



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

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:

**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

Chief of Police:

Gary Ratliff

Executive Director of Development Services

David Hoover

Director of Budget/Project Management

Angie Steelman

Director of Engineering:

Christopher Sims

Director of Finance:

Kristine Polian

Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:

Janet Shirley

Director of Parks & Cultural Services:

Chien Wei

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. Andy Mann, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Mr. Greg Gripon, Mr. Chad Tressler 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 Pastor Brian Young of Word Power Church. Mayor Hallisey led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

Mayor Hallisey made a statement regarding the setup of the council meeting in accordance with the distance requirement. Council will make comments regarding the mandates. This meeting is being operated in the strictest compliance as instructed by the governor and county judge. Let's help one another and

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3A. 20-0137 February 11, 2020 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. 20-0133 Presentation of a proclamation recognizing April 2020 as "Child Abuse Awareness Month" (Mayor Hallisey)

4B. 20-0138 Presentation by TIRZ #2 (Victory Lakes and TIRZ #4 (Westwood) boards (Mayor Hallisey)

Item 4B was pulled.

4C. 20-0136 Report from Dickinson Bayou Watershed Steering Committee (Mayor Hallisey)

The report was given by Council Member Dugie.

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
Chuck DiFalco	2118 Eastland Ct.	LC Disaster declaration
Cathy Driscoll	4418 Field Glen Ct.	Shut In

Sarah Greer Osborne, Director of Communications, read seven online public comment submittals:

Marika Fuller, Jacci Bogott, Sara Whiting, Rachel Beaman, Andy Wright, John Colson, Jon Antkowiak

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

- 6A. 20-0129 Hold a public hearing on a request to rezone approximately 0.464 acres from “CM” (Commercial Mixed-Use) to “CG” (General Commercial), (MAP-20-0001, 1504 West League City Parkway), legally described as Lot 3, Block 2 of the Calder Plaza Subdivision, generally located along the north side of League City Parkway (SH 96), east of Phillips Road and west of Interstate Highway 45 with an address of 1504 West League City Parkway (SH 96) in League City, Texas (Executive Director of Development Services)

Item 6A was pulled.

- 6B. 20-0130 Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2005-24, to rezone approximately 0.464 acres from “CM” (Commercial Mixed-Use) to “CG” (General Commercial), (MAP-20-0001, 1504 West League City Parkway), legally described as Lot 3, Block 2 of the Calder Plaza Subdivision, generally located along the north side of League City Parkway (SH 96), east of Phillips Road and west of Interstate Highway 45 with an address of 1504 West League City Parkway (SH 96) in League City, Texas (Executive Director of Development Services)

Planning and Zoning Commission did not make a recommendation. The motion to approve died due to a lack of second, on March 2, 2020.

Item 6B was pulled.

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 – Ms. Driscoll, I hope you remember that Matthew 18:20, that wherever two or three gather, there am I. Family worshipping together is, in my opinion, very close to what a church can be and I don't think that you read in the directive that it says that a church can't, it's that they recommend that happens. We know it's a big choice, it's a scary choice, but beyond that I just hope people will be smart and safe and follow these rules that are put in place for the public safety. I know in my own neighborhood I've seen people out like they're at a vacation resort. I don't think that's necessarily what this is supposed to all be about. It's one thing if you're out jogging by yourself, but I've seen huge groups of people together and I just hope people will start being a little bit smarter and the cases in Galveston County have significantly gone up the last few days. My wife works for UTMB, as does Chad's, so we hear the numbers pretty frequently. I also ask that you remember this is League City, where we do unto others as we wish they do unto you. When you're out in the grocery stores, we're a southern gulf coast city, we're used to preparing for hurricanes so that means go out and buy everything you think you're going to need. But this isn't a hurricane, you still have the ability to go to the grocery stores. You still have the ability to go out and pick up food, to go to the pharmacy, you're not losing power, you're not losing water, so just, if you're in the store think about your neighbors and what they may need. Just get enough for your family. Moving on, in honor of Child Abuse Awareness Month, I want to thank Texas Protects, over in Austin, for some slides they sent me. I worked with them on some policy stuff the first part of this year. Briefly, on the Library, I just ask people to keep an eye on the website as the Library will be closing. But every year in my eight years on Council, the City has made a bigger investment in our online resources with eBooks and audio books, so there are still plenty of ways to check out books. I've also seen some of the vendors they use allowing checkout of things that would normally have massive amounts of holds on them. Try eBooks if you haven't. I like real books myself, but I read a lot of eBooks too. I just hope God blesses us all as we try to get through this.

Chad Tressler – I wrote down my thoughts before this meeting in preparation for this emergency declaration topic. So, I apologize if I ruin our chances for breaking a record tonight. From the highest levels of a government now down to us, the smallest possible level of government, seems we've had a bit of passing the buck on this pandemic. There's been an apparent lack of direction. There seems to be a lack of a consistent message, even amongst our constituents and supporters. In the face of conflicting priorities, the buck stops here. It's up to us to do what's best for League City. The debate in the media and furthered and more divisive and polarized in social media makes it seem as if we have a binary choice. To either sacrifice the economy or sacrifice grandma. I don't like that choice. It's certainly not enjoyable to be the ones that's fallen to. When I ran for City Council, I never thought I'd be making what at this point feels like life and death decisions. And decisions that I don't really feel prepared to handle, with topics ranging from virology to medicine to micro-economics and constitutional law. But here we are.

It would have been easy for the City to just stay silent. It's not an option now, we have an emergency declaration, and I've never been one to go for the easy option anyway. So, we have something we have to talk about doing. I held out for hope that the State, that the County, would implement something meaningful, something enforceable. But the one consistent message we've gotten from each level is they passed the buck down and said it's going to the municipalities. The Feds have said the constitution reserves the powers for the things that aren't defined in the constitution to the states, and the state said, we've reserved this power to the municipalities. While I don't like being the one who has to help make that decision, on the other hand, I do like it. We're the level closest to the people that are going to be impacted. For that matter, what works for Texas is not the same as what's going to work for New York. What works in Galveston County isn't the same thing that's needed in a county where they have a population under 500. So, here we are and we have to choose. There's one thing I would hope that we can all agree on, on this Council, and it's that we can't and shouldn't pass the buck any further. What that means to me is, anything we do needs to be enforceable. We can't simply pass along recommendations anymore. In my mind that's paying lip service to fighting the virus, and it's cowardly, and it's trying to appease both sides when there is no common ground. The way I see it if we go down the middle and simply issue recommendations and issue guidelines without them being enforceable, it's half-baked and it's lacking committal to resolving. So, the way I see it we have a choice, and there are two honest positions. I'm not going to say that anyone is more right than the other. I think they're both honest and both valid. One, we believe this is a more of a fear action that a real threat from this pandemic. If we're going to say that, then we would declare League City 100% open for business. The other option, we say that this is a real threat, it's credible, and we acknowledge that if we do something that isn't enforceable then we're not actually doing anything to fight it. I go that route. I saw the interview today with Dr. Keiser from the Galveston County Health District on I-45 Now. And in very clear words he said our region is at an inflection point. Continuing with toothless emergency declarations as has been done so far would mean that the number of new cases everyday will grow to a point where it would overwhelm our medical system. I refuse to be a vote cast that will force our medical professionals into a situation where they might have to make a choice which patients get access to the needed treatments that are in limited availability and choose who gets to live and who doesn't. I understand there will be economic consequences, but when the trade-off is a human life, I value human life too highly to make that choice. That being said, I don't want this to be a precedent for normal circumstances. Any measures we take need to be clearly sunset. As was pointed out tonight, there's a ticking clock and we cannot let this go on, so, when we get to that item, we'll need to talk about how long it lasts and what the new policy is. As is, the Health District has suggested a two-week window. Let's give it a shot, we'll be back here in two weeks. So, I'm going to suggest that it sunsets then. And we have to meet to extend it if we feel it needs to be. The way I see it, two weeks of an enforceable, meaningful, not just voluntary, stay at home policy will clearly have economic consequences, but I don't believe they're as painful as the consequences of a carefree approach where we don't take steps to battle this invisible enemy.

When we talk about things like the impact to churches, there's a popular saying in the churches I've always attended that the church is not the building, the church is the people. And those people can come together in this day and age in many ways that would not violate any guidelines on the number of people that get together. Providing services that churches have historically provided to people in need, feeding the poor, things of that nature, are still essential services in every guideline that's been talked, and I don't think there's any discussion changing that. So, that work that the church does can still go on. And I'm reminded, two verses in the Bible that came to my mind this week, one is reminding us that our body is God's temple and we're supposed to take care of that. Part of that is in a pandemic like this, to follow the guidance of our medical experts. The other thing is that we are instructed to provide for our families. Part of providing for our families is keeping them safe from disease. The Bible is very clear there if you're not doing that then you have denied faith. I don't think that a restriction on churches is going against religion. I also think we have a wonderfully sharing faith community. While most of the larger churches already had, and have clearly implemented good online platforms for community, for sharing, for continuing their work, if there are one's that aren't, I'm pretty sure we can put those churches in touch with the larger ones and something can be worked out to help them. I think it's something that can be done, and if I need to help facilitate that personally I'm more than willing to do that. But I don't think that's a reason to put people's health and safety at risk.

Nick Long - I just do want to talk about the declaration, and for the most part I can support it with some level of sunset provision. But the part that does bother me the most is the religious freedom aspect of it. Not to be really critical of you, Chad, but you said it's a popular saying in churches you have attended, well everybody up here that's a Methodist, or Catholic, or Baptist, the constitution doesn't allow the government to pick which religion we're going to prefer. So, that's the part I have a problem with here, is yeah, my church has moved online and we'd already made the decision that it was going to be best to just participate online, but if somebody else hasn't, and if they know the risks going in and they haven't made that decision for themselves I really don't think it's the City Council's job to push that on them. If they go into something and their church or their faith community wants to meet and they feel that's what's best for them, especially in this time, I don't know how we can tell them not to. That is the only part of this that I really have a problem with, besides it being open-ended at this point. So, I would like to put both a restriction time on it and an exemption in Exhibit A that clearly lays out that we feel strongly, that we urge them, that we urge all religious institutions to refrain from meeting, but I don't think we should have an out-and-out prohibition on it. And we can discuss that later, I just want everybody to think about that while we go through the rest of the agenda. That's really my only sticking point. I think Mr. DiFalco brings up good points about the economy, however, I think the overwhelming, the disease multiplying would have just as bad an effect on the economy. I think we can get through a little economic shock of it, but stepping all over hard-won constitutional freedoms, I think is a tougher part, and that's why that constitution is there, so that when the wolf's at the door we remember that we don't have the right to change those things.

Andy Mann – I'll reserve my time until we can debate the actual item and I would encourage the other Council Members to do that too.

Hank Dugie – Mr. Mann doesn't know us too well, does he? First, I'm sitting down here on the floor, I volunteered to sit at the kids' table, being the youngest member of Council. So, I hope you remember that. I also want to thank the Mayor for his leadership over the last couple of weeks, because during disasters the Mayor does have special powers and maybe not special powers sometimes, but people expect non-stop, 24/7 communication and I think he's done a good job of staying on top of the ball. Leadership is tough, as Mr. Tressler alluded to, leadership is definitely tough. I'll save some of my comments for the item later, but I do want to get out of the way now, I hurt, I hurt a lot. There's people in our community that are suffering from the virus, even more so suffering from the chaos and the panic and the fear. We have people already suffering from losing their employment, people who were living week-to-week or month-to-month. All week, the last few weeks, I keep hearing this discussion about the economy versus public health – public health versus the economy. To me they're one and the same. You can't have a healthy economy without a healthy public and vice versa. When the economy is faring poorly, people are out of work, suicide rates rise, domestic violence rises, overdosing on drugs, alcoholism rise. There are a lot of negative impacts when the economy is doing poorly. So, it's not as easy as saying forget about the economy, let's worry about public health because they work together and there's no way you can separate the two of them. That being said, I think it's important that all levels of government continue to gather information, gather data so that we have the most current and up to date information to make decisions. Truthfully, we're not going to have the data we need until this is over. This is the first time we've faced something like this here in this city and the state since before technology like this existed. So, people just waited to hear about it through the newspaper and other means. So, we need to keep gathering information and the second piece of that is keep sharing, communicating and educating citizens about what's going on. More importantly, we need to encourage and inspire them that this is going to pass, that we're going to get through this, that folks here on the Texas gulf coast when they band together can weather any storm and survive any epidemic. And we have to be those leaders out there telling them that it's going to be okay because if we're not out there then no one else is. I think Mr. Tressler and my views differ a little bit, and like he said, I think they're honest disagreements. I think we just should be encouraging, inspiring, convincing people to your point of view, not making them agree with your point of view or to come to your point of view. So, we'll get to that item later, but I just want to say I am hurting because I know people are hurting and it's going to get worse before it gets better, that's for sure. So, bear with us. Know that we care deeply about each of you watching from home, those of you that are in the audience, and we're going to work our tails off to get through this.

Larry Millican – I'd like welcome everybody for coming out tonight, the few that did and everybody at home. I think that this is going to be an important meeting. Instead of debating that topic, I am going to wait like Mr. Mann suggested, when we get to that agenda item. The last couple of weeks the Mayor and I had the opportunity to have a morning meeting with TxDOT Commissioner, Mr. Alvin New. Mr. New was in the Houston district office to review the operations and meet the staff. While at the district office, he met with all the local officials of the area and we got a first-hand reading of actually, what his role is and his thought about governance and TxDOT. We were able to interact with Commissioner New and Commissioner Laura Ryan. She was there in attendance also. It was a good meeting, each attendee had time to address Commissioner New with their thoughts and concerns and opportunities of the area, of what particular transportation or activity that they were concerned with. It was well attended and all across the board each attendee had somewhat of a variation of their locale or their activities and things that they wanted to see out of TxDOT. I thought it was good and it was awful impressive of Commissioner New took his time and actually did that. I think one of the things that impressed me most about the meeting is that Commissioner New, when our eyes met from across the room, he remembered me from our meetings that the Mayor and I had with him in Austin when we were going up for the Grand Parkway. A little-known fact is Commissioner New's sister lives in South Shore Harbour. It was easy to make that connection and I think it stuck with him. Also, I'm a member of the nominating committee for H-GAC Transportation Policy Council, and recently the Policy Council and the board approved a change in the governance of the Transportation Advisory Committee, which was better known as the TAC, and we have new members on that committee, we expanded that committee and the nominating committee went through a process to put forth nominees for the next meeting, that hopefully will be approved at this meeting Friday, as a matter of fact. And we expanded that committee by some 8 or 10 members so that we're going to have approximately 38 members on the TAC now that will be able to start looking at the selection process. Also last week, I was interviewed by Sarah Wolf, she is employed by the Harris County Drainage District. She is the Communications Specialist hired by the district to raise awareness for the Drainage District on all of the projects that they're going to be doing in the years to come. And she was interviewing me for the Clear Creek Watershed Steering Committee, its role in the watershed and what its future plans are. It was a fairly long interview, I felt very good about it, and I think that we will get good representation from Harris County because of that and be involved in that production that she'll be putting together.

Greg Gripon – Hello, friends. I never dreamed we would be dealing with this today. My heart hurts. It hurts for our community, for those that have lost their jobs here recently. We need to be looking out after our neighbors, we need to come together as a community, we need to just use common sense.

Like Nick, I agree that we probably need to be very careful when it comes to government and church. But again, I think common sense will hopefully overrule there. Last, I believe this is going to be really a humanitarian thing we'll be doing at this time. I've already asked John for us to start thinking about the humanitarian aspect that's in our community. And I will be working with him on that, and the rest of the Council.

Mayor Hallisey – The last 10 days have not been easy. My phone has rung off the hook, my emails have jumped off the page. Probably had discussions with everybody who has become emotional about this issue. For the first 10 days of this, I resisted hard rules. I think my faith somewhat indicates to me that God gave us a brain, he made us different than other animals on this planet. With that brain we have the ability to reason, and to think through problems, and try to figure out a way through them. I never have been a big proponent of writing rules that force people into a certain behavior pattern. The reason for that is, some will do it, some will not, and at the end of the day on this issue, if you don't get buy-in from the general public we're not going to make any headway with this at all. Our first go-round was not to close restaurants, to close bars. People would call me and say why are you going to do that. And I'd say I'm not going to do it. That's not what it's about. It's about you taking personal responsibility for you and your family. And if you are worried about your children, you're worried about this atrocity that is taking place in the world, then protect them by making good decisions for yourself and your family. I'm happy that restaurants went to dine out, that was an easy deal. I had restaurant owners call saying we're just going to shut down and just do dine out. I was appreciative of that, it made it easy. Then the Governor came out and he said I'm going to shut down bars, restaurants, and impose distance requirements, and no large groups. And I thought I'm sorry, but that fits right into what I'm trying to say to people. Take responsibility. Don't put your family at risk. God wouldn't want you to do that. I don't want you to do that. Take care of your immediate business. And even as late as Monday when the County Judge called all the Mayors together in this county, and made a plea for a stay at home order, which I think all of us understood at the time, and the Judge said in his post-order interview, there are no teeth to enforce this. Here we are again saying to people, look, this epidemic is moving along. It started with one or two people in the county. I misspoke a little bit on the news last night, I said we had 9 or 10 or 11 confirmed cases in League City. I found out today I was incorrect on that. We have 7 or 8. But we have 17 in the county when we had none two weeks ago. You look at what's happened in Italy and Spain and you see how this has progressed to the point where it's out of control. They can't put the devil back into the box, so to speak. So, as I come in today, I find out the county's revised their deal, they're mandating staying at home. I think that's the wrong approach and I've told people since yesterday, quit being so tough on the judge. What he's saying to you in so many words is, if you have the opportunity to stay home and work from home, do it. If you have to go out of your house to go to work, go. Don't put yourself in harm's way by going out in large groups where your potential of getting this virus increases substantially. Keep an eye on the basic things.

I hate to keep saying it because it seems silly, but wash your hands, don't be touching your face, stay in small groups. Somewhere in this process somebody has to do something to slow the expansion of the problem. Like I said, I'm not a big believer on the martial law issue, where you just mandate that everybody stays in one place. I've been at home for a week, I'm high risk, I'm diabetic, I've had two heart attacks. My doctor said going out in public was scary for me, I was susceptible to catch the disease. I didn't do that during Ike and those of you who know my story, know what I lost. But whatever I lost, God gave me a will to live that was second to none. My church is doing their stuff through the new technologies. I'm happy about that. I don't think if anybody went to that church, they would turn them away, but we are afraid in this country right now. We're afraid because we don't know what it is. It doesn't have a face, you can't see it, everybody that sneezes potentially could be passing that virus on to us, and we have listened to the experts, we have listened to the doctors who said if you can stay at home it's a better deal. If you can work at home, work at home. We have a daughter in New York City who's coming home tomorrow. Finally, her mother is going to calm down, because it's horrible up there and she's there alone, the only person in her big office. So, our fears will subside a little bit, but we're afraid for people within this community. We don't want anybody to be sick. I pray every morning and every night that God blesses this community and shields us from the negatives that the rest of this world is putting up with. It's not a matter of faith, it's a matter of practical application of that faith in believing that this will pass. I believe it. I saw it during Hurricane Harvey first-hand. We were not a community that was fearful, we were a community of hope and compassion to help our neighbors. I'm betting that that's exactly the same community that I live in today. I see neighbors talking to neighbors up and down my street. I see that as encouraging. They need to know if you're sick somebody will be there to help you. God didn't intend for us to be alone at all. My faith sustains me that this will pass. I'm not worried about that. Mr. DiFalco, for the fears that you talked about, I can truly tell you I hope you're wrong. I understand why your concern is there, but I hope you're wrong and that this educated country is not going to sit here for eight months pinning people to their houses or for a month. I'm absolutely going bonkers, my wife is definitely going bonkers having me home every day. It's not healthy at my house. None the less, those of you who are doing that, you know how difficult that is. I'm not one to sit still. So, hang in there. This is going to pass. Help one another. Be one another's brothers and sisters. And particularly, if you have parents in this town, or if you have people that are Larry's age and older, we need to take care of them. (He's only a day older than me, I had to put a little levity in there.) Anyway, help one another and we will get through this together. Things are going to be fine. For those of you who call, scream on the telephone, or scream on my emails of everything I should do. My moral compass is pretty steady. I have a good idea of the direction that I hope we're moving in, I hope I'm right. You never know until it's over. But, trying to stay calm in the midst of all the turmoil, I said to a friend of mine in Dallas yesterday, I don't know whether the virus is scarier to me, or the fear in people's voices and their eyes. Because fear drives people to do things that they normally would not do.

So, God bless everybody. Hang in there. We're going to hang in there and for the lady that said we were showing a bad example, we are at least six feet away from one another, we're trying. We still have business to operate, we're trying. You don't see a big crowd in here. John did a great job of organizing, Sarah is doing a great job of organizing all this, getting questions in, and we'll try to answer all of them as we get through the evening. I did not make the 35-minute world record that Mr. Kinsey holds, but that's alright. We're within an hour.

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

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

John Baumgartner, City Manager – In difficult times like this, people that choose local government as a profession, rise to the occasion. I think you've seen that in our staff, I'm so proud of them. They step up even in light of what the Governor said and the County Judge said, and we've tried hard to determine what essential services are. Some of those are very easy to determine. I told some Staff, this last week, this is not a sprint, it's a marathon, so our staff has risen to the occasion. We're prepared to continue to provide, obviously, public safety services, water/wastewater services, solid waste services, and the things that people absolutely need to help them cope with some of the daily problems, etc. that are out there. Our staff is committed to that belief, committed to that faith to see those folks getting up, coming to work. Some of them, we didn't ask to come and step up every day, the Parks and Recreation folks, we closed the Rec center, we closed the Library, and so those are very skeletal crews that are there. Most of those folks are at home. There's no large group at support, the Public Safety operations and Water and Wastewater operations, whether that's Purchasing, Utility Billing, many of those folks are working from home, continue to do that diligently. So, again, I'm proud of what they do. I have a couple of requests, certainly for the community. I appreciate everything that's going on. Our solid waste provider, AmeriWaste, they send 16, 17 trucks out every day. They go to everybody's house, they pick up solid waste. We ask every citizen to please bag their trash, not put those folks at risk. If we lose solid waste workers, we'll have a challenge filling them. Janell and her team are out there every day, we see them and they're trying to complete their jobs safely without undue exposure to Coronavirus or whatever, that could be in the trash. It could be you know. I'll tell a story that I was told today. They come across a solid waste can, they open the lid and it's filled with medical waste that's unbagged. What do we do with that when it's loose and unbagged? It blows in the wind, it drops on the ground, it puts the community at risk. So, if we could get everyone in the community to bag their trash, bag their recycling, use clear or white bags. I know there's an item that's part of the disaster declaration that talks about requiring that. Again, I just stand up here to help explain what that's important to the community and to the providers.

The other part is as we continue to do business through the adversity that we face, we closed a lot of the buildings or there is limited access to the buildings. We'd like citizens if they have to make a payment and that kind of thing, to try to do business with us, as much as possible, electronically, via phone, pay with a credit card, call up and make a payment over the phone, and not pay with cash if they can. That's the message I have for the community. Again, we're all in this together, we are going to get through it. We'll be stronger for it and we appreciate all the support from around the community. Thank you.

Gary Ratliff, Chief of Police, updated the Council on the staffing of the Police Department and available resources if needed.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Item 9C was pulled by Mr. Mann.

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

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

- 9A. 20-0123 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing various expenditures with McRee Ford for the purchase of two (2) vans and OEM auto parts in an amount not to exceed \$96,000 for FY2020 (Director of Public Works)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-39

- 9B. 20-0124 Consider and take action on a resolution ratifying the application submission and grant agreement with the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District (HGSD) for the 2019 Water Conservation Grant Program for the utilization of Satellite Imagery Leak Detection Analysis with Utilis, Inc. (Director of Public Works)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-40

- 9C. 20-0125 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an agreement with TT FASTER LLC, dba FASTER Asset Solutions for Fleet Management software for an initial purchase price of \$99,900 and a recurring software maintenance fee of \$11,390 that includes a 3% annual price escalation factor (Director of Public Works and Director of Information Technology)

A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Mann, to approve Resolution No. 2020-41 authorizing an agreement with TT FASTER LLC, dba FASTER Asset Solutions, for Fleet Management software for an initial purchase price of \$99,900 and a recurring software maintenance fee of \$11,390 that includes a 3% annual price escalation factor. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

- 9D. 20-0128 Consider and take action on a resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office - FY2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program for the purchase of a 1-ton truck and authorizing Assistant City Manager Michael Kramm to accept such a grant if awarded (Fire Chief)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-42

- 9E. 20-0139 Consider and take action on a resolution approving an interlocal agreement between Harris County and the City of League City for the donation of firefighter accountability equipment (Fire Chief)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-43

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

10. OLD BUSINESS

- 10A. 20-0134 Consider and take action on an ordinance authorizing a Utility Agreement with Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 80 (Executive Director of Development Services)

Staff recommends approval on first and final reading.
Council postponed 6-1-0 with 1 absent on March 10, 2020.

Item 10A was pulled by Staff.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11A. 20-0122 Consider and take action to form and appoint members to a subcommittee of the City Council to review and update goals for the City Manager, City Attorney, City Secretary, City Auditor, and Clerk of the Municipal Court of Record (Council Member Dugie and Council Member Millican)

Mayor's Nominees:
Council Members Hank Dugie, Larry Millican, Andy Mann and Gregg Gripon

A motion was made by Mayor Hallisey, seconded by Mr. Long, to approve forming the subcommittee and confirm the appointments. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

12. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED

- 13A. 20-0145 Consider and take action on an ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Purchasing Policy of the City of League City to allow electronic submission of bids and proposals (Director of Finance)

Staff recommends approval and requests first and final reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Millican, to approve Ordinance No. 2020-06 authorizing an amendment to the Purchasing Policy of the City of League City to allow electronic submission of bids and proposals. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Millican, to approve First and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-06. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

13B. 20-0147

Consider and take action on an ordinance 1) continuing a declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency for the City of League City, Texas, 2) adopting the City of League City Emergency Operations Plan and 3) providing for a penalty for violations of the Emergency Management Plan (City Manager)

Staff recommends approval on first and final reading

A motion was made by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to approve Ordinance No. 2020-07 1) continuing a declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency for the City of League City, Texas, 2) adopting the City of League City Emergency Operations Plan and 3) providing for a penalty for violations of the Emergency Management Plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Mann, to amend Section 3, which states a 60-day expiration, to make the expiration 3 weeks from today, at the next Council meeting, unless extended. The motion to amend passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

A motion to amend was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to add Section 9 to Exhibit A stating that the City of League City strongly urges all places of worship to refrain from holding large gatherings and should make all efforts to make services available online, and to specifically lift the ban on religious gatherings. (Note: County Judge has placed a ban on such gatherings.) The motion to amend passed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: 2 - Mr. Mann and Mr. Tressler

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Mann, to amend the motion to remove from Exhibit A (1,3,4,5), removing the addition of Section 9. The motion failed by the following vote:

For: 1 - Mr. Dugie

Opposed: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to review every week on Tuesday, duration of 7 days instead of 21 days. The motion failed by the following vote:

For: 3 - Mr. Mann, Mr. Gripon and Mr. Long

Opposed: 5 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey and Mr. Tressler

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-07, as amended to expire in 21 days instead of 60 days and to include Section 9 regarding house of worship, passed by the following vote:

For: 5 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon and Mr. Tressler

Opposed: 3 - Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican and Mr. Long

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve Ordinance No. 2020-07 on First and Final Reading. (This motion requires a 4/5 affirmative vote in order to pass.) The motion failed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon and Mr. Tressler

Opposed: 2 - Mr. Dugie and Mr. Long

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to reconsider the question for first and final reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon and Mr. Tressler

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Long

A motion was made by Mr. Tressler, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to approve Ordinance No. 2020-07 on First and Final Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon and Mr. Tressler

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Long

14. EXECUTIVE(CLOSED) SESSION(S)

Mayor Hallisey announced the executive session item has been pulled.

- 14A. 20-0126 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)
- Pulled

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

- 15A. 20-0127 Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Director of Budget & Project Management)
- Pulled

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 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: