



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Monday, September 25, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
200 West Walker Street

Council Work Session

The City Council of the City of League City, Texas, met in a work session in Council Chambers at 200 West Walker Street on the above date at 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

Interim Director of Public Works:

Jody Hooks

Interim City Engineer:

Christopher Sims

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 Mr. Gripon and Mr. Long. Mr. Dugie arrived at 6:06 pm.

Absent 2 - Mr. Greg Gripon and Mr. Nick Long

Present 6 - Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Todd Kinsey and Mr. Keith Gross

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**3. UPDATE ON HURRICANE HARVEY RECOVERY**

Ryan Edgehill, Emergency Management Coordinator, briefly gave a presentation about the programs and assistance available as we move forward in the recovery phase. Anyone impacted by the storm should go to DisasterAssistance.gov and register with FEMA even though you don't feel you are going to need financial assistance from them. It will give them a big picture on who was affected and how widespread it was. If you register this will open up the channels for funding to come to you for housing programs, hotel programs. We activated a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in our Recreation Center at 450 West Walker. They are currently open Monday – Saturday from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm and Sunday from 12:00 – 5:00 pm. They are going to operate 7 days a week as long as there is a need. Over that the DRC, FEMA and Small Business Administration (SBA) representatives are there to answer any questions. Governor Abbott over the weekend has extended the hotel tax suspension through October 23, so anyone currently in a hotel or displaced are not paying any hotel occupancy taxes through that date. It is possible that will get extended again. Disaster Assistance, Public Assistance has been made available through the State and FEMA at a 90/10 cost share for all categories. So, our emergency work of debris removal and emergency protection measures (equipment and payroll spent during the initial disaster) will be covered at the 90/10. For reimbursement on Category B, emergency protection measures, there is a brief window of 30 days starting August 23 for coverage at 100% reimbursement. I think we have completed everything we are going to submit so we should be within that 100% window on most of those actions. Category C-G will be covered at a 90/10 reimbursement. The way that works for the vehicles, we will make insurance claims on them. The deductibles and the difference between the claim and cost of the vehicle are open for reimbursement at a 90/10 cost share and we are going to submit those claims to FEMA. On Saturday the State and FEMA signed an agreement for housing assistance and information can be found at TexasRebuilds.com. Another program coming available is the PREPS program, where someone will come into an eligible applicant home and make it a safe place for them to stay. They will check the power systems, the plumbing, and for any mold remediation needed. Last week the city participated in “the applicant briefing” with the State, the first step in the Public Assistance Program. We have submitted an official request for public assistance, in taking that first step to try and get reimbursement on the categories. The State and FEMA have initiated an expedited project worksheet for categories A and B, and we have submitted a rough estimate of what we spent in both of those. They are trying to make available up to 40% of those estimates to us in cash within 10 days of approval so we are not spending down our reserves. The next step is a scoping meeting with FEMA that is scheduled for October 3 and to prepare for that we are gathering copies of all the documentation and damage reports. Following the scoping meeting we will have 60 days to complete the damage inventory, and on that 61st day we will sign off on that inventory for submittal of reimbursement to FEMA. The next big challenge is the debris piece.

Bo Bass, Assistant City Manager gave an update on the debris management. To put everything into perspective per scale it is important for us to understand the impact of Harvey in terms of its overall measures. About a 49" rainfall event, 7,700 homes impacted to some degree or level, 3,000 homes received approximately 18" or greater, around 1,200 homes had 3 feet or greater that stood for a couple of days, so great variation and swing in terms of damage. Based on field observations we are estimating about 150,000-170,000 cubic yards of debris, or about 80,000,000 pounds in terms of total weight. Overview of the process, on September 9 Crowder Gulf effectively got started with trucks in the community. Tetra Tech, the monitoring company, immediately followed with them and is also entering GPS coordinates and taking before/after pictures at every site. Since September 9 Crowder Gulf has been working from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, 7 days a week. The landfills are closing about 6 pm so the drivers will preload and be ready at the dump the following morning. By tomorrow morning they will have 11 trucks (doubled to represent 22 individual trucks). City forces, Jody Hooks and his crews have been out there running four dump trucks and tractors with grapple hooks, as well as our 130-cubic yard dump truck that has a grapple attached, 6 days a week for the last week and a half. The City Manager has authorized overtime and we are taking full advantage of it. City forces are an enhancement to what Crowder Gulf is doing. This afternoon the City Manager executed an agreement with TxDOT for their new program that we just became aware of. TxDOT traditionally would only pick up things in their right-of-way but because of the immensity of Harvey and the impact they are now going to pick up in local right-of-way. So, we are going to have three trucks from TxDOT beginning on Wednesday, augmenting city forces and Crowder Gulf. It should get faster and faster in terms of overall impact. Status, as of September 23 Tetra Tech estimates that Crowder Gulf has removed 40,000 cubic yards. City forces have removed an estimated 1,800 cubic yards. When you add those numbers together that represents 26% of estimated debris collected in 17 days. Mapping/Data, the City has put an interactive map on our website and Facebook. If your house is in any area of the map that has a color on it we will be there. We are either there already, we have been there, or will be there soon. The most important thing is that if your house is not in an area of color on this map please call 311 and give us your address. The map will be updated on a weekly basis. You can call city staff to ask questions.

4. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY WORK SESSIONS**

John Baumgartner, City Manager, said I have been here five years and we have talked about this issue two or three times. In the last conversation with a different council, they were willing to let the City Manager decide whether to continue the Monday night work sessions. We cancelled a couple of them and I think the consensus of some of the council was to still have a Monday work session before the Tuesday regular meeting. I have talked to a number of you one on one and I think there is a general consensus that you are ok without the Monday work session but certainly don't want to do that unilaterally without giving everyone a chance to weigh in. We suggest perhaps that if an individual council member or two wanted to meet about the agenda, whether it be Friday or Monday that I would be happy to make myself available and time of appropriate staff to go through agenda items one on one. In lieu of bringing 20 staff in here for a Monday night meeting we would like to suggest that perhaps we minimize the amount of Monday night meetings. I think of a couple of opportunities where we would have them during the budget development time. We have a number of those and there is a lot of information to convey to the council. And then specialty items that we would want to introduce to council through a work session before we ask you to make a decision, such as water rates.

After council discussion Mr. Baumgartner said, I believe I have a consensus. Based on what I heard we are going to eliminate the Monday night meetings and see how that goes and get some feedback from there.

5. **CONDUCT A WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS APPEARING ON THE MEETING AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY.**

NO VOTE OR ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:55 p.m. Mayor Hallisey said, there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

PAT HALLISEY
MAYOR

DIANA M. STAPP
CITY SECRETARY

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MINUTES APPROVED: November 14, 2017