



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

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

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.

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 Rev. Cheryl Lamaak of Lakeside Lutheran Church. Mayor Hallisey led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 3A. 18-0427 April 7, 2018 Strategic Planning Retreat
- 3B. 18-0425 June 12, 2018 Regular Meeting
- 3C. 18-0447 June 26, 2018 Council Work Session
- 3D. 18-0431 June 26, 2018 Regular Meeting

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

4. **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

- 4A. 18-0413 Presentation by the Finance Committee Chairman (Director of Finance)

The report was given by Finance Committee Chairman, Tom Crews.

5. **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
Byram Lass	2305 Hampton	Parks
Dan Seal	BAHEP	Storm Surge
Jamie Edwards	319 Holly Branch Ln.	Community Project
Diane Turski	719 Marbrook Saddle Ln	Citizen Survey
Sebastian Lofaro	123 Coral Bay Dr.	Parks
Yvonne Tibai	2245 Leisure Lane	Parks
Monica Millican	934 Plantation	Shelter
Chad Tressler	2953 Buffalo Springs Ln.	Candidate for Council
Vaness Hamilton	950 Power St.	Trees
Sandra Kelly	2117 Eastlands	Dog Park
Janice Hallisey	2205 Acacia	
Melissa Kelly	2117 Eastlands	Dog Park

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

- 6A. 18-0429 Hold a public hearing on the City of League City's FY2019 Annual Budget (Director of Budget and Project Management)

Mayor Hallisey opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Angie Steelman, Director of Budget & Project Management, gave an overview of the proposed budget.

NAME	ADDRESS
Sandra Kelly	2117 Eastlands

Mayor Hallisey closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

- 6B. 18-0414 Hold a public hearing on proposed Certificates of Obligation, Series 2018 (Director of Finance)

Mayor Hallisey opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Allena Portis, Director of Finance, and Joe Morrow of Hilltop Securities, gave an overview of this item.

No one signed up to speak

Mayor Hallisey closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

- 6C. 18-0415 Consider and take action on an ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of League City, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2018; and levying an ad valorem tax; pledging certain net revenues; approving an official statement, authorizing the execution of a transfer and paying agency agreement; and other matters in connection therewith (Director of Finance)

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Millican, to approve Ordinance No. 2018-23 authorizing the issuance of City of League City, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2018; and levying an ad valorem tax; pledging certain net revenues; approving an official statement, authorizing the execution of a transfer and paying agency agreement; and other matters in connection therewith. The motion 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

A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to approve first and final reading of Ordinance No. 2018-23. 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. COMMENTS/REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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

Mayor Pro Tem Todd Kinsey – On the dog parks topic this evening, personally I don't think I'll ever forget since I got to step in for the Mayor that night, the thousands of people that came out for the opening of that park. My wife and I have been here 15 years and I've never seen that kind of turnout at any event other than the fireworks. As somebody that lives on the east side, I'd be excited, oh, I forgot, the Christmas Parade, too. But for an actual park I've never seen anything like it. It was tremendous. I'm excited about the east side dog park and the completion of the one dog park. At the library, practice your English conversation skills in our English Conversation Practice classes every Monday night at 6:30 and Wednesday mornings at 10:30. These sessions are open to all levels and skills of English speaking but are for adults. The League City Book Club is discussing *The Peripheral*, by William Gibson in the Library Theater on Monday, August 20 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. This program is for adults. Every Stitch Way continues to meet every other Wednesday for adults who enjoy needlework of any kind: Knitting, Sewing, Crochet, Embroidery, and more. Our next meeting is August 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Theater.

Hank Dugie – I do have a few things to say, but if Council will allow it, I would like to yield a minute to the lady that missed her chance to speak about the dog park. Is that okay with you all?

Larry Millican had no comments.

Greg Gripon – Larry and I attended the TML Region 14 Fall Meeting with the other Mayors and Council from all over Region 14. It's always wonderful to mingle with them and learn what's going on in their cities. This last Saturday, our League City Lions Club formed the new League City Leos Club. They are kids that are from 12 to 18. We had 47 teenagers show up Saturday to become a Leo. How great is that? These are teenagers that are going to learn about giving back to their community. It's wonderful. I will say on the dog park, we have a new dog named Simba that thinks it's a fish and I can sort of understand people wanting a dog pond. I just had a little problem with the process they went through.

Keith Gross – Good evening. Mr. Mayor, am I allowed to yield my time specifically to Mr. Dugie, he is dying to speak. (Mayor said he would go back to him.) I had talked to some people and there's two sides, obviously, to this dog park. The best way it was put, and Sandra Kelly articulated it, was it's a park for people where you can bring your dogs. Makes it sound better and not so much petty as some people have made it out to be. But I do like the idea of having parks, I'm struggling with having a dog park after we have really in the past two years allocated so much money for the benefit of animals already and there are people like in Bayridge that are getting upset that we're not fixing the flood problems, but we're allocating money toward making a dog's life happier. I get the arguments on both sides. Like Councilmen Gripon said, where he commented on the process, or brought up the fact it would've been nice if we had people on the Parks Board consulted on this and we could have everybody working together rather than at odds. One thing I'd be interested in knowing is the difference between the cost of making a park for people and then modifying the grounds to accommodate dogs. It seems like there's room for compromise. I don't know if you all have exhausted the means, but if there's a way to make all the parties happy, let's try to explore that between now and maybe next Council Meeting.

Nick Long – The reason I voted for the first dog park, and the reason I will support this one, I do have a dog and I have kids, but the part that I like the best about it is that there's a lot of bang for the buck taking land that is not used for anything else, literally once was a sewage plant that got torn down and we weren't going to use it for anything else, and for \$150,000 converted that into, arguably, one of the most popular parks in League City. That's why I supported it the first time, because of a minimal investment by the City in order to make that happen. The part I like the best is that the amenities and the effort and all the community involvement to take it from a pretty good park to an exceptional park and the dedication that was done with that. What's happening on the east side is exactly the same thing. If you look at the map, there's this piece of land that is unused, it is isolated, it is probably not great for a whole lot of things, and they're going to take that same unused piece of land and turn it into another outstanding amenity for around \$200,000 and I think that is a fantastic use of that money, and developing it further, especially since this money is coming out the park dedication funds. So if you put the amount of the Park Dedication Fund for the two dog amenities that is roughly 80% of the amount of money we will bring in in the Park Dedication Fund in this year.

So we're getting two great amenities out of the money generated this year in the Park Dedication Fund. That all being said, I am a supporter of it, but I would like to see the Parks Board brought in and get a big stake at the table for how this is going to go moving forward. A big reason for that is we asked these people to donate their time and go through this whole process of getting on the Parks Board and we need to have them weigh in. So, I'm supporting putting it on the CIP, but just like the first dog park, just because we've got it on the CIP doesn't mean we'll spend the money tomorrow. There is still plenty of time for the Parks Board to weigh in, to weigh the future planning and future funding, and make sure this can get done as soon as possible, but in a way that fits in with our Parks Master Plan.

Mayor Hallisey – It's my understanding that the Park Board sent back a recommendation on the first dog park. Is that right, Mr. Lofaro, because you came up here and said nobody ever consulted the Park Board. It may have been before you were there. But I take exception to that, when in fact the Park Board did get the information on the dog park. Now, several of our recollections up here that that's exactly what happened and nobody was left out. The second dog park has not even come to the Council as anything other than a concept. First time I heard about it, Mr. Millican said the other night at a meeting, he'd rather have the east side dog park as opposed to the pond. I read social media, that's the meanest bunch of people I have ever seen in my entire life. And all this stuff of everybody pointing fingers at who's at fault, I don't think anybody, at this point, is at fault. The Park Board has not been left out of one thing. The second dog park is not on anybody's agenda, has not been brought forward. The Council knows very little about it, I don't know anything about it, and not to say that there won't be one, but all this stuff of everybody saying you did this, you did that, all this nanny-poo-poo stuff, a bunch of childish garbage. Wait for it to come. If you don't like the dog park, that's okay. I understand that. It's been kind of a high profile deal, you're entitled to your opinion. We all have one. But I don't see the big deal, being made about who didn't do what. Second thing, just to help Mr. Gripon out a little bit, the Lions Club, that he's a member of and I am not, organized the Leos group. What is the Leos group? It is a group of young people primarily from the age of 11 or 12 to 17 or 18, and they're in that Leos group for leadership development. It was one of the nicer things I've been to in town, because these are the folks who are going to be sitting up here over the next 10, 20 and 30 years. And they've got good mentors within that group and I was proud to be there and proud to be able to talk to them. I'm really proud of the Lions Club. It's easy to go do your good things and then sit back and rest on your laurels, but this group is looking to the future because they see that every 10 or 15 years, with the exception of the Gripons, the group turns over. And you have to be able to attract new people, and I thought what happened out there Saturday was outstanding. Congratulations to Jake Long, who is the new president of that group, who is a fine young fellow himself, and we expect really good things to come from all those young leaders who are showing an interest in our community.

Chief, I can't remember the guy's name, but I turned on the TV the other morning and I saw that young man who was standing out here in the parking lot and a lady drove in, waving her arms, said she was having a baby, and he immediately jumped in, with no training whatsoever, and made sure that child was delivered safely. What is his name? Michael Carty. Please tell him thank you from all of us. That's one of the good stories that comes out and we don't get enough. Janice, you were good, you stayed within your time allotment. I'm really proud of you and I'm glad you wore green.

Hank Dugie – Thank you Mr. Mayor. I thought I was pretty clear about yielding one minute of my time. One thing I'd like to say about this Council and one thing that makes me very proud of this Council, is that we are very accessible to citizens and when citizens show up to speak, we listen. So I'm glad I was able to give you a minute to speak and next time, just show up on time so I don't have to take this humiliation. I have a list of about 10 things to say, but I'm only going to say about 3 of them. I'll say the most important one first, my brother was in the hospital for 10 days, and I missed the last budget meeting last week, and the community was just pouring out prayers and thought and I just want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for keeping my family in your prayers. He was able to pull through and we have a diagnosis and we have treatment and everything's looking up. So I just want to thank all of you for praying for us and thinking about us as a family. He's one of the toughest kids I know, he'll be starting his senior year of high school this coming year and I'm just glad he was able to get out in time to enjoy a couple of weeks before he goes back to school. So, thank you for your prayers. On a lighter note, this weekend we are going to be going to Wisconsin to compete in the Quidditch championship. We hope to bring back a trophy to display proudly at City Hall. I'll give you an update next meeting and hopefully I'll bring you good news. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Hallisey said Mr. Millican and I went to a meeting held by the County Judge and a bunch of people from Friendswood about the fact that the Texas General Land Office doesn't seem to be cooperating in the best spirit of what everybody went through last year, not only on our infrastructure development, which we've got a bunch of money we'd like to have so we could put toward drainage and also on the housing. There are a bunch of people with houses across this county that still are waiting to receive some FEMA funding. We don't know exactly what the problem is, but we're counting on the Judge to try to find that.

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

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

- 8A. 18-0379 Presentation of the Investment Report of the Section 4B Industrial Development Corporation for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 (Director of Finance)

The report was presented by Allena Portis, Director of Finance.

- 8B. 18-0421 Presentation of Citizen Survey Results (Director of Communications & Media Relations)

The presentation was given by Sarah Greer Osborne, Director of Communications & Media Relations.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Item 9E was pulled by Mr. Becker, 9L and 9M were pulled by Mr. Dugie.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Millican, to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items. 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

- 9A. 18-0445 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an expenditure with Swagit Productions, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$118,710 for various equipment upgrades and authorizing a monthly maintenance fee for an amount not to exceed \$3,500 for video streaming services (Director of Information Technology & Facilities)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-99

- 9B. 18-0371 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an encroachment agreement with Gehan Homes, Ltd. for the installation and maintenance of irrigation and landscape improvements within public road right-of-way, utility easements and restricted reserves within the Victory Lakes Sections 7A and 7B (Director of Engineering)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-100

- 9C. 18-0441 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for a technician to operate and maintain breath alcohol testing instruments for the City of League City in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 (Chief of Police)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-101

- 9D. 18-0426 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing participation in the Federal Surplus Property Program (Director of Finance)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-102

- 9E. 18-0418 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a one-year agreement with the Galveston County Daily News as the official newspaper for the City of League City for an amount not to exceed \$22,000 (Director of Finance)

A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to defer. The motion failed by the following vote:

For: 2 - Mr. Becker and Mr. Kinsey

Opposed: 6 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Millican to approve Resolution No. 2018-103 authorizing a one-year agreement with the Galveston County Daily News as the official newspaper for the City of League City for an amount not to exceed \$22,000. The motion 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

9F. 18-0428 Consider and take action on a resolution confirming the appointment of the court clerk and the deputy court clerks in the municipal court (Director of Finance)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-104

9G. 18-0397 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a one-year renewal agreement with Fort Bend Services, Inc. for Polyacrylamide Cationic Emulsion Liquid Polymer at a unit price of \$1.32 per pound for a total amount not to exceed \$74,149.02 (Director of Public Works)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-105

9H. 18-0424 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with Galveston County Parks and Cultural Services Department for use of Hometown Heroes Park in order to continue to provide congregate meal services for eligible clients from October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019 (Director of Parks and Cultural Services)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-106

9I. 18-0433 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife for the Texas Recreation Trails Grant Program for Hometown Heroes Park 5K Loop Trail (Director of Parks and Cultural Services)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-107

9J. 18-0432 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife for the Outdoor Recreation Grant Program for Bayridge Park Redevelopment (Director of Parks and Cultural Services)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-108

9K. 18-0430 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a three-year renewal agreement with Wittman Enterprises for EMS billing for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000 (Fire Chief)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-109

9M. 18-0434 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an agreement with CenterPoint Energy for conversion of sodium streetlights to LED streetlights (Director of Planning & Development)

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to approve Resolution No. 2018-111 authorizing an agreement with CenterPoint Energy for conversion of sodium streetlights to LED streetlights. 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

- 9L. 18-0388 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a total expenditure of \$65,000 to BBG Consulting, Inc. for building inspection services through September 30, 2018 (Director of Planning and Development)

A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Millican, to approve Resolution No. 2018-110 authorizing a total expenditure of \$65,000 to BBG Consulting, Inc. for building inspection services through September 30, 2018. 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

- 9N. 18-0417 Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2018-21 amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled, "Building and Building Regulations" to adopt the 2015 International Residential Code, 2015 International Building Code, 2015 International Fuel Gas Code, 2015 International Mechanical Code, 2015 International Plumbing Code, 2015 Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners Law/Rules, 2015 International Energy Conservation Code, the 2015 Property Maintenance Code, and 2014 National Electrical Code - Second Reading (Director of Planning and Development)

Council approved first reading 8-0-0 on July 24, 2018.

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Ordinance No. 2018-21 - Second Reading

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11A. 18-0380 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a three-year agreement with Peregrine Services, Inc for the printing and mailing of the city's utility bills for an amount not to exceed \$558,792 (Director of Finance)

A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to approve Resolution No. 2018-112 authorizing a three year agreement with Peregrine Services, Inc for the printing and mailing of the city's utility bills for an amount not to exceed \$558,792. 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

- 11B. 18-0416 Consider and take action on appointments to boards and commissions (Mayor Hallisey)

Mayor's Appointment:
League City Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Position 6. David Johnson Term to expire 12/31/19

A motion was made by Mayor Hallisey, seconded by Mr. Millican, that this Agenda Item be Approved . 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

12. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**13. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED****14. EXECUTIVE(CLOSED) SESSION(S)**

At 8:31 p.m. Mayor Hallisey announced the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss the following items:

- 14A. 18-0419 Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.087 - Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations
- Discuss the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that seeks to locate, stay, or expand within the City of League City, Texas (Director of Economic Development)
- 14B. 18-0436 Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.071 Government Code - Consultation with Attorney
- Consultation with the City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct to the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act, to-wit: legal issues related to utility agreement with MUD 6 (City Attorney)
- Pulled
- 14C. 18-0438 Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072 Government Code - Deliberations about real property
- Discuss potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Director of Budget & Project Management)

At 9:21 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.

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

- 15A. 18-0420 Consider and take action on the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that seeks to locate, stay, or expand within the City of League City, Texas (Director of Economic Development)
- No Action
- 15B. 18-0437 Consider and take action on legal issues related to utility agreement with MUD 6 (City Attorney)
- Pulled

- 15C. 18-0439 Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Director of Budget & Project Management)

No Action

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:21 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;