baumgartner, City Manager, said I have just a couple I think to highlight on some of the comments the citizens have made. I want to let the community know what we're doing to help us move forward. Currently the staff is working on a series of mitigation projects to submit to the state and they affect all areas of the community, all the different bayous, major outfalls, and we're gathering that information up and ready to submit a list up to them.

We've at least contacted TxDOT to make sure that the bridges we're building with reconstruction of I45 are appropriate based on the latest flood event. I've asked them to look at that before they proceed with that next phase of the project between FM 518 and FM 528. I know they have a contractor, I know he's ready to go, but we've submitted a request to TxDOT to look at that to do the most we can when we reconstruct the bridges on that part of the highway to minimize the impact on Clear Creek there. As we look for additional thanks for the community, Aquametrics, one of our providers of water meters, is hosting an appreciation luncheon on Wednesday, tomorrow, for all of the staff and Elite Care is providing a number of gift certificates to be given to the Lion's Club that will distribute them among staff people that had significant damage to the homes and I understand that counts about 85, so approaching twenty percent of the staff had homes significantly impacted by the storm. I know it's getting late so I will be brief. Lastly, I want to thank Paul, Rebecca, Michelle, Candice for a job well done. We appreciate your efforts and just want to give you a round of applause before you leave and obviously we'll talk later. Thank you so much. The one thing they have done, Paul and Rebecca in particular, have left behind a staff, fully-staffed, well-trained, ready to build upon their successes and things that they've left us and we appreciate them for that.

- 9A. 17-0568 Presentation of the Grant Policy Compliance Audit Report (City Auditor)

Michelle Tressler, City Auditor, presented the report.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Item 10F was pulled by Mr. Millican.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Long, to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

- 10A. 17-0571 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Texas City concerning the expansion of the Texas City Regional Bomb Squad utilizing League City Police Department personnel (Chief of Police)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2017-149

- 10B. 17-0566 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a one-year professional services agreement with Animal Alliance of Galveston County for spaying and neutering of animals in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 (Chief of Police)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2017-150

- 10C. 17-0547 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a one-year agreement with Yellowstone Landscape dba BIO Landscape and Maintenance for City-wide Mowing Services in an amount not to exceed \$618,575.09 (Assistant City Manager)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2017-151

- 10D. 17-0569 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a one-year agreement with Stripe Lines, Inc. for on call roadway markings in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 (Assistant City Manager)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2017-152

- 10E. 17-0572 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a one-year Interlocal Agreement between the City of League City and Galveston County to provide congregate meal services for eligible clients (Director of Parks & Cultural Services)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2017-153

- 10G. 17-0570 Consider and take action on a resolution approving utility conveyance and security agreements with Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 44 for water, sanitary sewer, and drainage facilities associated with the following: (1) Tuscan Lakes Development SF50-3-1 SE Quadrant, (2) Tuscan Lakes Development SE Quadrant - Phase II Drainage Improvements, (3) Tuscan Lakes Development SF 50-3-2 SE Quadrant, (4) The Village at Tuscan Lakes Development Section 1, (5) The Village at Tuscan Lakes Development Section 2 Phase 3, (6) Tuscan Lakes Development SF 50-1 SE Quadrant, and (7) The Village at Tuscan Lakes Development Section 2 Phase 1 and Phase 2 (Interim City Engineer)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2017-155

- 10H. 17-0575 Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2017-23 amending Article 1, of Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, entitled "Taxation", by adding a new section 106-5 relating to an ad valorem tax freeze for residential homestead property owners who are disabled or 65 years or older - Second Reading (Council Member Long and Council Member Becker)

Council approved first reading 8-0-0 on September 12, 2017.

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Ordinance No. 2017-23 Second Reading

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- 10F. 17-0573 Consider and take action on a resolution ratifying an agreement with Texas Fire Gear, LLC dba PPE Care for firefighting bunker gear cleaning, inspection and repair for an amount not to exceed \$97,711 (Fire Chief)

A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Kinsey to approve Resolution No. 2017-154 ratifying an agreement with Texas Fire Gear, LLC dba PPE Care for firefighting bunker gear cleaning, inspection and repair for an amount not to exceed \$97,711.

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

- 13A. 17-0392 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an amendment to the professional services agreement with Huitt-Zollars, Inc. for the Downtown Redevelopment Project (ED1503) to add supplemental services in the amount of \$97,130 (Interim City Engineer)

A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Millican, to approve Resolution No. 2017-156 authorizing an amendment to the professional services agreement with Huitt Zollars, Inc. for the Downtown Redevelopment Project (ED1503) to add supplemental services in the amount of \$97,130.

Mr. Gross said, Council, as you know I've always abstained from any voting regarding the redevelopment project. I've been doing this for the last nine months because of the location of property I own. And since this property is connected with the redevelopment project I'm going to continue my course of conduct and abstain from the vote.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Abstained: 1 - Mr. Gross

For: 6 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

14. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 14A. 17-0553 Consider and take action on an ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Purchasing Policy of the City of League City to allow Assistant City Managers further signatory authority and other related matters (Assistant City Manager)

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

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve Ordinance No. 2017-25 authorizing an amendment to the Purchasing Policy of the City of League City to allow Assistant City Managers further signatory authority and other related matters. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

15. TABLED ITEMS SUBJECT TO RECALL

16. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED

- 16A. 17-0583** Staff Report on Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (Assistant City Manager)

The report was presented by Assistant City Manager Rebecca Underhill.

- 16B. 17-0582** Consider and take action on a resolution approving the purchase of nine (9) Police patrol vehicles with related equipment for the Police Department through ESC Region 2 "Good Buy" vendors in an amount not to exceed \$536,449 (Director of Public Works)

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Millican, to approve Resolution No. 2017-157 approving the purchase of nine (9) Police patrol vehicles with related equipment for the Police Department through ESC Region 2 "Good Buy" vendors in an amount not to exceed \$536,449. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

- 16C. 17-0559** Consider and take action on an ordinance repealing Chapter 66 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled "MANUFACTURED HOMES AND TRAILERS" and adopting a new Chapter 66 to be entitled "MANUFACTURED HOMES AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES" to clarify requirements for placement and occupancy of manufactured homes and recreational vehicles (City Attorney)

A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to approve Ordinance No. 2017-26, revised version, repealing Chapter 66 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled "MANUFACTURED HOMES AND TRAILERS" and adopting a new Chapter 66 to be entitled "MANUFACTURED HOMES AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES" to clarify requirements for placement and occupancy of manufactured homes and recreational vehicles. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

- 16D. 17-0574** Consider and take action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of League City authorizing the Galveston Central Appraisal District and the Harris County Appraisal District to conduct reappraisals of all properties in League City damaged by Hurricane Harvey to determine their market values immediately after the storm (Council Member Long and Council Member Becker)

Item 16D was moved forward and addressed following Item 3. Approval of Minutes and Item 4G.

- 16E. 17-0585** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an encroachment agreement with Galveston County Management District Number One providing for certain private improvements within the Pinnacle Park Drive public right-of-way (Director of Planning and Development)

A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Gross, to approve Resolution No. 2017-158 authorizing an encroachment agreement with Galveston County Management District Number One providing for certain private improvements within the Pinnacle Park Drive public right of way. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gripon

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

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

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:35 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: