



# City of League City, TX

300 West Walker  
League City TX 77573

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, January 8, 2019

5:00 PM

Council Chambers  
200 West Walker Street

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### Council Work Session

The City Council of the City of League City, Texas, met in a work session in Council Chambers at 200 West Walker Street on the above date at 5:00 p.m.

**Mayor:**

**Pat Hallisey**

**City Council Members:**

**Andy Mann  
Hank Dugie  
Larry Millican  
Todd Kinsey  
Greg Gripon  
Chad Tressler  
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:**

**Vacant**

**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 5:01 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present.

Present 8 - Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Andy Mann, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Mr. Greg Gripon, Mr. Chad Tressler and Mr. Nick Long

**2. DISCUSSION REGARDING BOND PROGRAM PROJECTS**

A presentation regarding bond program projects was given by Assistant City Manager Bo Bass Assistant, with Director of Engineering Christopher Sims.

**A TIME FOR ACTION**

- Sentiment of the community is that we need to move forward NOW
- City staff proposed May 2019 General Obligation Bond Election
- City staff proposed May 2019 ¼ ¢ Sales Tax Election

**Potential Bond Items Presented on October 23, 2018**

Drainage	\$121	Million
Streets & Traffic	\$ 88.5	Million
Library	\$ 22.5	Million
Public Safety	\$ 17	Million

**SURVEY RESULTS**

**Question 1 – Would you support the City issuing \$121 million of general obligation bond debt for neighborhood drainage and flood mitigation projects in League City? (projects do not include a regional solution for Clear Creek or Dickinson Bayou)**

Yes	63.26%	1,276
No	36.74%	741
Total		2,017

**Question 2 – Would you support the City issuing \$88.5 million of general obligation bond debt for roadway and traffic mobility projects in League City?**

Yes	64.41%	1,292
No	35.59%	714
Total		2,006

**Question 3 – Would you support the City issuing \$24.5 million of general obligation bond debt to build an additional library branch in League City?**

Yes	24.11%	486
No	75.89%	1,530
Total		2,016

**Question 4 – Would you support the City issuing \$2.9 million of general obligation bond debt to build an indoor gun range and training facility for the League City Police Department?**

Yes	39.51%	797
No	60.49%	1,220
Total		2,017

**Question 5 – Would you support the City issuing \$5 million of general obligation bond debt to build a new League City Municipal Court Building?**

Yes	23.38%	470
No	76.72%	1,540
Total		2,010

**Question 6 – Would you support the City issuing \$13 million of general obligation bond debt to build a Central Fire Station that would house the League City's Fire, Fire Marshal's and EMS Departments?**

Yes	50.80%	1,022
No	49.20	990
Total		2,012

**Question 7 – Would you support an additional ¼ cent sales tax to help fund roadway, traffic mobility, and drainage infrastructure improvements for League City?**

Yes	64.07%	1,298
No	35.93%	728
Total		2,026

#### **PROJECTS REMOVED SINCE OCTOBER 23, 2018 PRESENTATION**

##### **A. Reasons**

- Size of the initial bond project total was requested to be reduced
- Direction to determine a tax rate neutral project total

##### **B. Projects**

###### **1.) Public Safety**

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|------------------------|----------------|
| • Central Fire Station | \$14.0 million |
| • Courts               | \$ 5.0 million |
| • Indoor Gun Range     | \$ 3.0 million |

- 2.) Streets & Traffic
  - Palomino Lane Extension \$17.3 million
- 3.) Library \$24.0 million
- 4.) Drainage
  - Bay Ridge Area Diversion Channel \$ 30.8 million
  - Interurban Ditch Channel Improvement \$ 2.8 million
  - Nottingham Ditch Channel Improvement \$ 4.9 million
  - Oaks of Clear Creek Section 3 Drainage \$ 10.0 million
  - Robinson Gully Extension \$ 750,000

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Drainage \$73 million  
(without Diversion & 4 projects)
- Streets & Traffic \$72 million  
(without Palomino Lane Extension)
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- Total \$145 million

**Tax Rate neutral with ¼ ¢ sales tax**

#### **DRAINAGE PROJECTS**

**Bay Ridge Flood Reduction projects were discussed.**

**Phase I: Levee Improvements**

**Phase II: System Hardening & Pump Station**

**Phase III: Bay Ridge Storm System Hardening**

**Phase IV: Widen Gum Bayou from Hwy. 96 to City Limits**

**(will help Hidden Lakes, Whispering Lakes, & Lakes of South Shore)**

#### **STREETS AND TRAFFIC PROJECTS**

**Mr. Bass said staff recommends all of the projects that were presented on October 23, with the exception of the Palomino Road extension. We recommend that be taken off the proposed bond amount, which leaves a total of \$73 million in projects for streets.**

**PROPOSED 1/4 ¢ SALES TAX**

State law caps sales/use tax of all local governments at a combines total of 2.00%

In League City, that total is 1.75%:

- General sales tax 1.00%
- Additional sales tax for property tax relief 9.50%
- Economic development 4B corp. 0.25%

City Council has three options to reach the 2.00% cap (without creating a separate entity to be funded by a new sales tax)

The Council may call an election to:

- Increase the general sales/use tax by 0/25%;
- Increase the “additional sales/use tax” by 0.25% for purpose of reducing the property tax rate; OR
- Adopt a sales/use tax of 0.25% for the “maintenance and repair of municipal streets” (in existence at time of election)

**TIMELINE & PROCESSES**

January 8	Council Finalizes List of Bond Program Projects
January 10	Town Hall: Bond Program Information
January 22	First Reading
February 7	Town Hall: Bond Program information
February 12	Second Reading
February 15	Last day to order the election (Statutory Requirement)
March 7	Town Hall: Bond Program Information
April 4	Town Hall: Bond Program Information
May 4	Election Day

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Request that the City Council place the following issues before the voters on a May 2019 election date:

- A general Obligation Bond Election
  - Drainage \$ 73 million
  - Streets & Traffic \$ 72 million
  - \$145 million**
- A 1/4¢ Sales Tax Election

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:20 p.m., Mayor Hallisey said there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

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**PAT HALLISEY**  
**MAYOR**

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**DIANA M. STAPP**  
**CITY SECRETARY**

**(SEAL)**

**MINUTES APPROVED:**