



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

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:

Nick Long

City Council Members:

Andy Mann
Tommy Cones
Tom Crews
Courtney Chadwell
Scott Higginbotham
Chad Tressler
Sean Saunders

City Manager:

John Baumgartner

Assistant City Manager:

Rick Davis

Assistant City Manager-CFO:

Angie Steelman

Interim City Attorney:

Michelle Villarreal

City Secretary:

Diana M. Stapp

Chief of Police:

Cliff Woitena

Executive Director of Capital Projects

Ron Bavarian

Executive Director of Development Services:

Christopher Sims

Director of Finance:

Kimberly Corell

Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:

James Brumm

Director of Parks & Cultural Services:

Chien Wei

Director of Public Works:

Jody Hooks

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Long called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present except Mr. Mann. Mr. Crews attended remotely.

Absent 1 - Mr. Andy Mann

Present 7 - Mayor Nick Long, Mr. Tommy Cones, Mr. Tom Crews, Mr. Courtney Chadwell, Mr. Scott Higginbotham, Mr. Chad Tressler and Mr. Sean Saunders

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

3. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING BOATS, DOCKS AND WATERWAYS**

Jeff Allen, Fire Chief gave the presentation.

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide the legal basis for rules and regulations relating to the operation and equipment of boats which is necessary to support the interest, health, morals, comforts, safety, convenience and welfare of the existing and future populations of the City of League City.

Recent Issues – Law Enforcement, Health and Safety, Derelict vessels both in marinas and within the waterways of League City.

Vessel Seaworthiness Standard – All vessels moored, docked, or anchored within any waterway in the City must remain in a seaworthy condition. A vessel is deemed seaworthy when it is structurally sound, safely operable, and compliant with safety and equipment standards established by the U.S. Coast Guard, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, or other applicable authority.

Enforcement of Unseaworthy Vessel – If the City determines a vessel to be unseaworthy, written notice shall be issued to the responsible party specifying the basis for the finding and a deadline for corrective action not to exceed ten (10) calendar days. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action, including removal of the vessel or revocation of any applicable permit.

General Waterway Use and Waterway Stakeholder Responsibilities:

- All waterway stakeholders shall comply with this ordinance
- Waterway stakeholders shall not permit any unseaworthy vessel to dock, moor, or remain in a boat slip or marina under their control
- Shall verify that all live board vessels have a valid permit
- Marina operators shall ensure that live-aboard occupancy does not exceed 15% of the total slips in the marina

Live-Aboard Permit

Required information

- **Contact information**
- **Vessel information**
- **Proof of passed safety inspection from USCG or Vessel Safety Check by USCG Auxiliary**
- **Sanitation system information**
- **Proof of insurance**
- **Ownership authorization**

Written consent allowing City inspection of the vessel

Background check

Vessel owner shall also provide written consent authorizing City to remove or relocate the vessel under certain conditions:

- **Unseaworthy**
- **Imminent threat to public health, safety, navigation, or environment**
- **Following the 1-day notice of a permit being revoked**
- **Following a hearing consistent with this ordinance**

Abandoned Vessels

The City, through its law enforcement personnel, is authorized to take custody of any abandoned vessel within the city in accordance with Texas Transportation Code 683.011 (follows similar guidance to junk vehicle statutes).

After 20 days a notice has been provided, the city may auction, transfer vessel to TPWD or dispose of abandoned vessel. Proceeds from the sale may be retained by the City after 90 days if not claimed.

Derelict Vessels

Any self-propelled watercraft that meets the definition of a junk vehicle under the Texas Transportation Code and:

- **Is wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled, discarded, or inoperable**

More than 72 hours on public property or 30 consecutive days on private property

- **Constitutes a public nuisance to health, safety, inviting vandalism, obstruction access, fire hazard, or contributing to urban blight**

All derelict vessels within the City of League City are declared a public nuisance and subject to abatement. Prior to any abatement action the city shall provide written notice to the last know registered owner, any recorded lienholders, and owner or occupant of the property on which the vehicle is located.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:36 p.m. Mayor Long said, there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

NICK LONG
MAYOR

DIANA M. STAPP
CITY SECRETARY

(SEAL)

MINUTES APPROVED: