



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

5:00 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 5:00 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 Hallisey called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present except Mayor Pro Tem Kinsey and Mr. Gross.

Absent 2 - Mr. Todd Kinsey and Mr. Keith Gross

Present 6 - Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Greg Gripon and Mr. Nick Long

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING CHARTER ELECTION PROPOSITIONS

Deputy City Attorney Michelle Villarreal, we're asking Council to consider the propositions that were brought forth by the Charter Review Advisory Committee at the workshop meeting on May 22, 2018.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR PROPOSITIONS:

Proposition No. 1 - Shall Article I, Section 4 of the League City Charter be amended to remove the steps that detail the City's procedure for adjusting its boundaries according to state law since the procedure is already detailed in state law and the City must comply with state law regardless of the language of the City Charter?

Proposition No. 2 - Shall Article II, Section 2.B of the League City Charter be amended clarify that members of the City Council may not serve more than two full consecutive terms as a member of the City Council?

Proposition No. 3 - Shall Article II, Section 7 of the League City Charter be amended to clarify that a vacancy on the City Council due to three consecutive absences of meetings of the City Council becomes effective thirty days after third missed meeting so that the City Council has an opportunity to excuse the absence if a justifiable reason for the absences(s) exists?

Proposition No. 4 - Shall Article II, Section 8 of the League City Charter be amended to clarify that the Mayor Pro Tem will serve for a one-year period and he shall be appointed at the second regularly scheduled City Council meeting in November?

Proposition No. 5 - Shall Article II, Section 12 of the League City Charter be amended to state that all actions of the City Council, not just ordinances and resolutions, require a majority vote of the members present?

Proposition No. 6 - Shall Article II, Section 17 of the League City Charter be amended to delete the reference of "Treasurer and Assessor and Collector of Taxes" from the office of the City Secretary since the City Secretary has never served in the role of Treasurer Assessor/Collector for the City and the City uses the County tax assessor (in Galveston and Harris Counties) for that function?

Proposition No. 7 - Shall Article II, Section 22 of the League City Charter be amended to state that all actions of the City Council, not just ordinances and resolutions, requires a majority vote of the members present?

Proposition No. 8 - Shall Article VII, Section 5 of the League City Charter be amended to clarify that appropriations may be transferred from one “director” to another?

Proposition No. 9 - Shall Article VIII, Section 2 of the League City Charter be amended to delete the reference to a “City” tax assessor since the city has never employed a person to that position and the City has chosen to designate the Galveston County tax assessor for that function?

Proposition No. 10 – Shall Article VIII, Section 3 of the League City Charter, which requires that the City Council appoint a 3-person Board of Directors to adjust assessed property values thereby functioning as an appraisal district, be deleted since the city has never created such a board, nor has it appointed any members to such a board and instead uses the County appraisal districts (in Galveston and Harris Counties) for that function?

Proposition No. 11 – Shall Article VIII, Section 4 of the League City Charter be amended to delete the reference to a “City” Tax Assessor/Collector since the City does not employ such a position and the City has chosen to designate the Galveston County tax assessor for that function?

Proposition No. 12 – Shall Article VIII, Section 6 of the League City Charter, which discusses how property owners communicate with the appraisal district in situations where there is a joint interest in property, be deleted since this section imposes no rule or limitation on the City or its officers/employees?

Proposition No. 13 – Shall Article IX, Section 8 of the League City Charter be amended to remove the reference to the City’s previous red-light vendor?

Proposition No. 14 – Shall Article X, Section 17 of the League City Charter be amended to remove the requirement that the City Secretary shall pay the premium for his/her bond since the City currently pays the bond premiums for all executive level employees and city officials?

Proposition No. 15 – Shall Article X, Section 21 of the League City Charter, which requires that all warrants or claims for payment be approved by the City Manager and City Council before payment may be issued, be deleted since there are state laws and internal policy controls that dictate how the City issues warrants or pays its claims and the City Council maintains additional oversight when it creates and approves the city budget every year?

STRATEGIC DECISION

If we proceed with a Charter election, how do we word the ballot:

- Option 1: Only ask the premise?
- Option 2: Ask the premise and include the new language?
- Option 3: Ask the premise and include the redline language?

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

The next election date for a Charter Election is November 6, 2018.

Staff recommends that if the Council wishes to proceed with a Charter Election, the Council passes an ordinance calling for an election during the first (July 10, 2018) and second (July 24, 2018) council meetings in July. However, the last possible council meeting to approve an election ordinance would be August 14, 2018.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:41 p.m., there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

PAT HALLISEY
MAYOR

DIANA M. STAPP
CITY SECRETARY

(SEAL)

MINUTES APPROVED: August 14, 2018