



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

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:

**Andy Mann
Hank Dugie
Larry Millican
Todd Kinsey
Greg Gripon
Chad Tressler
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

Interim Director of Finance:

Angie Steelman

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 6:00 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present with Nick Long attending by videoconference call.

Present 8 - Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Andy Mann, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Mr. Greg Gripon, Mr. Chad Tressler 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 Hallisey led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 3A. [19-0156](#) January 8, 2019 Council Work Session
- 3B. [19-0147](#) January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting
- 3C. [19-0161](#) January 22, 2019 Regular Meeting
- 3D. [19-0165](#) February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting

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

4. **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

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.

No one signed up to speak.

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

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Todd Kinsey – At the Library, children and families, come be a part of our Let's Dance program on Wednesday, March 13 in the Library Theater from 10:15 and 11 a.m. This program is for children between the ages of 0 and 5 years and will be a time of fun and movement that shouldn't be missed! On Thursday, March 14, author Jan Johnson will review her latest book Unforgettable Galveston Characters. This program is part of our Local Authors Hour that meets on every 2nd Thursday from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. in the Library Theater. This program is for adults. Our Super Smash Bros™ Ultimate Tournament for Teens is finally here! Put your game face on and play the newest Super Smash Bros game against other teens. The tournament will take place on Friday, March 15 in the Library Theater from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. This event is for 6th to 12th graders.

Greg Gripon – Earlier this month, Larry (Millican) and I attended the TML training in San Marcos. We had a wonderful presentation on Scenic Cities Certification Program. I ordered information booklets that we're going to work with our Clean and Green Committee and get our city on this list of Scenic Cities. Because I definitely believe League City should be on this list, especially when I saw the other names of cities around us that were on the list and we were not.

Chad Tressler – Just wanted to take this opportunity to remind our citizens to enjoy Spring Break safely this week. This is a good opportunity for those who haven't been there yet to check out the different parks around League City, such as the Ned and Fay Dudney Nature Center.

Nick Long had no comments.

Andy Mann had no comments.

Hank Dugie had no comments.

Larry Millican – Just to highlight what Mr. Gripon said earlier about the TML conference, had a great conference, had a lot of great things, the breakout sessions. The one that Greg talked about and the Clean and Green Committee and the Scenic City and the Parks Board, and let me just say that was a wonderful presentation that Greg and I both honed in on and I think it's something to be said that we need to target that and get involved in that as a city because I think that we could reap some great benefits from it.

Along with that too, was another great breakout session at TML that I enjoyed tremendously. It was about “Our Home, Our Decisions”, basically promoting the idea that government closest to the citizens is what works best to where citizens have that input and I can tell you that it was a great presentation and I had planned to carry through with some of the ideas that I got from that and bring them back to the City. Also we made a trip to Austin for Galveston County Day and I have to say of all the trips that I’ve made to different places, to Washington, DC, this was by far one of the better ones only because of the fact that I had a great captain, I don’t know if Scott’s here tonight, but we had a great team leader and we had a lot of great visits with my team and it just went very, very well and I think that Galveston County was well-represented and I think that our Legislative body came and recognized us at our reception that we had. After it was all said and done, I want to say thanks to Galveston County, but more so to the people who participated.

Mayor Hallisey – First item is Happy Birthday to Eileen Bauerlein. One of the fun things I get to do, I went and provided a resolution to Eileen yesterday on her 96th birthday. Not so much that she was 96, lots of people live ‘til they’re 96, but Eileen has been teaching ballroom dancing in League City since 1966 and she and her husband, Rex, who’s deceased, taught an awful lot of people how to dance, not only here in League City, but at NASA. Peggy, did you take her class over at NASA? Okay. I stood there, she was a sweet lady to start with, her kids were just making a fuss over her, and there were probably 100 people in the community center over at Harris County Park. But the part that impressed me the most is after she got her resolution, after she smiled and everybody applauded, she stood in line, there was a line of 50 people who took turns dancing with her for probably the next 30 minutes. And this little lady, at 96 years old, still had spring in her feet. She danced with every one of them and the only reason they quit is they played the same song three or four times and it was time to take a break and I know her legs had to be hurting. But she was a hoot and it was a great afternoon. I’ll say a little bit of what Larry said, maybe a little more about Galveston County Day. There were over 200 Galveston County residents who went up for the day. Galveston sent a bus, Texas City sent a bus. There was a bus that left out of League City Regional Chamber and we saw an enormous amount of legislators. I got in on a meeting with the Governor and another separate one with the Lt. Governor, a little different. You know they both asked one question, how’s it going in Galveston County, and the County Judge answered slow, and he said, “How so?” He said slow because recovery money is slow to get here, slow to get here for people trying to get into their houses, and it’s slow to get here for the infrastructure that was destroyed because of Hurricane Harvey. I think they heard that message. We heard from an enormous amount of Senators and Reps that we went by to see, when we talked about recovery after Hurricane Harvey, that that was high on their mind of things that needed to be done. We know that the Federal government popped for \$273 million, but most of that’s going to the upper reaches of Clear Creek, and we get a chance to tell them all as BAHEP did, who had a day before we did by the way, that we need the State’s

participation in the rehab of this area down here. We're growing like crazy, water has to get to the bay. I see in the paper this weekend that there is an anti-group forming about the Ike Dike, and it was funny, after I got through screaming at my newspaper Sunday morning I was reminded of something. The Ike Dike is a strange animal for people to understand. When you say flood control, the Ike Dike is not going to save us from downstream flooding that's coming from inland down. But what it is going to do, it's going to save us from coastal surges that come up into the bay and by stopping those surges from coming in gives us an opportunity, and God forbid, if we ever get a coastal surge during a Hurricane at the same time we get a major rain event upstream, there's nothing that's going to save us at all. Ike and Harvey were devastating to our region. The costs were astronomical and to answer those that were against it, we're doing something and let me tell you it's an imperfect world, but if we do something it sure beats those that want to do nothing. And if you flooded, you know exactly what those words mean, so hang in there. It's how many millions of dollars? \$32 billion. That's Federal money reinvested back in. Let me tell you something, when people say we don't want it I think about how much money we sent to northeast United States after Sandy to help them, and how much money we sent to New Orleans, which is 12 feet below sea level over there. We are just as important as those regions of the United States. In fact, I'm always reminded when I hear these speeches, that if this comes up the ship channel and takes out the petrochemical complex up there, jet fuel will be non-existent not only to the military, but to commercial travelers as well. It'll shut down much of what we do and so that Ike Dike is designed to keep that from happening. Please don't give up on it. If you get a chance to go to one of the meetings, please do. I was a little surprised at some of the heavy-weights that have turned out against it. It is \$32 billion dollars but we've spent a lot of money in my lifetime recovering from major storms in the coastal region, so hang in there. League City Volunteer Firefighters, their new rescue apprentices are on board, a new class started over there. How many are in the class? 35. That's a good number for our Volunteer Fire Department. As all of you know our Fire Department as volunteers got an ISO One award last year. We're proud of them, that they are our buffer between fire dangers in our community and they risk their lives every time they get called out and thank you for them and thank you we have 35 new people that want to be a part of that. That's a great organization, always has been. Thanks to the TEEX instructors Chief Eric Johansen and Brad Britten. Is that a fire thing, or is that something else? They're instructors.

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

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

City Manager John Baumgartner – An announcement before we get into 8A, is for the benefit of the community. SH 96, League City Parkway, will have access altered at IH45 on Friday starting at 9:00 p.m. through Sunday at 5:00 a.m. I would encourage residents to take alternate routes, I think we’re running out of alternate routes since 646 is also closed, it’s not closed, but it’s greatly restricted, so I’d encourage residents to either allow lots of time or pick alternate routes as we get through this next phase of construction on IH 45. It’s one more step toward completion, we’re still a couple of years away. We just wanted to make everybody aware of that, we’ll put it out on Facebook and the website and that kind of thing.

8A. [19-0149](#) Recognition of League City Parks and Recreation staff for receiving TRAPS State Award for Administrative/Management Excellence (City Manager)

8B. [19-0140](#) Presentation of the Public Safety Response Times Reporting Audit Report (City Auditor)

The report was presented by City Auditor Rhonda Lee.

8C. [19-0160](#) Presentation of the League City Fire Marshal’s Office Annual Racial Profiling Report for Calendar Year 2018 (Fire Chief)

The report was presented by Fire Marshal Tommy Cones.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Item 9D was pulled by Mr. Dugie.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Millican, to approve Consent Agenda Items 9A through 9C. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

9A. [19-0143](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (Homeland Security Grants Division) for the 2019 State Homeland Security Program for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) equipment for the agency’s bomb technicians and the naming of the grant managers (Chief of Police)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2019-42

9B. [19-0144](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the submittal a grant application to the Office of the Governor for reimbursement of police officer regular time and overtime costs associated with the Santa Fe school shooting which occurred on May 18, 2018 (Chief of Police)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2019-43

9C. [19-0157](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for the Hike & Bike trails along FM518 from Ross Elementary to Palomino Road (Director of Parks & Cultural Services)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2019-44

- 9D. [19-0164](#) Consider and take action on a resolution to ratify the purchase of 4 (four) 72" Z-turn mowers with League City Outdoor Power Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$72,057.48 (Director of Parks & Cultural Services)

A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to approve Resolution No. 2019-45 ratifying the purchase of 4 (four) 72" Z-turn mowers with League City Outdoor Power Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$72,057.48. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11A. [19-0142](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the purchase of windstorm and hail property insurance from McGriff, Siebels & Williams of Texas, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$ 550,269.30 (Director of Human Resources & Civil Service)

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve.

A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Mann, to postpone to the next meeting. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

- 11B. [19-0146](#) Consider and take action on a resolution for the appointment of a representative to the Galveston County Transit District for FY2019 and FY2020 (Mayor Hallisey)

**Mayor Hallisey's Appointment:
Council Member Greg Gripon**

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Long, to approve Resolution No. 2019-46 reappointing Mr. Gripon as representative to the Galveston County Transit District for FY 2019 and 2020. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

- 11C. [19-0150](#) Consider and take action to excuse absences (City Secretary)

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Millican, to excuse the absence of Mr. Long at the February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting. The motion failed by the following vote:

For: 4 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey and Mr. Gripon

Opposed: 4 - Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

- 11D. [19-0137](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. for design work related to the Grissom Road Reconstruction Project (RE 1702G) & North Service Area 12" Water Line along Grissom Road (WT1705), in an amount not to exceed \$989,950.00 (Director of Budget & Project Management)

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to approve Resolution No. 2019-47 authorizing a professional services agreement with Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. for design work related to the Grissom Road Reconstruction Project & North Service Area 12" Water Line along Grissom Road, in an amount not to exceed \$989,950.00. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

12. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

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

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

At 6:59 p.m. Mayor Hallisey announced the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss the following item:

- 14A. [19-0155](#) Texas Open Meeting Act, Section 551.072 Government Code - Deliberations about real property
- Discuss potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Director of Budget & Project Management)

At 7:06 p.m. Mayor Hallisey 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. Nick Long

Present 7 - Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Andy Mann, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Mr. Greg Gripon and Mr. Chad Tressler

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

- 15A. [19-0154](#) Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Director of Budget & Project Management)

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Mann, to authorize staff to proceed with finalizing negotiations and to approve the Offer to Sell and Purchase Agreement for the 0.0044-acre waterline easement along FM518, an acquisition that supports the Waterline Upgrades & Replacement Project. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon and Mr. Tressler

Absent: 1 - Mr. Long

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:08 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: March 26, 2019