



# City of League City, TX

300 West Walker  
League City TX 77573

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, January 28, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers  
200 West Walker Street

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### 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**

**Executive Director of Development Services**

**David Hoover**

**Director of Budget/Project Management**

**Angie Steelman**

**Director of Engineering:**

**Christopher Sims**

**Director of Finance:**

**Kristine Polian**

**Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:**

**Janet Shirley**

**Director of Parks & Cultural Services:**

**Chien Wei**

**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 except Mr. Kinsey. Mr. Long arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Absent    1 -    Mr. Todd Kinsey

**Present**    7 -    Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Andy Mann, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, 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 Dr. Billy Watson of the Watershed Church. Mayor Hallisey led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.**

**3.    APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3A.    20-0045                      October 22, 2019 Council Work Session**

**3B.    20-0044                      December 17, 2019 Regular Meeting**

**Mayor Hallisey asked if there were any corrections. Mr. Millican said there is a correction on the Work Session minutes, page 8. (Typo – “Nest Steps” instead of “Next Steps”). With corrections noted, Mayor Hallisey said the minutes are approved.**

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

**4A.    20-0020                      Presentation of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting that has been awarded to the City of League City by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018 (Director of Finance)**

**4B.    19-0650                      Report from Dickinson Bayou Watershed Steering Committee (Mayor Hallisey)**

**The report was given by Council Member Dugie.**

**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
Peggy Zahler	1802 Rampart	Corps of Engineer Meetings

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.

Andy Mann – no comments

Hank Dugie – I had the privilege of attending the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting last week, as well as the public forum, as well as the Library Board meeting. I just want to say both groups, I think are heading in the right direction. I think that's why people are on these committees, they really care about taking ownership of it, and serving the community. I think a lot of times people wonder if serving on a board or commission is really going to make a difference, and I can tell you that at least for those two, they're making a big difference and doing a great service to us and to the citizens. So, I want to make sure we continue supporting our boards and commissions, let them know that we appreciate them. Anytime they are performing different activities, if we can make an make an appearance, or at least send them a note thanking them I think it would go a long ways.

Larry Millican – I'd like to thank everybody for coming out tonight, and welcome folks that are tuning in on Channel 16 and on the web. I stated last Council meeting that I was excited about the new year, 2020. And I'm still excited. Saturday, a week from now, the Council will have their strategic planning session for this year. Council will meet and prioritize the goals and objectives important for the City, so that staff can address those in an effective method.

I'd like also to discuss two opportunities at that meeting. First opportunity would be, I had a citizen contact me a few years back and talk about the lack of art around the city. And then Harvey came. So, it's been kind of stressful with other activities, but I'd like to think about focusing in or alerting and discussing the ability or the activities of art or beautification of the City itself. Traveling around the state and the region, and I'm not talking about something like the City of Houston does with all its statues and all its parks and all that sort of thing. The constituent that called me back years ago, he wanted to talk about how great it would be to have roundabouts and what we could do with statues and fountains in the middle of those roundabouts. But I'm thinking more along the lines of, if you travel this region, you know the City of Seabrook has pelicans. The City of Texas City has cowboys and cows, even has collages on the side of buildings. We have a lot of opportunities, in talking to people from CCISD, they have a lot of art classes. But we could do a lot of things to beautify the city or to bring art into the forefront maybe instead of just non-existent in the city. I'd like to try to brainstorm that with my fellow Council people and staff to see if we could get some kind of traction in that. Second topic that I'd like to bring up is going to be, it seems to me that every time Council starts discussing spending money on any history or museums, there's a division of Council, and feathers get ruffled. We seem to not be able to come to consensus, and I'd like to be able to be in a place that we could discuss that and get a direction for the city if we can, whether or not it be that we want to be in the museum business or not, or worry about history or not. But to get some sort of definition because I think that it was clear the last budget session that we as a City charge staff to do things, and staff tries to accomplish those and we come back and all of a sudden plans change or that's too much money or it's not what we want. And I would like to think that we could collectively come to the ability of having some sort of identified direction for that particular aspect of the city. Whether we want to be in that museum business or the history business, or whatever it is. To understand it and to identify it and then be able to turn staff loose or rein them in. But anyway, I'd like to be able to have conversations and not have the anger and the things that come out when we discuss those items. Those are the two items that I thought would be great to talk along with the other activities that we normally discuss in those planning sessions. I just wanted to bring those out and throw them out on the table and see where they go. Thank you very much for attending tonight.

Greg Gripon – Good evening. Larry, I have to say that I'm right there with you. I would love see art in this town and beautification and doing something with our medians and just giving this town a little bit more identity when people come through it. I think it's a great idea. This Sunday we have our Lions Club Senior Breakfast at Hometown Heroes Park, so if you're 55+ come on out, come have breakfast with us. It's always a great time. I look forward to seeing you.

Nick Long – Thanks everybody, for coming today and joining on the television. A couple of weeks ago we voted to allow the non-profit baseball teams to go ahead and redevelop the park at Newport. When we toured it yesterday, slightly soggy, but other than that, it looks pretty awesome. They're still rolling in and flattening down the grass, doing all that. I think they have a little bit more work to do, but they tell me it will be ready to go in the next week or two. So, it is a pretty awesome project and I'm glad to see it up and ready, which is good because Little League tryouts were last weekend and the Sportsplex was packed again. So, it will be not very long before those teams are out there needing more places to practice. So, glad to see how fast they got that done and the progress that was made.

Chad Tressler – no comments

Mayor Hallisey – Friday night was the BAHEP Quasar Awards. I think that was the best awards banquet I've been to in a long time. Ms. Hellyer certainly was deserving of that award. She was the president of San Jacinto College and has done a great job with expanding that college and that's particularly important to League City because a lot of our kids go there, just as a lot of our kids go to College of the Mainland. So, we were happy to be there. Saturday night I had a chance to give the keynote address to the Bay Area Council Boy Scouts. There are some scouts here tonight and I told them every time I see it was funny. I started this banquet and there were three little bitty kids, all of them under six. They were over waving at me in the corner. So I roll over next to them and I said have I met you before, and I looked down and each one of them had one of these (City) pins on and I thought that's pretty neat because every Boy Scout that comes through a Council Meeting, I try to acknowledge them and give them a pin. Just the fact that they were probably 3, 4, and 6 years old, and they even remembered me was pretty refreshing. But this was a room full of parents who were spending a lot of time with young people, which I happen to think is an important thing to do. I've liked Scouts for a long time because when family do things together kids get some direction and the good lord knows we have a lot of things that happen in the world that they're exposed to that are not positive. So, Scouts do a great job of taking good young boys and girls and turning them into great young men and young women, great adults, great citizens, and on and on. There were four of them I think, three are here tonight. Come on up, I told them I was going to do this. (Mayor presented pins to the Scouts and had them introduce themselves.) Anybody who says to you that the next generation is in question on what they're going to do, I'm here to tell you the ones I see are pretty quality. Not only these three, but the other couple hundred and parents I saw last weekend. I had an interesting lunch today that was put together by BayTran, which is Bay Area Transportation Partnership and the president of Bay Tran is Carl Joiner, and he put this luncheon together up in Houston. Mark Denman, the Mayor of Nassau Bay was there, Sally Branson, Mayor Pro Tem of Friendswood, myself, Dave Martin, who's the Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Houston, and

Sylvester Turner, the Mayor of Houston. They gave us about an hour and a half of their time, and we had discussions that started with transportation, the importance of transportation to the region, and we're sitting out here in the suburbs and as Houston grows, they are the big gorilla, so to speak. As they grow, people don't want to live up there, they're coming south to League City, Friendswood, Kemah, Seabrook, and all around the lake. They're going out to the Woodlands, they're going to Fort Bend County, and we're all seeing growth rates that are pretty remarkable. So, the topic of the conversation was, transportation's important, but there are a lot of issues that are important to all these communities. Three or four counties that represent the region, and what we'd like to do is open up some dialog about working together. There was a lot of discussion about the Ike Dike today. It come up about the President's remarks, and I don't think anybody was happy about that. Because the great storm, which has not been here yet, that Ike Dike will stop the storm surge from coming inland and rolling over us. That's the theory, but the other side of the coin is heavy rainfall inland comes down. If it ever meets that strong winds and tides pushing in, we're all going to flood. And we saw a 60" rain a couple of years ago, so we're trying to anticipate that if that's the new standard then we have to do a lot more. Peggy (Zahler) talked about our watershed committees, and they are doing a great job. But the truth is we have to get water to the bay and then we have to get it out of the lake and into the bay. It takes everybody pulling together to make that happen. I was really encouraged by the Mayor's comments today about wanting to be more involved regionally. I know he's a busy guy, but you know what, they carry a lot bigger stick than a lot of these small cities do. We talked about drainage and I amplified the point of the drainage committees, and the fact that John (Baumgartner) went around and got all the cities up and down the watershed to participate in a study that we'll pay half for, the Corps will pay the other half or however it shakes out on the percentages. Which offers opportunity, once and for all, to start to clear out the creek so we can handle more water. 60 inches once, we have to anticipate that it will come again. We pray it doesn't, but it might. We talked about Section A of the Grand Parkway. Discussion said Section A is from SH146 to I45. The best anybody could come up with is probably about 2022, maybe 2023, we'll be talking to the State again about trying to get that back into the transportation plan and get it funded. They talked a little bit about where we are on B and C, which is from 145 out to Fort Bend County. We made the comment, like we always do, that 65% of our working population goes to the northwest corner of Harris County and the City of Houston. These problems, or challenges that we have in front of us are so big and so expensive, one thing we know in League City, and I think the other small towns around us know, to come up with the funds necessary to actually find some kind of solution is so above our level to do that we need the big players. We need Harris County, we need the City of Houston, we need all the cities in Brazoria, Galveston, Harris and Chambers Counties to all be a part of the effort. So, I was real encouraged by that. I don't want to let it go that Kobe Bryant passed away, one of basketball greats. We are certainly sending prayers to his family, but we also at the same time want to send prayers to the eight people that were killed in Alabama in the marina fire. It just illustrates it can happen

anywhere, and we are a big marina community around the lake. In fact, the third largest in the country behind Ft. Lauderdale and San Diego. Being prepared for all that is really important and I don't say that to scare anybody. It's a reality. If it happened one place, it could happen another place. The State of the City that the Chamber is sponsoring is this Friday. Tickets are still available. You'll get to hear John make a great speech about where we are and where we hope to be and I'll get to talk about color commentary, you know that's when I tell stories. That's what I do, but John will give you the meat of the story and Sarah and our staff have done a great job of putting all this together. Please, if you're home and you're listening, be at the League City Civic Center on Friday at 11:00 a.m. The door is open, come on in and be a part and hear what's going on in your community.

## **8. REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS**

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

John Baumgartner – I just want to build on what Larry said, the League City Strategic Planning is an exercise we've done the last three years working with the Novak Group. It will be Saturday, February 8, and will start at 9:00 a.m. and go until early afternoon when we're complete with that effort. It's open to the public, it will be in the Blue Building, which I think is 111 Park Avenue. Get to Park Avenue, you can't miss it. Hope to see everybody there, give us an opportunity to strategize on the programs we need to do for the coming years. Save the date, February 29, 2020 is a Leap Year, we want residents to spend part of Leap Day with us so mark your calendars and save the date. On Saturday, February 29, we are hosting a Saturday social at Hometown Heroes. At 8:30 a.m. a free breakfast, a special update on additions and improvements to coming League City Parks and Recreations facilities and programs, including the latest information on the westside Sportsplex. We hope to see you all on February 29 at Hometown Heroes. Lastly, last Wednesday, we held the City's annual employee recognition luncheon to honor our staff members with multiple years of service to League City. Employees are the heart and soul of our organization, we're proud of all of them. They're responsible for implementing the vision of the City and all of the programs and projects that help make League City the very best. Over 50 employees were recognized for celebrating 5, 10, 15, and 20-year anniversaries. Three employees were honored for reaching 25-year milestones, Quency is one of those, so that's why she got to stay late. One was honored for 30 years, and two employees are celebrating 35 years with League City. Our Communications Department put together a short video about these amazing men and women who have dedicated their professional lives to serving citizens of League City and we'd like to take a look at that. (video) We're proud of everything they do, just a few minutes to take special recognition of the folks that have 25, 30, 35 year of service and thank you for being here, Quency, we're glad you sat through it one more time.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

**Consent items 9K and 9L were pulled by Mr. Long.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve Consent Agenda Items 9A through 9J. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Kinsey

- 9A. 20-0023** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application for the annual Emergency Management Performance Grant (Emergency Management Coordinator)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-09**

- 9B. 19-0647** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an agreement with Silver Ships Inc. for an All Hazards Response Boat in an amount not to exceed \$406,890 (Fire Chief)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-10**

- 9C. 20-0028** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an agreement with Galls Inc. to purchase uniforms and accessories for the League City Fire Department through September 30, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$62,000 (Fire Chief)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-11**

- 9D. 20-0024** Consider and take action on a resolution adopting a population estimate of 109,087, as of January 1, 2020, for use in all city-related business in calendar year 2020 (Executive Director of Development Services)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-12**

- 9E. 20-0025** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a two-year agreement with Century Asphalt, Ltd for hot mix asphalt for city-wide streets repairs in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 (Director of Public Works)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-13**

- 9F. 20-0037** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an expenditure with Government Jobs (DBA NeoGov) for annual software maintenance used for Human Resources onboarding, performing and training for an amount not to exceed \$59,677 (Director of Information Technology)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-14**

- 9G. 20-0038** Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with ARKK Engineers, LLC for the design and construction phase services related to the Main Street Waterline Replacement Project (WT1904B) in an amount not to exceed \$307,250 (Director of Budget and Project Management)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-15**



- 9H. [20-0039](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with ARKK Engineers, LLC for the design and construction phase services related to the South Shore Lift Station 1 & 2 project (WW1901C) in an amount not to exceed \$93,400 (Director of Budget and Project Management)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-16**

- 9I. [20-0042](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with ARKK Engineers, LLC for the design and construction phase services related to the Annual Sanitary Sewer Rehab project (WW1801E) in an amount not to exceed \$133,900 (Director of Budget and Project Management)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-17**

- 9J. [20-0041](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with ARKK Engineers, LLC for analysis services related to the Sanitary Wastewater System Evaluation project (WW1801D) in an amount not to exceed \$569,656 (Director of Budget and Project Management)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-18**

- 9K. [20-0026](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) FPX Nano; GE 150: w/Charger and Backpack and two (2) Panasonic Ruggedized Tablet w/Integrated XTK Software per grant funding from the 2019 State Homeland Security Program Grant awarded on October 10, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$91,621.86 (Chief of Police)

**A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Gripon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-19 authorizing the purchase of two (2) FPX Nano; GE 150: w/Charger and Backpack and two (2) Panasonic Ruggedized Tablet w/Integrated XTK Software per grant funding from the 2019 State Homeland Security Program Grant awarded on October 10, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$91,621.86. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Kinsey

- 9L. [20-0036](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a contract amendment with Meador Staffing for temporary staffing services (Director of Finance)

**A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to approve Resolution No. 2020-20 authorizing a contract amendment with Meador Staffing for temporary staffing services. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Kinsey

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- 11A. [20-0033](#) Consider and take action to confirm appointment to the Ethics Review Board (Mayor Hallisey)

**At the regular City Council meeting on January 14, 2020, nomination was made for the following appointments for terms expiring 12/31/21:**

**Position 1. Ruth Morrison**

**Position 3. Rudy Salcedo**

**Position 4. Emily Krone**

**Position 8. Amy Killgore**

**A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to approve nominations to the Ethics Review Board. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Kinsey

- 11B. [20-0027](#) Consider and take action on a resolution approving the dates for conducting regular meetings during the month of March 2020 due to the Clear Creek Independent School District Spring Break schedule (City Secretary)

Staff recommends maintaining the regular meeting dates of March 10 and March 24.

**A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to approve Resolution No. 2020-21 maintaining the regular meeting dates of March 10 and March 24. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Kinsey

**12. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES****13. ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED****14. EXECUTIVE(CLOSED) SESSION(S)**

- 14A. [20-0029](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072 Government Code - Deliberations about real property

Discuss potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Director of Budget & Project Management)

**PULLED**

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

- 15A.     [20-0030](#)             Consider and take action on discussion concerning potential purchase or sale of real property interests (Director of Budget & Project Management)**

**PULLED**

**16.     ADJOURNMENT**

**At 6:57 p.m. Mayor Hallisey said, there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.**

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**PAT HALLISEY  
MAYOR**

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**DIANA M. STAPP  
CITY SECRETARY**

**(SEAL)**

**MINUTES APPROVED: March 10, 2020**