



# City of League City, TX

300 West Walker  
League City TX 77573

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, October 13, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers  
200 West Walker Street

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### 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:** Tim Paulissen

**City Council Members:** Dan Becker  
Tommy Cones  
Heidi Hansing  
Todd Kinsey  
Geri Bentley  
Keith Gross  
Nick Long

**City Manager:** Mark Rohr  
**Deputy City Manager:** John Baumgartner  
**City Attorney:** Nghiem V. Doan  
**City Secretary:** Diana M. Stapp  
**Chief of Police:** Michael Kramm  
**Director of Engineering:** Earl Smith  
**Director of Finance:** Rebecca Underhill  
**Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:** Queenell Fox  
**Director of Parks & Cultural Services:** Chien Wei  
**Director of Planning & Development:** Paul Menzies

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Paulissen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present.

Present 8 - Mayor Tim Paulissen, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Tommy Cones, Ms. Heidi Hansing, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Ms. Geri Bentley, 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 Pastor Brian Young of Word Power Church. Mayor Paulissen led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3A. [15-0583](#) August 4, 2015 Workshop

3B. [15-0564](#) August 10, 2015 Council Work Session

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

4. **APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS**

5. **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

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

6A. [15-0605](#) Hold a public hearing on Special Use Application, SUP15-04 (League City Parkway / Butler Road Gas Station), to allow for a gas and service stations use [gas station with convenience store and car wash] on approximately 4.85 acres on property zoned "CM" (Mixed-Use Commercial), legally described as a portion of Lots 3 and 4, Block M of the Clear Creek Subdivision, generally located south of League City Parkway, north of Turner Road, east of Butler Road and west of Calder Road, with the approximate address being in the 1600 block of League City Parkway in League City, Texas (Director of Planning and Development)

**Mayor Paulissen opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.**

**No one signed up to speak regarding this item.**

**Mayor Paulissen closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.**

6B. [15-0607](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2005-24 for Special Use Permit Application, SUP15-04 (League City Parkway / Butler Road Gas Station), to allow for a gas and service stations use [gas station with convenience store and car wash] on approximately 4.85 acres on property zoned "CM" (Mixed-Use Commercial), legally described as a portion of Lots 3 and 4, Block M of the Clear Creek Subdivision, generally located south of League City Parkway, north of Turner Road, east of Butler Road and west of Calder Road, with the approximate address being in the 1600 block of League City Parkway in League City, Texas (Director of Planning and Development)

Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval 3-1-0 with 1 absent on September 21, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Cones, to approve Ordinance No. 2015-38 amending Ordinance No. 2005-24 for Special Use Permit (SUP15 04 (League City Parkway / Butler Road Gas Station), to allow for a gas and service stations use [gas station with convenience store and car wash] on approximately 4.85 acres on property zoned "CM" (Mixed-Use Commercial). The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. Cones, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

**6C. [15-0608](#)**

Hold a public hearing on Zone Change Application, Z15-14 (Delaney at South Shore Harbor), a request to rezone approximately 11.3 acres from "PS" (Public/Semi-Public) to "CM-PUD" (Mixed Use Commercial with a Planned Unit Development Overlay), legally described as a portion of Lots 103, 111, and 112 of Division "D" of League City, an unrecorded subdivision of part of the Michael Muldoon Two League Grant, Abstract No. 18 and part of the S.F. Austin Survey, generally located south of Marina Bay Drive at the intersection of Constellation Boulevard, with the approximate address being in the 2500 block of Marina Bay Drive in League City, Texas (Director of Planning and Development)

**Mayor Paulissen opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.**

NAME	ADDRESS
Dwight Judy	2310 Flagship Ct.

**Mayor Paulissen closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.**

**The applicant made a brief presentation.**

**6D. [15-0610](#)**

Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2005-24 to rezone approximately 10.857 acres, Z15-14 (Delaney at South Shore Harbor), from "PS" (Public/Semi-Public) to "CM-PUD" (Mixed Use Commercial with a Planned Unit Development Overlay), legally described as a portion of Lots 103, 111, and 112 of Division "D" of League City, an unrecorded subdivision of part of the Michael Muldoon Two League Grant, Abstract No. 18 and part of the S.F. Austin Survey, generally located south of Marina Bay Drive at the intersection of Constellation Boulevard, with the approximate address being in the 2500 block of Marina Bay Drive in League City, Texas (Director of Planning and Development)

Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval 5-0-0 on October 5, 2015.

**A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Cones, to approve Ordinance No. 2015-39 amending Ordinance No. 2005-24 to rezone approximately 10.857 acres, Z15 14 (Delaney at South Shore Harbor), from "PS" (Public/Semi Public) to "CM PUD" (Mixed Use Commercial with a Planned Unit Development Overlay.)**

**Paul Menzies, Director of Planning and Development, said as mentioned P&Z looked at this twice over the course of last month pretty thoroughly and again they recommend approval. And staff recommends approval of the rezoning request subject to the PUD and I would like to add a couple of those to it if you could include them in the motion. Number 1 being the resubmittal of the façade exhibits to reflect the additional masonry discussed tonight prior to second reading. Number 2 is an administrative item, the site plan Exhibit B also be considered Master Plan approval pursuant to the subdivision ordinance. What this will allow them to do is similar to a couple of other projects you have approved over the last year, allow them to skip what would otherwise be a duplicative step down the line and allow them to move forward without that.**

**Mr. Becker and Mr. Cones amended their previous motion to include the additions requested.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**For:** 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. Cones, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

- 6E.**     [15-0606](#)     Hold a public hearing on Zone Change Application, Z15-16 (Bradshaw Nursery), a request to rezone approximately 0.75 acres from “OS” (Open Space) to “RSF-7” (Single-family residential with a minimum lot size of 7,000 square feet), generally located north of League City Parkway (SH 96) and west of Bradshaw Nursery Road in League City, Texas (Director of Planning and Development)

**Mayor Paulissen opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.**

**No one signed up to speak.**

**Mayor Paulissen closed the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.**

- 6F.**     [15-0609](#)     Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Ordinance 2005-24 to rezone approximately 0.75 acres, Z15-16 (Bradshaw Nursery), from “OS” (Open Space) to “RSF-7” (Single-family residential with a minimum lot size of 7,000 square feet), generally located north of League City Parkway (SH 96) and west of Bradshaw Nursery Road in League City, Texas (Director of Planning and Development)

Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval, 4-0-0 with 1 absent on September 21, 2015.

**A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Long, to approve Ordinance No. 2015-40 amending Ordinance No. 2005-24 to rezone approximately 0.75 acres, Z15-16 (Bradshaw Nursery), from “OS” (Open Space) to “RSF 7” (Single family residential with a minimum lot size of 7,000 square feet). The motion passed by the following vote:**

**For:** 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. Cones, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

- 6G.**     [15-0613](#)     Hold a public hearing regarding the proposed City-initiated annexation of approximately 95.63 acres of land, located west of State Highway 3, between Tangarine (18th Street) and 20th Street running west a distance of approximately 1.05 miles to the current city limits of League City in Galveston County, Texas (Director of Planning and Development)

**Mayor Paulissen opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.**

NAME	Address
Clint Landrum	1986 O’Riley Bend
Clayton Shepherd	1111 Bess Road
Lee Walton	1125 Bess Road
Ronald Thackston	2431 Kinsdale Ave.
Frank Hill	1982 O’Riley Bend
Paul Rice	2443 Donovan View

**Mayor Paulissen closed the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.**

- 6H.**     [15-0611](#)     Hold a public hearing regarding the proposed City-initiated annexation of approximately 8.53 acres of land located east of the western right of way of Lawrence Road to the eastern right of way of Lawrence Road, encompassing all of Lawrence Road north of SH 96 (League City Parkway) and south of FM 2094 (Marina Bay Drive) in Galveston County, Texas (Director of Planning and Development)

Mayor Paulissen announced that the public hearing has been pulled by staff.

- 6I. [15-0612](#) Hold a public hearing regarding the proposed City-initiated annexation of approximately 63.1 acres of land, located south of the northern right of way of SH 96 (League City Parkway), west of SH 146, and north of the Mar Bella Subdivision in Galveston County, Texas (Director of Planning and Development)

Mayor Paulissen announced that the public hearing has been pulled by staff.

7. **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 on items of general relevance. 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 Law. Comments should be directed to the entire Council, not individual members. Engaging in verbal attacks or comments intended to insult, abuse, malign or slander any individual shall be cause for termination of time privileges and expulsion from Council Chambers.

NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
Chris Ansted	2792 Pinewood Dr.	Mobile Food Service
Steven Martin	4637 Miramar Dr.	Lakes of Quail Point
Joy Yarbrough	4621 Miramar Dr.	Lakes of Quail Point
Donna Page	2451 Pamplona Lane	Lakes of Quail Point
Jean Marie Kranz	1013 Summer Cape Cir.	Sales Tax Proposition
Tom Dill	Marina View Way	Sales Tax Proposition

8. **COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

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

Tommy Cones had no comments.

Geri Bentley said I would like to just make one comment and I think most of the people from St. Edmonds Green have left, but I just wanted to say that the last gentleman that spoke asked for a service plan and there is one provided to the city council that was done on September 25 of this year so there has been one done.

Heidi Hansing said I appreciate everyone coming out tonight and making comments and letting us hear from you. It's good to see MarBella folks back. I didn't think I would see you for a while. I wanted to thank the people who are speaking tonight in facts and figures because I wanted to invite you to stay. A lot of people leave after comments, public comments specifically, and very few stay even for council comments, but I would like for you to stick around and see an item agenda that Nick Long has proposed for the end of the agenda. It's on our supplemental and it is yet again, another chance for us to demonstrate to you, the citizens of League City, how committed we are to reducing the burden of your property taxes. We've already done so twice this year, as you heard from Mr. Dill. We have an opportunity to continue to demonstrate to you exactly how a swap can work for the betterment of League City, how by shifting the cost of our operations into a retail sales tax lessens the burden on our property owners. Then that frees up money in our budget to continue to chop away at the property tax. You will see one more demonstration of that this evening. Mr. Long has proposed, yet again, another good faith commitment on the part of your City Council to continue this trend. Not to bring it to full-stop, not to make it a one-time deal, but to continue to demonstrate our passionate commitment to reducing your property tax, so I invite you to stay for that item agenda, it'll be on our supplemental coming up in a little bit.

Keith Gross had no comments.

Nick Long said thanks everybody for coming out tonight and particularly thank you for the food truck people. I think that's interesting. I did not know we had an ordinance banning food trucks. It's probably back in the day before food trucks have gotten where they are now. I went to University of Texas and that was during the big food truck revolution and I probably lived on them a little too much during my college days as well. Another thing I would like to talk about is to thank everybody that came out and spoke in favor of the sales tax increase and explained how it's a vital part of reducing our overall property tax in the future and about diversifying our tax base and just literally shifting money out of the general fund so that money can then be paid for by the sales tax, a consumption-based tax, which is partially on the backs of people not from League City. Because I think we all know that we in League City pay a lot of money to Webster for their services, we give a lot of money to Kemah, we give a lot of money in Clear Lake Shore and in Texas City. It's maybe time for us to get some of that money back and put that back to our development and to lower our property taxes here in League City. So I would just like to encourage everybody to get out and vote. In League City, you'll be able to vote at the County Annex on Calder Road from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the first week and then I believe it switches from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the second week of early voting. And then you can get out there on Election Day on November 3, and it's from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. as well at a variety of other locations.

Dan Becker said I'm following a very august group here. I approach things a little bit differently. I'm an engineer so I'm going to see if I can explain some things to you. There has been a lot of derision from folks here about us raising water rates. Nobody likes their water bill to go up. Our water bill goes up just like your all's does and there are a lot of people saying, well look you're taking out of one pocket and putting it back into another and I'm coming out behind. Well it's really not true. As far as water rates, water rates are a zero sum game. It's real simple. Our water provision system, including our sewer system, is essentially works about as an analog to a non-profit company. We have overhead. We've got employees. We've got cost of maintenance. We've got capital projects. There is no free lunch. For example, if this City wanted to, we could provide water for free. Why not? How's it going to get paid for? Like I said, it's a zero sum game. The way we would have to pay for it if the City provides the service for free, like say we provide our police services. We have to raise up property taxes. It's a zero sum game. You have to pay for these things. So factually, we haven't had a water rate increase since 2008, seven years. Why is that? It's not particularly popular, number one. Number two, we've finally got a city administration in place that's looking ahead and realized what's going on and say's hey folks look, our water services are running in the red. We can't keep operating like this. Or we could, but what do we have to do, we have to raise taxes. The average residential water consumer uses 7,000 gallons a month. That's the average. There are some folks that use less than 3,000 gallons a month. There's some folks that use over 20,000 gallons a month that they've got more people, they've got kids that want to take long showers. They've got pools during the summer that they want to fill. They've got shrubs and yards that they want to irrigate. Water costs us, as residents, money. Now, if you want to look at the actual costs, there was a fellow that complained that League City was buying their water. Yes, we do buy water and most of it comes from the City of Houston Southeast Water Treatment Plant. Most of that comes out of Lake Houston. It's a cost, but the biggest cost is not the cost of the water itself. A lot of people want to say that we're making a profit on water. That's really a mischaracterization. We're not making a profit on water. The only time when we might come out ahead is actually if we sell more water in a drought period. Then we actually are coming out a little bit on the positive side, but in the long run when it rains, we just had a rainy spell here a while back, we go in the red. So in the long run, again it's a zero sum game, we're not making any money. The folks in the water department aren't collecting bonus checks because they're making money and they're profiting on the backs of the residents. You either pay for it in the water bill, which makes more sense because you can control that. You decide how much water you're going to use. If you want to water your yard a lot, shouldn't you have to pay for that? If we do it the old way, what happens is everyone is subsidizing people who want to use a lot of water. We were not charging for the first 3,000 gallons of water. We had a minimum service charge but that's not paying for the first 3,000 gallons of water. Essentially that's an opportunity cost.

When you have a water system like this and you have a new hookup the City has an obligation to provide capacity for that residence, whether this fellow is gone eleven months of the year and he only comes down in the summer or the winter, there's a cost of having that connection because every connection means more capacity that our water system, by law, has to provide. We have to essentially guarantee to the State of Texas that we can provide a certain amount of water to every household in League City. So that opportunity cost, your minimum bill, that covers the opportunity cost. That covers all the infrastructure and the people that are just waiting when you want to show up and turn that tap on. It didn't pay for that first 3,000 gallons of water that you've been getting for free. Now there's some folks that are going to see their water bill go up substantially. Those folks are going to be folks that use maybe a single person, doesn't have a swimming pool, doesn't irrigate, doesn't take long showers. Their water bill is going to increase but they've been getting a free ride on most of the residents in League City because as I said, the average water consumer in League City uses 7,000 gallons a month. Now, that bill was \$63.09 for 7,000 gallons a month. What is it going to be under the new rate? \$71.39, that's a 13 percent increase. Now I've got to ask you, when water rates haven't changed in seven years, do you really think a 13 percent increase in seven years is something that untenable? I don't think so. I think that's more than reasonable. There's been a lot of things go on in League City that we've had to invest in our water system. I'll just name a few of them. These are either recently completed projects or they're projects that are underway or they're right around the corner. Grissom Road Pump Station – \$8.5 million dollars. Why did we need to spend that? There's two 3 million gallon ground water storage tanks because in fact we didn't have enough reserve capacity. If the pipeline coming down from the City of Houston, the main pipeline, fails, guess what? We're in trouble. A lot of the times that people were talking about that we've had to put water restrictions in place recently, is because that pipeline has failed. Not necessarily right in League City but it's the same line that was built in the 1960's, I believe, and it fails on a regular basis. The Highway 3 pump station - \$19.7 million. Again, two 3 million gallon reserve ground water storage tanks and a night and day change in water pumping capacity. We now have the water pumping capacity, the hydraulic horsepower that we need, to power the system properly in League City. There's a 36" pipeline that we're about to kick off on soon - \$12.9 million dollars. Why is that important? I could give you some technical arguments about loop capacity and so on but there's one real simple argument. Right now, all our water crosses the creek in two different places. That's it. The 42" line, which we know is in sad shape, and a newer, relatively new line that's called the Beamer Connection that comes down by the high school on Palomino. So this 36" line, the main impetus for needing to invest in that infrastructure is it gives us another place to bring water across the creek. With the improvements that we've made recently, we'll get by. We'll have to tell people to conserve but it gives us some alternative methods from moving water across to our residents. If we don't have that, we're in trouble. South Shore Harbor Pump Station, over by the high school - \$12.2 million dollars. More ground water storage capacity, more pumping capacity. Calder Road Pump Station - \$14.5 million dollars. Ground water storage tanks and at Calder Road, a new water well.



Those water wells are not intended to be delivering water to our residents. We're concerned about subsidence. But let's say that the Southeast Water Treatment Plant goes down. Let's say they have a major switchboard fire. They might be down for a week or ten days. That reserve, when our minimum usage usually is around 8 million gallons a day, those 3 million gallon tanks that we have 6 million capacity at various locations, they're going to go down pretty fast, so these additional water wells are going to provide emergency capacity when we have a problem, to keep water delivery to our customers. Dallas Salmon outfall – unfortunately the environmental folks are going to demand that we change where we put water into Clear Creek. We actually put it into a small tributary to the creek and that's a problem for them. They want us to put it directly into the creek - \$4.5 million dollars. Now, I can tell you from a technical stand point none of these projects were nice to have. These were like police officers and fire trucks. You want to live here, you want to drink water. These are things that you have to have. So someone, a talking head, who tries to say you guys raised water rates enough is enough, this quarter percent sales is a lot of bull. You're just wanting to get in my pocket. That's not the facts. The facts are, the water rates are justified by the numbers. Take your pick on how you want to pay for them. The smart way to do it is pay as you go. If you want to use a lot of water, you're going to pay for it. If you want to use less, you'll pay less, but the average increase in water for the average resident in League City is 13 percent over seven years. It speaks for itself.

Todd Kinsey said thank you, Mayor. I appreciate everybody coming out this evening. I'll be quick. Over at the Library, last weekend they had their ribbon cutting after their remodel. The Mayor was there, along with the Board of Trustees and the Friends. Close to 40 patrons attending with author Ann Weisgarber's talk on her book, *The Promise*, which is the 2015 Gulf Coast Reads Title, and the Friends Library Book Store is open for business and you can also donate books for them to sell and raise money for the library.

Heidi Thiess said I wanted to remind everyone, you may have seen it in the newspaper, but there will be a panel discussion debate here in council chambers tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. that will be hosted by the League City Connection. T.J. Aulds will be moderating the event and at that event you can learn a lot more about the pros or the cons, fact-based only, from both sides of the issue. So if this is something where you haven't yet made up your mind, this would be a great opportunity for you to come tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. right here in council chambers and there will be three panelists on each side to discuss it openly, fairly and honestly.

## **9. MAYOR COMMENTS/ REPORT**

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

Mayor Paulissen said I do want to reiterate Councilman Kinsey's comments. I did attend the grand opening of the newly renovated addition to the Helen Hall Library. With the addition of our RFID Program, it allows all our residents to check their books in at the outside of the library. They have little sensors in there so it automatically checks the books in and sorts them out. They have now three automated check-out lines that all you have to do is scan your card and put the book down on the little scan pad and it automatically checks those books in and we have the addition of our new Friends of the Library Bookstore, so it made everything a lot more easily accessible to our residents. Also, we had our first annual Health Fair that was sponsored by the Friends of the League City Seniors Foundation and that was held two weeks ago at Hometown Heroes Park. We had a lot of vendors there, infancy stage, but we still had a lot of people there coming to enjoy it and then we also had this past weekend, the Butler Longhorn Museum's Annual Texas Gathering with the addition of a car show and reenactment from the Civil War.

**10. REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS**

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

- 10A. [15-0616](#) Presentation and discussion regarding Fire Department staffing (Fire Chief)

Mark Rohr, City Manager, said if I could make some very brief introductory comments and also have some concluding comments after the presentation is finished. This is a very important issue for the City of League City. It was something that the Acting Fire Chief, Jeff Smith, initiated at my direction and my request. He had a great deal of research that he put into it and involvement with different parties researching this particular matter. And then when Jeff completed his service with the City, our new Chief, Gary Warren, finished up the report and got to the point where he was comfortable with it and this is something that he would like to deliver to City Council and to the citizens of the City of League City at this point in time.

Gary Warren, Fire Chief, said Jeff Smith is not able to be here tonight. I invited him to come so that he could share in this presentation, but he's off marrying off his son and taking care of his daughter and he's in Austin tonight, so he won't be here to help with this. But I think I'm familiar enough with it that I can talk to you about it. The facts are the volunteer fire department has been serving this city for many, many years and they have done an outstanding job. Just in the last three years, as the population has grown and the number of calls have increased, they have maintained a level response time, an average of eight and a half minutes for each of the past three years. That's pretty outstanding.

As the City has grown they have recruited to get more and more volunteer fire fighters and even today the fire department is all volunteer, today. The universal goal for the fire service is about seven minutes. That's based on science. The length of time for brain damage to occur when there's a cardiac arrest is about seven minutes. The amount of time it takes for a room to flash over after it is ignited in standard time, temperature and pressure is about seven minutes, so there's a reason for the seven minutes. So that's the goal. Many large cities though are about the same at eight and a half minutes, depending on what their methodology is for measuring. I know Houston reports six and a half minutes, so they are reaching the goal of seven minutes, if that's their average. The proposal that I'm bringing to you tonight is to enhance the response in League City and the concept behind it is, if we have people already at the station then we shave some time off of our response. Of course, we want to be able to do it in a strategic way and we want to do it in a way that honors the fire fighters because we can't do without them, they are the backbone of the department and so there's this proposal. The proposal is that we want to insure that four fire fighters can stay at the station during the daytime when we need them the most, because most of our fire fighters work during the day. They have to go to their jobs. Some of them have benevolent employers that allow them to leave when there's an emergency, and that's fine, but what we would like to do is have an incentive that would make four fire fighters want stay at the station all day during the day when the peak amount of work is to be done, and in return we would pay them a stipend of a hundred dollars a day each, and that is allowed by the Fair Labor Standard Act, it is called a stipend. It is something that we can give them as long as we do not exceed 20 percent of what we would pay a full time paid fire fighter and this is a very conservative number that we're using at a hundred dollars. So it would be for the first year only nine months and the cost of this program would be \$80,000. Then we would also like to take advantage of the other resources. We have seven EMS personnel that are willing to be cross trained to also be into the program and be more of first response to be able to go and establish what the problem is, be able to report to the fire fighters that are on their way, what the needs are, what the resource needs are, and be able to give them an idea of how bad the situation is, or to let them know that it's not a situation at all and they're able to go back in service. Incentive pay for these paramedics then would be four hundred dollars a month, if they're able to get certified. The cost to get them certified is estimated at \$17,500, so the total cost of the cross training is \$34,300 for that year, considering seven people. So when you look at both of these costs together, the program for nine months in 2016 would be \$114,300. The benefits to be gained if we do this is there would be a general decrease in the average response time across the entire city, but more specifically, there would be a notable decrease in response time in the central portion because my proposal is to put these people at the central station which is right in the historic area of the city. What that also can do is it can lead to a few extra points for the ISO rating should we ask for a survey, it would allow us to be a better neighbor to our mutual aid cities because every once in a while we have more than one call come in at a time and we have to call for our neighbors to come back us up.

And most importantly, this program that I'm talking about today demonstrates a lot of respect to the League City volunteers because it still utilizes their services and it also increases the opportunity for non-emergency services to be given to the citizens such things as public education events, PR events and then also the oddball things that come along every once in a while that nobody is in charge of but is a nuisance to the neighborhood, we would have someone we could send to go take care of that. And it provides some relief to volunteers with day jobs that they don't feel the stress of knowing that there's an emergency and they need to go and maybe they just can't go. The performance would have to be measured, of course, as all programs are. We would want to measure the response times to be able to measure how much of an improvement it actually produces. We would want to measure the number of week days we were able to actually get four fire fighters to come and of course the cost over the course of a year. And that is the entire program.

Mark Rohr said if I could take a couple of minutes to build on some of Gary's comments that I think can help round out the picture for everyone that's listening. Right now, our population is approximately 99,000 people. We have 99,000 citizens. We expect to be over a 100,000 by the end of the year or shortly thereafter. As Gary indicated, our average response time over the last three years is eight and a half minutes and quite simply, for those that aren't experienced with the routine that we have for volunteer fire fighters, they have to go from wherever they're at to the station and then from the station out to where the fire is or where the call is and if they're actually in the station, you eliminate that first portion of travel and time associated with that first portion. It's make perfect sense. Our goal is at least seven minutes, as Gary indicated. We think that enhances the level of safety we can provide for the citizens within the city. It's a blended approach. It respects and acknowledges the importance of the volunteer fire fighters but I think in talking to their management group myself, they've come to the conclusion that it's time to make some kind of change to take that blended approach as this city continues to grow. I respect them for their directness and their opinion that they conveyed to me with respect to where they think we need to go. I have included \$100,000 in the approved city budget for the initial implementation if that's what council decides to do. The numbers Gary went over were completed after working the budget so we're a little bit off but it's not something that we can't find a way to accommodate if that's what council decides to do and more importantly I think it sets the framework and establishes the framework that we can build on in terms of addressing our needs as the city continues to grow.

## **11. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Item 11A was pulled by Ms. Bentley.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve Consent Agenda Items 11B through 11L. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. Cones, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

- 11A. [15-0546](#) Consider and take action on the approval of payment to Galveston Central Appraisal District in the amount of \$309,800 for the City's share of the District's fiscal year 2016 budget (Director of Finance)

**A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve payment to Galveston Central Appraisal District in the amount of \$309,800 for the City's share of the District's fiscal year 2016 budget.**

**The motion was amended to include sending a letter of protest to the Chief Appraiser.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**For:** 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. Cones, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

- 11B. [15-0586](#) Consider and take action on a resolution consenting to the sale and issuance of Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2015 for the Galveston County MUD #46 in an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000 and authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Secretary to attest same for and on behalf of the City of League City (Director of Finance)

**Resolution No. 2015-43 was approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 11C. [15-0587](#) Consider and take action on a resolution consenting to the sale and issuance of Unlimited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2015A for the Galveston County MUD #46 in an amount not to exceed \$2,280,000 and authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Secretary to attest same for and on behalf of the City of League City (Director of Finance)

**Resolution No. 2015-44 was approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 11D. [15-0577](#) Consider and take action on the annual purchase of water meters from Aqua Metrics through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$305,589 (Director of Finance)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 11E. [15-0582](#) Consider and take action on a resolution in support of the application for a continuation grant from the Office of the Governor of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for the League City Police Department Crime Victim Assistance Program (Chief of Police)

**Resolution No. 2015-45 was approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 11F. [15-0598](#) Consider and take action on final acceptance of municipal infrastructure for Marbella Subdivision Section 13B (Deputy City Manager)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 11G. [15-0594](#) Consider and take action on approval of a Professional Services Agreement with R. G. Miller Engineers for Ervin Road from Calder Road to Hobbs Road in the total amount of \$744,284 (Deputy City Manager)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 11H. [15-0595](#) Consider and take action on the award of a construction contract to Classic Irrigation & Landscape in the amount of \$120,921.25 for the South Shore Boulevard Sidewalk Project (Bid # 15-043), and authorization of a Work Change Directive budget in the amount of \$6,000 (Deputy City Manager)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11I. [15-0596](#) Consider and take action to award a contract for on-call roadway markings with Stripe-A-Line, Inc. (Deputy City Manager)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11J. [15-0592](#) Consider and take action on a request for a water well permit regarding the property located at 3050 Megan Lynn Lane in the Pinewood Ranch subdivision (Deputy City Manager)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11K. [15-0593](#) Consider and take action on an addendum to the Interlocal Agreement with Galveston County to partially fund improvements to the City of League City streets known as Calder Road, Louisiana Avenue, and Caroline Street within the City limits of League City (Deputy City Manager)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11L. [15-0615](#) Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2015-36 amending Ordinance No. 2005-24 to rezone approximately 0.94 acres (Z15-15 Parkway Commons) from “OS-PUD” (Open Space with a Planned Unit Development Overlay) to “CM-PUD” (Mixed Use Commercial with a Planned Unit Development Overlay), legally described as the eastern approximately 118 feet of Abstract 32, Rafael Basquez Survey, Tract 4, generally located south of League City Parkway (SH 96), west of Seacrest Boulevard in League City, Texas - Second Reading (Director of Planning and Development)
- City Council approved first reading, 8-0-0 on September 22, 2015.
- Ordinance No. 2015-36 Second Reading was approved on the Consent Agenda**

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

- 12A. [15-0614](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Sections 2-383 and 2-384 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City to clarify the application process to serve on and eligibility criteria for boards and commissions (Council Member Long and Mayor Paulissen)
- Council postponed to October 13, 2015 8-0-0 on September 22, 2015.
- A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Ms. Bentley, that this agenda item be postponed to the November 9, 2015 Council Work Session for discussion. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**For:** 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. Cones, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

- 13A. [15-0554](#) Consider and take action on a resolution amending Resolution 2015-16 setting new fees and updating existing fees for recreational programs and rental of parks and facilities (Director of Parks & Cultural Services)

**A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve Resolution No. 2015-46 amending Resolution 2015-16 setting new fees and updating existing fees for recreational programs and rental of parks and facilities. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

**Opposed:** 1 - Mr. Cones

- 13B. [15-0617](#) Consider and take action on a resolution directing staff to prepare and distribute to the public factual information regarding the proposed quarter cent sales tax (Council Member Becker and Council Member Gross)

**A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Gross, to approve Resolution No. 2015-47 directing staff to prepare and distribute to the public factual information regarding the proposed quarter cent sales tax. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**For:** 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. Cones, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

**14. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

- 14A. [15-0599](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Texas entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations" by amending Section 22-280 therein entitled "Cross-Connection Control Program" (Director of Finance and Deputy City Manager)

**A motion was made by Mr. Cones, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve the ordinance.**

**An amended motion was made by Mr. Gross, seconded by Mr. Long, to postpone to the next meeting and to add to the work session agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**For:** 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. Cones, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

**15. TABLED ITEMS SUBJECT TO RECALL****16. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED**

- [15-0621](#) Consider and take action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of League City to declare its commitment to utilize revenue from the proposed quarter cent sales tax to lower the City's real property tax rate, to the fullest extent permitted by law (Council Member Long and Council Member Hansing)

**A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Ms. Hansing, to approve Resolution No. 2015-48 to declare the City Council's commitment to utilize revenue from the proposed quarter cent sales tax to lower the City's real property tax rate, to the fullest extent permitted by law. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**For:** 8 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. Cones, Ms. Hansing, Mr. Kinsey, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

**17. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION (S)**

**At 8:37 p.m. Mayor Paulissen announced the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss the following items:**

- 17A. [15-0590](#)** Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072 Government Code - Deliberations about real property
- Discuss potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Deputy City Manager)
- 17B. [15-0602](#)** Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071 Government Code - Consultation with City Attorney
- Consultation with City Attorney regarding South Shore Harbour MUD No. 2 (City Attorney)
- 17C. [15-0619](#)** Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071 Government Code - Consultation with City Attorney
- Consultation with City Attorney to discuss potential litigation (City Attorney)

**At 8:59 p.m. Mayor Paulissen 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.**

**Absent** 1 - Mr. Todd Kinsey

**Present** 7 - Mayor Tim Paulissen, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Tommy Cones, Ms. Heidi Hansing, Ms. Geri Bentley, Mr. Keith Gross and Mr. Nick Long

**18. ACTION ITEM(S) FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)**

- 18A. [15-0591](#)** Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Deputy City Manager)

**No Action**

- 18B. [15-0620](#)** Consider and take action on discussion regarding potential litigation (City Attorney)

**A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Long, to authorize the City Attorney to proceed as directed in executive session. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Mayor Paulissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. Cones, Ms. Hansing, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Kinsey



19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:01 p.m. Mayor Paulissen said there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

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**TIMOTHY PAULISSEN**  
**MAYOR**

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

**(SEAL)**

**MINUTES APPROVED: November 10, 2015**