



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

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

Bo Bass

Assistant City Manager

Michael Kramm

City Attorney:

Nghiem Doan

City Secretary:

Diana M. Stapp

Chief of Police:

Gary Ratliff

Director of Budget/Project Management

Angie Steelman

Director of Engineering:

Christopher Sims

Director of Finance:

Allena Portis

Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:

Janet Shirley

Director of Parks & Cultural Services:

Chien Wei

Director of Planning/Development:

David Hoover

Director of Public Works:

Jody Hooks

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem Kinsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present except Mayor Hallisey.

Absent 1 - Mayor Pat Hallisey

Present 7 - Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Todd Kinsey, 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 Rev. Joel McMahon of League City United Methodist Church. Mayor Pro Tem Kinsey led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3A [18-0288](#) April 24, 2018 Regular Meeting

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

4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

4A [18-0253](#) Presentation of awards to student participants for the 2018 National Drinking Water Week poster contest and essay contest (Director of Public Works)

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
Geri Bentley	4411 Pebble Beach	Trash
Teresa Waite	2116 Aberdeen Dr.	Flood Prep
Josh Terrell	845 Falling Springs	School Safety

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

- 6A** [18-0258](#) Hold a public hearing on an amendment to Chapter 42, Article II of the League City Code of Ordinances entitled, “Noise” by amending Section 42-36 (5) to allow the Director of Planning and Development to grant an exception for noise generated by construction activities (Director of Planning and Development)

Mayor Pro Tem Kinsey opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

David Hoover, Director of Planning and Development, gave an overview of this amendment. No one signed up to speak for or against the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Kinsey closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

- 6B** [18-0259](#) Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Chapter 42, Article II of the League City Code of Ordinances entitled, “Noise” by amending Section 42-36 (5) to allow the Director of Planning and Development to grant an exception for noise generated by construction activities (Director of Planning and Development)

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Millican, to approve Ordinance No. 2018-12 amending Chapter 42, Article II of the League City Code of Ordinances entitled, “Noise” by amending Section 42-36 (5) to allow the Director of Planning and Development to grant an exception for noise generated by construction activities. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Hallisey

7. COMMENTS/REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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

Hank Dugie said thank you Mr. Mayor Pro Tem. I have a couple of items. I will try to breeze through them. First and foremost we have a new addition to the team, Ms. Janina Wojtkowski is the legal intern for the City this summer. She grew up in El Lago on the other side of the lake from League City. She received a degree in history from the University of St. Thomas and is currently pursuing a JD at the University of Houston Law Center. Between graduating from St. Thomas and beginning law school, she worked as the accounts coordinator and project assistant at a natural gas processing company and then as a dance instructor and studio assistant director at Bay Area Dance Moves. She has a six year old daughter and a five year old Doberman whose birthday is today. Happy birthday to your dog.

Secondly, whenever Captain H20 walked in, Mr. Bass leaned over to me and said that he had never seen Captain H20 before and proceeded to ask me if it was made in the likeness of Jody Hooks. So, Jody is there any truth to that? Next item, I would like to thank the Charter Review Advisory Committee that's been working very diligently for the last year, year and a half, on coming up with recommendations to council for potential changes or ballot initiatives. For those of you who don't know, we have several boards and commissions that do various jobs throughout the city, but the CRAC is probably the most intensive and this was a rather lengthy process for them and I just want to let you all know that I appreciate your commitment and it doesn't go unnoticed. In regards to the events of last week that took place in Santa Fe, I had the opportunity to represent the City at a vigil on Sunday night and speak for a couple of minutes and I shared then and I'll share now that no matter what happens in League City or in Galveston County, I wouldn't choose to live anywhere else. The people here are special and when we're met with adversity, we respond. It's been a tough year for us. After Harvey struck, we got to work and in the mean time we've become the world leaders in resiliency in our ability to bounce back from storms. I know that school, staff, administrators, local police agencies and emergency service agencies are working around the clock to make sure that we are the world leaders in school safety. There's little comfort to be had in a time like this but be comforted knowing that you have people working around the clock to make sure we're as secure as possible and when we're met with a challenge we always step up to the plate and hit it out of the park. In that regard, I know that CCISD, in particular, has asked a lot of the local agencies to provide extra security before school is out for the summer. I'm not sure if Chief Ratliff was going to speak on that during staff comments but if you might speak on that during staff comments I think the public would be interested to know because we are providing some of our officers in schools, we are on full alert and as the gentleman asked during public comments, that is something near and dear to our hearts and we're working on a city level to make sure that we're doing everything we can. Thank you.

Larry Millican said I had the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. with the Citizens for Space Exploration this year and I will tell you that it was an invigorating four days, and when I say invigorating, I didn't have to worry about going to the gym. I certainly was part of that team, and I can tell you it was a team effort. We made just under 400 visits and what that amounted to was teams went in and actually presented space exploration to every lawmaker and Senator that was on Capitol Hill that would receive us and it was a great time. It was a time that we could actually put forth a great united front no matter if you were visiting a Republican or a Democrat, I can tell you we were well received and it was a very well executed plan where we went in and actually presented our agenda. It was received and thanked we went on about our way. It was a great time, it was one that, without elaborating, I honestly did not eat dinner for two days. All I wanted to do was just go to bed when that day was over and one day I went to bed at 7:00 and the next day I went to bed at 6:30. It was a trying time, but I can tell you it was very fulfilling to be able to meet and to greet those folks and discuss space with them. With that, thank you very

much.

Greg Gripon said good evening. The vigil Sunday night at Walter Hall Park was one of those moments in League City history that I'll never forget. League City residents coming together, holding hands, praying, crying, for our neighbors in Santa Fe, showing our support and love. It was a very emotional night. But without the Moms of Galveston County, Lions Club, and our very own Ryan Smith, stepping up, bringing sound system up there, podium, barbecue pit, ice for water, and bringing out the City staff on a Sunday. That was exceptional. I want to say a few things about Ryan Smith tonight. When I first became a League City Councilman, Ryan stood out as a special City employee. First time walking up to the back door at City Hall, he was picking up trash in the bushes. It wasn't his trash to pick up, but I asked him and he said I've got to keep this place looking beautiful for our citizens. As time has passed, Ryan and I have become very good friends and I'm always inspired as he is the first to step up for special projects outside his job duties. Tonight I have a certificate for him, but it looks like he probably already ran off to go pick up some more trash. Ryan, could you come up here?

Ryan Smith, Director of Facilities and Information Technology, accepted the certificate and said I appreciate this, but it all goes out to staff and the volunteer firemen. Thank you very much.

Keith Gross said good evening and welcome to the Council meeting. I would like to begin by offering my condolences and prayers to all those people who suffered a loss in Santa Fe due to the horrible act. This is a problem that is everybody's problem. When this happened in Florida, or in Denver, or in New York, who thought it could happen here in our backyard. If you have a kid that is going to high school, or elementary school, I'm sure every one of you wondered is my kid going to be okay today. Could this happen again in League City, is my kid going to get shot. That's something as adults we shouldn't have to worry about. That's something that when you send your kid off to school, the child shouldn't have to worry is someone going to break into my school with a gun and shoot me. It hits home because I have an 11-year-old daughter and I didn't want to send her to school. The problem is, how do you prevent such a heinous act. Wherever you have a gathering of people, some insane person with a gun can show up and kill a lot of people at once before he gets shot or he surrenders. So in this particular case, the most vulnerable people in the world are your children at school. There's hundreds in a small place and there's very few people there that can protect them. So each time this incident happens you see something in the media, on the news on who to blame, guns to blame, this is to blame, and I'm thinking we can all figure out and put blame here and here and here, but are we helpless. Is there something that we can do as a community? If taking guns of the hands was going to solve everything, then by golly, do it. But I don't think it will, there's just too many guns out there already. Even if we don't manufacture another single gun, there's so many handguns and rifles and stuff that I just don't think that's the answer. I think we've

reached the time where we ask ourselves, what is going on in some teenager's head that is making this individual go to a school with a gun and decide to kill as many people as he can. Why haven't those parents of this teenaged boy raised this kid in a manner where they've taught him the value of life? What has happened to this kid? Why could nobody correct it? Why could nobody see it coming? This bothers me. You know there's broken families all over the place, maybe kids are raised with absentee parents, single parents, no parents, raised on the streets. And I thought to myself, growing up, who teaches kids how to deal with and cope with adversities in life. Could be an adolescent boy has his girlfriend just break up with him, say I never want to see you again, and go out with his best friend. How does he handle that, what does he do? Who does he have to turn to? How did the people deal with harassment in school, or abuse from other students? Who teaches the children how to deal with that? Maybe somebody looks a little different and everybody teases them and who is that boy to turn to if he can't turn to his parents for guidance and direction. I'm saying it appears that when this is happening, my guess is these children that are going out killing people in school lack this in their life. That their parents didn't teach them the value of life, the parents didn't teach them how to cope with the harassment, the abuse, or adversities that children face, and maybe some face more than others. And maybe someone didn't know how to deal with it and they decide, I'm just going to get a gun and kill everybody and that'll teach them. So has the time come for our schools to step in and teach our kids at school how to deal with harassment, abuse from other children. Do we need to have a class where the teachers are helping the kids through these issues where they designate a single person or a group of people to say, if you have problems maybe you could come to me. I think we've got to do something. I think it's just frustrating to us as a society to go, what can we do. I hear people talking about, let's make our schools so secure it's almost like a prison, one way in, one way out. That's not the answer because the next kid will go and as soon as the kids are coming off the bus, will stand at the bus and shoot them all on the bus or as they come off. I think we need to figure out something. I think we need to put pressure on our representatives to figure out a way, to figure out why these kids are doing what they're doing and see if there's a way to get to these children at a meaningful time. I'm going to be contemplating this, talking to people, maybe we can help establish new laws, new rules, or provide new guidance to kids that just weren't there before in hopes that this doesn't happen to one of our children.

Nick Long said thanks to everybody for coming tonight. I'd also like to thank the employees who did so much during this time, with the tragedy at Santa Fee, the officers who were among some of the very first responders were League City PD officers. Both on and off-duty officers showed up and responded to that and helped to a great deal contain what could have been worse. I'd also like to say thank you to Ryan and his tech team and all the other employees who left their families on a Sunday to go help the rest of the community heal. That was really a great event, especially when you've seen so many negative things on the news for the rest of that weekend, to then see the good side of humanity, and see everybody gathered together in prayer and in thought and begin to a

small degree that level of healing. It was good for me, at least. I'd also like to, I know there are people here that came to talk about the trash, trash contract. On the next agenda I'll be, with co-sponsors we're going to be working something out to at least put it on the agenda to discuss the various options that have been presented to us and discuss what it's going to cost, what it would look like and how we could move forward with some different options on the trash contract. And then lastly, I'd like to say congratulations to the League City Hooks. That's my kids Little League baseball team. They entered the city championship last night, which took about four and a half hours because of the rain. They came up a little short, I'll blame it on the coaching, but they did enjoy playing in the mud and all that. It was a really fun season, they won the eastern half of the bracket, so great time.

Dan Becker said with regard to recent events in our community, I have an observation about what may be complacency. Take a look at the election results from the last Clear Creek Independent School District election of trustees. Those are the folks that have purview over the school district and the schools and school security. The amount of people who voted in that last election for three trustees was in the hundreds. Further, when you do bring your concerns to the school board, ask them this question. Why are they holding that election at such an oddball time, when no other elections are taking place? You can't expect people to be trying to keep up with showing up to vote three or four different times a year. They need to put their elections at such a time they're held concurrent with general elections, just like League City has done, so that you actually get some more folks engaged in those elections.

Mayor Pro Tem Todd Kinsey said there's not much more I can add other than waking up shocked that day last week and that my prayers are with everybody in Santa Fe and that I'm proud that I live where I live, that we have the first responders that we have, that we're one of the safest cities in America. But it still doesn't mean that it can't happen here. I just hope that it means that our odds are way statistically lower, that it won't happen here. Real quickly, the Summer Reading Program is about to kick off over at the Library. On June 4, Libraries Rock! Begins for all ages: children, teens and adults. There will be all sorts of programs, prizes and performers. Pick up a reading log no matter what age you are by coming to the library or going online to our website at www.leaguecitylibrary.org. Join the Happy Hour Book Club at 5:00 p.m. at the Craft 96 Draught House + Kitchen on Thursday, June 7, to discuss the book *O Fallen Angel*, by Kate Zambreno. This program is for adults only. On Monday, June 11 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Theater, test your knowledge of books and movies against our librarians in the Are You Smarter Than a Librarian? TEEN EDITION program.

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

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

Chief of Police Gary Ratliff reported on Police Department assistance being provided to CCISD through the end of the school year.

- 8A [18-0245](#) Presentation of the Investment Report of the Section 4B Industrial Development Corporation for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 (Director of Finance)

The report was presented by Director of Finance Allena Portis.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Item 9F was pulled by Mr. Millican.

A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Becker, to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda Items. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Hallisey

- 9A [18-0276](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an encroachment agreement with the Tuscan Lakes Community Association, Inc. for the installation and maintenance of private irrigation and landscape improvements within public road right-of-way, utility easements and restricted reserves within the Tuscan Lakes Master Planned Community (Director of Engineering)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-60

- 9B [18-0283](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the annexation by Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 45 of 5.04+ acres generally located directly south of the Mar Bella Subdivision, Section 12 (Director of Engineering)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-61

- 9C [18-0275](#) Consider and take action on a resolution approving utility conveyance and security agreements with Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 45 for water and sanitary sewer facilities associated with the 12" Water and 12" Sanitary Sewer Extension crossing South Shore Blvd and FM 646 (Director of Engineering)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-62

- 9D [18-0219](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an expenditure with Teamwork Construction Services in an amount not to exceed \$219,219.90 for the Bay Colony Community Trail Project (PK1802) and authorizing an additional \$21,921.00 for a construction work change directive budget (Director of Budget & Project Management)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-63

- 9E [18-0265](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a three-year Interlocal Agreement with NASA/JSC for reciprocal use of Emergency Operations Centers, sharing of resources when available, and space for up to 200 persons and 50 emergency vehicles at a hangar located at Ellington Field (Emergency Management Coordinator)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-64

- 9F [18-0243](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a one-year agreement with Teamwork Construction for various streets, sidewalk and concrete pavement repairs for an amount not to exceed \$3,250,000 (Director of Public Works)

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Millican, to approve Resolution No. 2018-65 authorizing a one-year agreement with Teamwork Construction for various streets, sidewalk and concrete pavement repairs for an amount not to exceed \$3,250,000. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Hallisey

- 9G [18-0256](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a one-year agreement Republic Services for grit screening/sludge transportation and disposal services in an amount not to exceed \$286,340 (Director of Public Works)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-66

- 9H [18-0257](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an agreement with Howden-Roots LLC for three replacement aeration blowers for the Southwest Water Reclamation Facility Project (WW1802) in an amount not to exceed \$452,567 (Director of Public Works)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2018-67

- 9I [18-0262](#) Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2018-10 amending Chapter 125 of the League City Code of Ordinances entitled, "Zoning" by amending Sections 125-42 and 125-45 to allow for the combined submittal of site development plans and building permits - Second Reading (Director of Planning and Development)

Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval, 6-0-0 with two members absent, on April 2, 2018.

City Council approved the first reading, 8-0-0, on May 8, 2018.

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Ordinance No. 2018-10 Second Reading

- 9J [18-0264](#) Consider and take action on Ordinance 2018-11 amending Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled "Health and Sanitation" by amending Section 54-32 to prohibit property conditions that cause pest infestation - Second Reading (Director of Planning and Development)

Council postponed 8-0-0 on April 24, 2018.

Council approved 8-0-0 on first reading on May 8, 2018.

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Ordinance No. 2018-11 Second Reading

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

10. OLD BUSINESS**11. NEW BUSINESS****11A. 18-0284**

Consider and take action on a resolution supporting a No Wake Zone in and around the League City Clear Lake area on Friday, June 22 and Sunday, June 24 for the Texas Outlaw Challenge (Mayor Hallisey)

A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to approve Resolution No. 2018-68 supporting a No Wake Zone in and around the League City Clear Lake area on Friday, June 22 and Sunday, June 24 for the Texas Outlaw Challenge. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Hallisey

12. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**13. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED****13A. 18-0289**

Consider and take action on rejecting all bids from RFP#18-015 for the printing and mailing of the City of League City utility bills for a 3-year contract period from June 2018 to June 2021 (Director of Finance)

A motion was made by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Long, to reject all bids from RFP#18-015 for the printing and mailing of City of League City utility bills for a 3-year contract period from June 2018 to June 2021. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Hallisey

14. EXECUTIVE(CLOSED) SESSION(S)**15. ACTION ITEM(S) FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)****16. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:07 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Kinsey said there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.

**TODD KINSEY
MAYOR PRO TEM**

DIANA M. STAPP
CITY SECRETARY

(SEAL)

MINUTES APPROVED: July 24, 2018