



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
200 West Walker Street

Regular Meeting

The City Council of the City of League City, Texas, met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers at 200 West Walker Street on the above date at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor:

Pat Hallisey

City Council Members:

**Dan Becker
Hank Dugie
Larry Millican
Todd Kinsey
Greg Gripon
Keith Gross
Nick Long**

City Manager:

John Baumgartner

Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance:

Rebecca Underhill

Assistant City Manager:

Bo Bass

City Attorney:

Nghiem Doan

City Secretary:

Diana M. Stapp

Chief of Police:

Michael Kramm

Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:

Janet Shirley

Director of Parks & Cultural Services:

Chien Wei

Director of Planning/Development:

Paul Menzies

Director of Public Works:

Gabriel Menendez

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 Todd Kinsey, with Mr. Gross arriving at 6:02 p.m.

Absent 1 - Mr. Todd Kinsey

Present 7 - Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Greg Gripon, Mr. Keith Gross and Mr. Nick Long

2. **INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG**

The invocation was given by Pastor Lance Richards of the Watershed Church. Mayor Hallisey led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3A. [17-0493](#) July 11, 2017 Regular Meeting

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

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

4A. [17-0481](#) Presentation by the Finance Committee Chairman (Mayor Hallisey)

Chairman Tom Crews gave the presentation.

4B. [17-0475](#) Consider and take action on appointments to boards and commissions (Mayor Hallisey)

Mayor's Appointment:

HISTORIC COMMISSION

Postion 2. J'Neane Henderson - term to expire 12/31/17

A motion was made by Mayor Hallisey, seconded by Mr. Long, to approve the appointment of J'Neane Henderson. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Kinsey

5. **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

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

6A. [17-0476](#) Hold a public hearing on the City of League City's FY2017-2018 Annual Budget (Assistant City Manager)

Mayor Hallisey opened the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

NAME	ADDRESS
Sandra Kelly	2119 Eastlands St.
Monica Millican	934 Plantation
Neal Wallach	304 Grand Creek Drive
John Bowen	6121 Southwell Ln.
Dave Johnson	2426 Golden Park Ct.

Peggy Zahler

1802 Rampart

Mayor Hallisey closed the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

6B. [17-0488](#)

Hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to Chapter 125 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled "Zoning" by amending Section 125-90.J. entitled "Group Residential Facilities" and Section 125-260.C. entitled "Residential Use Facilities" to clarify requirements for group homes (Director of Planning and Development)

Mayor Hallisey opened the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

No one signed up to speak.

City Attorney gave a brief summary.

Mayor Hallisey closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

6C. [17-0489](#)

Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Chapter 125 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled "Zoning" by amending Section 125-90.J. entitled "Group Residential Facilities" and Section 125-260.C. entitled "Residential Use Facilities" to clarify requirements for group homes (Director of Planning and Development)

Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval 6-0-0 with 2 absent on July 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve Ordinance No. 2017-19 amending Chapter 125 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled "Zoning" by amending Section 125-90.J. entitled "Group Residential Facilities" and Section 125-260.C. entitled "Residential Use Facilities" to clarify requirements for group homes. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Opposed: 1 - Mayor Hallisey

Absent: 1 - Mr. Kinsey

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. 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
Sandra Kelly	2117 Eastlands St.	Agenda Item 10E

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

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

Larry Millican said I'd like to thank everybody for coming out today, and especially the Boy Scouts. I think it's excellent that you take an interest in city government and try to understand what we're doing up here and how it'll all come together. Also, I'd like to shout out to staff. We have an agenda item this week that has been in our minds in the forefront, the employee health benefits for the city. We very much were in the renewal process, we've been working diligently with staff and with the employees and with our advisor to try to come to some sort of plan, because quite frankly, we were out of bed with the amount of money we had. I can tell you that the rollout of this renewal and working with the employees has been received very, very well by the employees and my hats off to Human Resources. We have a new director over there and the two folks who have been handling this have just been excellent. I have not talked to any employee that has not said that our staff was very prepared and very well equipped to handle the questions. Ms. Underhill has been diligent in getting back to all the employees as far as with questions and answers. I am very, very pleased with the outcome and just wanted to shout out and say thank you very much for all your hard work. The other thing, to the citizens that spoke to the budget, I do believe we have one more public hearing, don't we? No, no more public hearings? Then I would suggest that you come back, because I know that we're going to be fighting about it. I think that in reference to the folks that want to address Council every meeting we have, I know that we have another budget workshop, don't we, Ms. Underhill? So you will have another opportunity to speak to the budget because we're going to have another workshop because we couldn't get all that handled last night. In reference to some of those, let me say that what we're discussing now is individual projects, or individual items. And while they might be somewhat strange, those are going to be the items that directly affect the tax rate. The items that we were talking about earlier, as far as the CIP, some people spoke for it, some people spoke against it. The CIP really is not going to be directly proportionate to our tax rate this year. Those are long term funds and those are funds that we are going to be proposing to borrow and to use at some point in the future so that that's really not going to be affecting our rate. What I would say to anybody who wants to address Council on the budget, is to look at the budget and look and see what items are there and if there is an item that you disagree with in that operational budget, then certainly bring it to someone's attention. If it is something that you like, that you would want to make sure that it stays in the budget, I would say bring that to the Council's attention also.

I applaud anybody that comes up and gets involved in government and says what they'd like to say so that we actually have those opinions and ideas. We've been searching for those, it's not like we just take all this information in and don't listen to citizens. We enjoy having citizens speak to us and tell us what they like and dislike, so I encourage that in the future.

Greg Gripon said good evening. Councilman Millican and myself went to San Antonio, spent two days at Newly Elected TML training, met many other City Councilmen from all over the state of Texas, from cities that were just a size of 500 up to cities that are much larger than us. It was a great training. If any of the councilmen have not been to it, I'd highly recommend it. Lots of good information I brought home with me. We also attended a banquet, which I'm not going to take John's thunder on that. I'll let him discuss, got a really nice award while we were there. But I do want to thank John Baumgartner, he took his Sunday, he met with me and went through my entire list of questions I had on this budget. We spent 2 ½ hours going over it, made a huge list. My first time on Council, I had lots of questions going through this budget, and I wanted to know where this money was going. It's my tax dollars too. This budget process is definitely a learning curve for me and I guarantee next year I'll be better at this.

Keith Gross had no comments.

Nick Long said I'm actually going to do Mr. Kinsey's thing today. He wanted me to update the Library Board, so this week at the Library the Writer's Club will be on Wednesday, August 9, in the Library Boardroom. This is a wonderful opportunity to practice and share your writing in a supportive setting. The Book Club is meeting Monday, August 21, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the theater to discuss one of the best known and most adapted to film crime novel, "The Postman Always Rings Twice" by James Cain. The digitization project undertaken by Caris Brown, the Local History Librarian, is now underway. This project involves taking seven years of the Citizen newspaper and creating searchable pdf documents for them. So, a lot of things happening at the Library. Also, I wanted to tell everybody that League City is now on the forefront of one of the hippest new trends in Houston, and that is goat yoga, which happened at Butler's Courtyard this weekend. My wife and her friends participated and goat yoga is sweeping Houston. It was created by a League City native, Rachel Henson. We went to school with her, so good luck, Rachel, on spreading goat yoga, and it is exactly what it sounds like. You're doing yoga with goats.

Dan Becker had no comments.

Hank Dugie said John reminded me that there's a pretty big event going on this weekend. How many of you have heard of the League City Legends Quidditch team? There's one Boy Scout back there that has heard about them. Those of you who are looking at me

bewildered, I will tell you. We have a professional quidditch team here in League City and I'm proud to say I'm a coach and player of the team. For the second year in a row we've qualified for the championship tournament, which is also hosted in League City. This Saturday and Sunday at Hometown Heroes Park we will have teams from all over the country converging here in League City to compete for the championship trophy. We are one of the second seeds in the tournament and have a pretty favorable bracket, so come out and support your local team. I think there are going to be some food trucks from local vendors out there and it really is a blast, so if you don't have plans already come and visit us. If you do have plans, scratch those and come visit us anyway.

Mayor Pat Hallisey said if you've not seen a Quidditch game, it's an interesting experience, a lot of moving parts and a lot of people getting knocked on the ground. It's kind of interesting and I'll be happy to see Mr. Dugie out there running up and down the field. I'm going to be sort of brief. Can I have all the Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 957 come on up here? I have a little something for you. (Mayor Hallisey presented City of League City pins to all the Scouts.)

9. **REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS**

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

City Manager John Baumgartner said I have a few announcements tonight. I want to talk about a public meeting for St. Christopher Avenue reconstruction. That's one of the projects we identified for the Reinvestment Program. They're going to have a public meeting seeking public input on September 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center. That project is moving fairly quickly, should be ready to go out for bids shortly after the public meeting provided we've met the needs of the community. Secondly, the League City Pickleball Championship, League City's been approved by the USAPA (Pickleball Association) to host a sanctioned pickleball tournament at Hometown Heroes Park. The League City Pickleball Championship Tournament will be held September 7 to 10 and is open to the public and available to anyone in the United States. Another opportunity to celebrate our successes, this Saturday the Texas Masonry Council presented its 2017 Most Sustainable City Award. Paul has our Most Sustainable City Award somewhere if he can pick it up, I know he has been practicing, it's made out of masonry. "To the City of League City for Its Recently Adopted Implemented Standards for Exterior Design on New Construction projects throughout the City.

The award was presented this past weekend at the Texas Masonry Council's Golden Trowel dinner and awards in downtown San Antonio. Council Members Greg Gripon and Larry Millican, as well as the Director of Planning and Development Paul Menzies were in attendance to receive the award. They were hosted by Tony Topping, TMC's Government Relations Specialist. The Texas Masonry Council members include building contractors, architects, and material suppliers from across the state of Texas that promote high quality construction standards of professionalism through focused programs. League City would like to thank the members of the Texas Masonry Council for this tremendous honor and their hospitality in San Antonio. Lastly, I appreciate all the comments related to the budget. That's one of the most important policy decisions the Council makes on an annual basis. The process begins in March and April and continues through an official adoption date no later than September 20. We will continue to work on it and again, appreciate any comments the public have, obviously the Council too and look forward to completing the process.

- 9A. [17-0486](#) Presentation regarding the attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the most people to stop, drop, and roll (Fire Marshal)

Fire Marshal Tommy Cones explained the Guinness Book of World Records attempt to be sponsored by the League City Fire Marshal's Office and the League City Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, October 14, 2017, the end of Fire Prevention Week. The record attempt for the most people to stop, drop, and roll will be at the CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium on Grissom Road, immediately after the end of the Clear Springs and Dickinson High School game. The game should be completed about 3:00 p.m., so people are asked to show up around 2:30. CCISD will also honor the first responders, Firefighters, Police, EMS and Dispatchers on that same day.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Item 10A was pulled by Mr. Long, 10B by Mr. Becker, 10D by Mr. Millican and 10E by Mr. Gross

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

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Kinsey

- 10C. [17-0471](#) Consider and take action on final acceptance of municipal infrastructure for Hidden Lakes Subdivision, Section 10 (Director of Public Works)

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 10F. [17-0474](#) Consider and take action on a resolution consenting to the sale and issuance of Unlimited Tax bonds, Series 2017 for the Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 14 in an amount not to exceed \$2,050,000 and authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Secretary to attest same for and on behalf of the City of League City (Assistant City Manager)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2017-125

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- 10A. [17-0484](#) Consider and take action on a resolution approving the employee insurance benefits program for the period October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 and authorizing agreements with 1) Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company for medical plan change options related to employee health insurance, 2) MetLife for employee dental insurance and 3) Colonial Life for voluntary benefits including cancer, accident and critical illness (Director of Human Resources and Civil Service)

A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Millican, to approve Resolution No. 2017-123, approving the employee insurance benefits program for October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 and authorizing agreements with Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company for medical plan change options related to employee health insurance; MetLife for employee dental insurance; and Colonial Life for voluntary benefits including cancer, accident and critical illness. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Kinsey

- 10B. [17-0454](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an agreement with Progressive Commercial Aquatics for the purchase of a pool blanket for the Hometown Heroes Park swimming pool in the amount not to exceed \$55,880 (Director of Parks & Cultural Services)

A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to approve this item.

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Gross, that this agenda item be postponed to the next meeting. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Opposed: 1 - Mr. Millican

Absent: 1 - Mr. Kinsey

- 10D. [17-0473](#) Consider and take action on final acceptance of municipal infrastructure for Pinnacle Park Drive (Director of Public Works)

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Long, to approve final acceptance of municipal infrastructure for Pinnacle Park Drive. The motion failed by the following vote:

For: 0

Opposed: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Gross and Mr. Long

Absent: 1 - Mr. Kinsey

- 10E. [17-0472](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn for the League City Parkway and Brittany Lakes Drive/Fennigan Lane Traffic System Improvement Project (TR1101A) in an amount not to exceed \$128,000 (Director of Public Works)

A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Long, to approve Resolution No. 2017-124 authorizing a professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn for the League City Parkway and Brittany Lakes Drive/Fennigan Lane Traffic System Improvement Project (TR1101A) in an amount not to exceed \$128,000. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 5 - Mr. Becker, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Gripon and Mr. Long

Opposed: 2 - Mayor Hallisey and Mr. Gross

Absent: 1 - Mr. Kinsey

12. **OLD BUSINESS**

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 13A. [17-0487](#) Presentation by staff and possible direction by City Council regarding the regulation of wireless infrastructure in the public right-of-way pursuant to recently adopted Senate Bill 1004 (Director of Planning and Development)

Deputy City Attorney Michelle Villarreal presented information regarding Senate Bill 1004.

14. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

15. **TABLED ITEMS SUBJECT TO RECALL**

16. **ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED**

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

Mayor Hallisey announced that Items 17A and 18A have been pulled by staff.

Items 17B and 17C were disposed of during previous discussion of the items on the agenda.

- 17A. [17-0469](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072 Government Code - Deliberations about real property

Discuss potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Director of Public Works)

17B. [17-0482](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071 Government Code - Consultation with Attorney

Consultation with City Attorney regarding contemplated litigation relative to Senate Bill 1004 (City Attorney)

17C. [17-0485](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071 Government Code - Consultation with Attorney

Consultation with City Attorney regarding potential litigation from the U.S. Department of Justice involving League City's zoning restrictions of group homes (City Attorney)

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

18A. [17-0470](#) Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Director of Public Works)

Pulled

18B. [17-0483](#) Consider and take action on consultation with the City Attorney regarding contemplated litigation relative to Senate Bill 1004 (City Attorney)

No Action

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:26 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: September 26, 2017