



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 9, 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 except Nick Long.

Absent 1 - Mr. Nick Long

Present 7 - Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Andy Mann, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Mr. Greg Gripon and Mr. Chad Tressler

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. 20-0240 April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting

3B. 20-0244 May 12, 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. 20-0238 Report from Emergency Turnaround Task Force (Mayor Hallisey)

The report was presented by Dave Johnson and Director of Communications Sarah Greer Osborne.

4B. 20-0239 Report from Clear Creek Watershed Steering Committee (Mayor Hallisey)

The report was presented by Council Member Millican.

4C. 20-0241 Report from Dickinson Bayou Watershed Steering Committee (Mayor Hallisey)

The report was presented 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.

Sarah Greer Osborne, Director of Communications, read public comments from online submittals:

NAME	SUBJECT
Nancy Newman	Protest at Public Safety Building
Carol Andrews	Black Lives Matter March

Citizens Appearing before Council:

Hannah Kuecker	March in League City
Sylvana Mvoi	March in League City
Durshun Shah	March in League City

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

7. **COMMENTS/REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

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

Council Members had no comments.

Mayor Hallisey announced the passing of Gene Hollier.

8. **REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS**

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

John Baumgartner – a couple of quick announcements, I've been talking about the GO Bond program, projects are moving forward. We opened bids on the first project back in December, which was Calder Road and it's well under construction. The next two projects are two Bayridge drainage projects, the pump station and the internal improvements within the subdivision. Those will open bids in August, we hope they'll be under construction before the end of October. And we have a list of other projects that are moving forward related to drainage, including Oaks of Clear Creek, Countryside, Hidden Oaks, and Grissom Road. We talked a little bit about in the work session, the trail along FM270. That was bid by TxDOT. Those bids were opened slightly below budget and that should start in August. That's the final connection to get us open between 270 and Webster Street. We made some comments in the work session about that. Next month we're going to open the right turn lane at Hobbs Road on League City Parkway that will free up some bottleneck right there at Hobbs and League City Parkway. That bid opens in August. It's designed, so the bid, then after bid we have to schedule award and then start construction right after that, it'll go pretty quick. That'll move the signal pole that's in the way. Then League Park continues to make great progress. That park will be opened back up before Holiday in the Park in December. There's a bonus for September/October time frame completion, but we'll be well ahead of the winter holiday season. Then coming up in the next few weeks, there are some public meetings related to the drainage projects. We're holding those at the Civic Center to accommodate social distancing. Last night we held one on the Meadows and we also put it on Facebook Live. It's a way for the public to view it from home at the same time. Bayridge, we'll have a community update on where we are on their drainage projects on June 22. On June 30, we will have a Facebook Live townhall, update where we are. It's been just over a year since the bond program was approved, we'll kind of give a community update on where all those projects are, what we see as the next projects coming forth for design. Visit the City's website to keep up with that. COVID has cancelled many League City events so we try to get creative on what we do to continue moving forward. In the spring we contracted with AmeriWaste, our solid waste provider to do a household hazardous waste drop-off. In lieu of that we're doing curbside household hazardous waste. It requires more in some respects, for the public. You need to go to our website and every weekend is a different item. You have to call AmeriWaste to get on the schedule for what you have, then you leave it curbside and they'll come up and pick it up. From many aspects it will be more convenient. They'll collect appliances, electronics, tires and paint. That will be last. The drop-off is challenging because the lines get long, so the pickup, we'll try that and see how that works. We're excited that we can still offer that service and provide it safely. I'm excited to announce our annual fireworks extravaganza, we do that on the 3rd, so people can spend time with their families on July 4th. This year it's going to be a little bit different. We've still got COVID and social distancing, so we're calling it the drive-in fireworks show. We partnered with Clear Creek ISD in hosting the event at Challenger Columbia Stadium. Parking is limited, somewhere around 3,000 cars. We're going to open the gates at 7:00 p.m., fireworks will go off promptly at 9:00 p.m. and we'll continue to work on that event. No tents, no alcohol or private fireworks will be allowed.

Again, 7:00 p.m. the gates open, and at 9:00 p.m. the fireworks go off, and again, parking will be tight. Normally we have 10,000 to 20,000 people at our show, so it will be a little bit scaled back, but it is moving ahead. Finally, we have recognition of National Trails Week, our Parks and Recreation Department is currently hosting "Trailing in League City". League City has many miles of hike and bike trails and we want residents to get out and explore them by playing "Nature Bingo". Participants can download and print the bingo card from the City's website and bring their completed cards to Hometown Heroes Recreation Center. All participants will receive a tee shirt and prizes for the first 50 who come in with completed bingo cards. A short video of Lynn Gripon Countryside Park was shown.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Gripon, to approve Consent Agenda Items 9A through 9D. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mr. Long

- 9A. 20-0228 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a two-year agreement with Meeder Investment Management for investment advisory services (Director of Finance)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-70

- 9B. 20-0236 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to reimburse eligible, unbudgeted expenses related to COVID 19 response and recovery occurring between March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020 (Emergency Management Services)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-71

- 9C. 20-0237 Consider and take action on a resolution to ratify the application for a grant of \$5,000 from Marathon Pipeline First Responders Grant (Fire Chief)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-72

- 9D. 20-0242 Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. for the design and construction phase services related to the Odor Control Improvements at the Hewitt Road and Tuscan Lakes Lift Stations project (WW2001A & WW2001B), in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 (Director of Budget & Project Management)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-73

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS**12. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES****13. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED**

- 13A. 20-0245** Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Chapter 74, entitled "Parks and Recreation" of League City's Code of Ordinances to clarify penalties for violation of park rules and signage (Chief of Police)

Staff recommends approval on first and final reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mayor Hallisey, to approve Ordinance No. 2020-16 amending Chapter 74, entitled "Parks and Recreation" of League City's Code of Ordinances to clarify penalties for violation of park rules and signage. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: 2 - Mr. Dugie and Mr. Millican

Absent: 1 - Mr. Long

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Gripon, to approve First and Final Reading of Ordinance 2020-16. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mr. Long

14. EXECUTIVE(CLOSED) SESSION(S)

At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Hallisey announced the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss the following items:

- 14A. 20-0230** Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 Government Code - Personnel Matters

Discuss employment, appointment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Manager (Director of Human Resources and Civil Service)

- 14B. 20-0231** Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 Government Code - Personnel Matters

Discuss employment, appointment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Secretary (Council Member Dugie and Council Member Mann)

- 14C. 20-0232** Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 Government Code - Personnel Matters

Discuss employment, appointment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Attorney (Council Member Dugie and Council Member Mann)

At 8:15 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. 20-0233** Consider and take action regarding employment, appointment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Manager (Director of Human Resources and Civil Service)

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Mann, to approve a raise in salary to \$225,000 and the goals as discussed and presented tonight. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mr. Long

- 15B. 20-0234** Consider and take action on discussion regarding the employment, appointment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Secretary (Council Member Dugie and Council Member Mann)

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve a raise in salary to \$95,000 and the goals as presented and discussed tonight. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mr. Long

- 15C. 20-0235** Consider and take action on discussion regarding the employment, appointment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Attorney (Council Member Dugie and Council Member Mann)

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve a salary raise to \$184,000 and goals as discussed and presented tonight. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mr. Long

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:18 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: