



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Monday, July 23, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
200 West Walker Street

Budget Work Session

The City Council of the City of League City, Texas, met in a Budget Work Session in 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

Bo Bass

Assistant City Manager

Michael Kramm

City Attorney:

Nghiem Doan

City Secretary:

Diana M. Stapp

Interim Chief of Police:

Gary Ratliff

Director of Budget/Project Management

Angie Steelman

Director of Engineering:

Christopher Sims

Director of Finance:

Allena Portis

Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:

Janet Shirley

Director of Parks & Cultural Services:

Chien Wei

Director of Planning/Development:

David Hoover

Director of Public Works:

Jody Hooks

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. Long. Mr. Gross arrived at 6:01 and Mr. Dugie at 6:03 p.m.

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

2. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2019**

John Baumgartner, City Manager, said this year's process is set up much like last year. It is scheduled for three formal workshops and an optional workshop date. We will continue to meet until we get the budget right. This is our opportunity to present the investment of the tax dollars and fees that we collect and make sure our ideas are in align with those of the council and community.

Angie Steelman, Director of Budget & Project Management, gave a presentation.

The Budget is prepared in keeping with the Strategic Plan:

Develop and Maintain our infrastructure

Financially Sustainable

Safe and Desirable community

Quality Community amenities

Trained, Committed, and Valued Workforce

Engage Residents

Economic Development and Tourism

Quality-Built Environment

Property Tax - this growing vibrant community is continuing to add property value providing funds for investment in infrastructure and City Services. The FY2019 proposed budget is based upon 2018 taxable values estimated at \$8.05 billion, increase of 3.06% over last year values. FY2019 estimated effective tax rate: \$0.4510 (\$0.5638 total tax rate with 20% homestead exemption).

Sales Tax – FY2019 year-end sales tax is estimated at \$20.02 million, an average of 14% over FY2017 actuals. FY2019 proposed budget is estimated at \$20.15 million based on: IH-45 construction and the removal of the 646 overpass. FY2018 includes post Harvey growth that will not be included in FY2019.

FY2019 Utility Revenue – proposed budget is estimated at the growth percentage of 2.5% based on the FY2019-2023 Long Range Financial Forecast and is \$880,750 more than the FY2018 year-end estimates.

FY2019 Proposed budget expenses include:

- **Compensation increases – 2% merit based on performance**
 - ☐ **funding for superior employee performance at City Manager’s discretion**
 - ☐ **2% Civil Service cost of living increase**
 - ☐ **funding for STEP increases**
 - ☐ **additional STEP for 20-year police officers**
- **Health insurance estimated increase of 8%**
- **Continuation of the reinvestment program and \$281,000 in additional funding for capital projects**
- **Anticipated increases in fuel, property insurance, janitorial contract services and uniform contract services**
- **Additional 10.5 FTE (full time employees)**
 - ☐ **Two full-time Paramedics (2 FTE)**
 - ☐ **Engineering Technician (1 FTE)**
 - ☐ **Land/ROW Specialist and Senior Project Manager (2 FTE – approved July 10)**
 - ☐ **Streets Heavy Equipment Operator/Crew leader (1FTE)**
 - ☐ **Assistant City Attorney (1FTE)**
 - ☐ **Web Content Specialists (1FTE – 0.75 TE General Fund, 0.25 HOT funds)**
 - ☐ **GRID Support Specialist (1 FTE – Public Safety Tech Fund, \$11,300 City portion)**
 - ☐ **Parks Custodian (1 FTE) and a reclassification PT Rec Aid to a FT Office Support Specialist (0.5 FTE) for Hometown Heroes Park – funded through 4B**

The following departmental budgets were reviewed:

City Council, City Manager, City Secretary, City Attorney, City Auditor, Budget & Financial Planning, Project Management, Engineering, Public Works Administration Directorate, Streets & Traffic, Solid Waste, Water, Wastewater, Line Repair, Fleet.

Additional budgets reviewed:

**Capital Replacement Fund
General Fund Non-Departmental
General Fund Transfers
Utility Fund Non-Departmental
Utility Fund Transfers
General Fund Debt Service
Utility Fund Debt Service
SRF – Tree Preservation Fund**

In closing, on July 24 the Capital Improvement Program will be distributed to City Council. City Council will be asked to set the first budget public hearing for August 14, 2018. Remaining budget workshops will be held on July 30, July 31 and August 7. The first reading of the budget ordinance will be on the August 28 agenda with the second reading following on September 11.

At 7:15 p.m., Mr. Becker left the meeting.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:26 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: