



CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

MARCH 17, 2017

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City Council updates: City Council met for a work session on March 13, 6 p.m., and a Council meeting on March 14, 6 p.m., in Council Chambers.

Monday's work session focused on the agenda for the March 14 council meeting.

Council passed with a 7-0-0 vote with one absent the following items: the appointment of a representative to the Galveston County Transit District for FY2017 and FY2018; appointments to the Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Policy Council; staff report of the City Auditor's 2016 Annual Report; a request by the Lighthouse Christian Ministries for a variance to the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Chapter 74, Article I, Section 74-1, entitled "Hours for use of city parks and boat ramps", for use of Hometown Heroes Park on April 29, 2017; the sale and issuance of Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 for the Bay Colony West Municipal Utility District Number 44 in an amount not to exceed \$3,600,000; an amendment to the contract with O'Reilly Auto Parts for various auto parts through November 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$195,800; the purchase of windstorm and hail property insurance from McGriff, Siebels & Williams of Texas, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$441,001; approve a new park and facility usage policy; create a League City Clean and Green Committee; create a Transportation Committee; and an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-219 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Texas entitled "Finance Committee".

City Council [agendas and supporting documents](#) are available for viewing. Citizens may also view the meeting at <http://leaguecitytx.swagit.com/city-council/> or on Comcast Ch. 16.

CIP status report: The CIP Status Report for the month of October is available for viewing on the City's website at: <http://leaguecity.com/DocumentCenter/View/14868>.

Update on South Shore Blvd and Bishops Bridge: The City was notified by several citizens that the pedestrian crossing from the western side of South Shore Blvd to Bishop's Bridge is dangerous and a crosswalk should be installed. While it feels like a natural crossing to allow pedestrian access to the Hidden Lakes Community Park and the Education Village, the roadway was not constructed for this crossing. A speed study for this area was conducted and found that the 85th percentile of traffic on South Shore Blvd averages approximately 40 mph and each direction of South Shore Blvd averages approximately 3,000 vehicles per day while Bishop's Bridge averages approximately 850 vehicles per day. These existing conditions do not warrant a traffic signal or stop sign. The next step is to conduct a pedestrian traffic study.

If there is a high volume of pedestrian traffic, the next step would be determining what type of pedestrian crosswalk and other enhancements are needed. Due to the intersection not being constructed for a South Shore Blvd pedestrian crossing, the cost for installing one would be higher than normal and would be something that would have to be included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

2017 Major League Quidditch Championship: Major League Quidditch will fly into the skies of League City this coming August as teams from across the nation flock to the city for the 2017 Major League Quidditch Championship. League City, one of three finalists, was selected to host the championship, Aug. 11 to 13, at Hometown Heroes Park. Other finalists included Salt Lake City, Utah, and Lawrence, Kansas.

Quidditch is a co-ed, full-contact sport featuring a unique set of rules that includes elements from rugby, basketball and dodgeball. During the championship event, teams will go head-to-head with the aim of scoring the most goals and being the first to catch the snitch. More information is available at www.leaguecity.com

TxDOT update: TxDOT will close the IH-45 Southbound exit ramp to FM-518. This ramp will remain closed from 9 p.m. March 17 to 5 a.m. March 20. Traffic will be detoured to SH 96.

In addition, two alternate lanes will be closed on IH-45 Southbound from Bay Area Blvd to Nasa Bypass/Nasa Rd. 1. These lanes will remain closed from 9 p.m. March 17 to 5 a.m. March 20. Traffic will be detoured to SH 96 and U-turn, re-enter at the first available entrance ramp.

As construction continues throughout the area keep up-to-date before you head out by going to <http://ow.ly/Y8jR307np18> for information on major TxDOT road closures/construction.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection event: – A household hazardous waste collection event is scheduled for April 8, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Gulf Greyhound Park (located at 1000 FM 2004, La Marque, TX 77568). The City of League City, City of Dickinson, and Keep Dickinson Beautiful have teamed together, with a grant from Houston-Galveston Area Council and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to host the event.

The event is open to all Galveston County residents; however, it is also open to the public. Event organizers expect high attendance and ask for patience as long waits are expected. Additional information is available at www.leaguecity.com/hhw.

Staff updates: Susan Thomason begins work as an **Engineer/EIT Project Manager** on March 20. Susan will manage a variety of professional engineering functions for the City's Engineering and Capital Improvement Programs. She may also supervise department employees, coordinate financial planning

and budgeting components, serve in a liaison role for projects that include governmental agencies, franchise utilities and other entities. She will provide recommendations for updates to standard details and specifications, prepares and monitors schedules, cost estimates and correspondence and private development reviews.

James Warren begins as a **Maintenance Worker** on March 20. He will perform a variety of general repair and maintenance duties for the Department of Streets and Stormwater.

GCHD Hosting FREE Diabetes Self-Management Program: Galveston County Health District (GCHD) will host a free 7-week diabetes self-management program on Wednesdays, from 2 to 4 p.m. The program will be held at the WIC Classroom -Room B-101.1 at 9850-B Emmet F. Lowry Expressway, in Texas City. The classes will run on Wednesdays April 5, 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 17.

This free diabetes self-management program is for adults 18 years of age and older. The course will: develop diabetes self-care skills, improve eating habits, increase physical activity, identify carbs, prevent diabetes complications, and improve quality of life. Visit <http://www.gchd.org/Home/Components/News/News/1424/65> for more information.

Current League City job postings: Interested in working for League City? The City currently has openings for an accounting technician, assistant building official, assistant camp director (seasonal), assistant city librarian/public service, assistant city manager, camp counselor (seasonal), children's summer assistant part-time (seasonal), circulation summer assistant full-time and part-time (seasonal), detention officer, library page part-time, lifeguard (seasonal), office support specialist/quartermaster, pool manager (seasonal), recreation aide (seasonal), senior utility maintenance worker, teen summer assistant (seasonal), and utility account representative. Apply today at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/leaguecity>.

League City News First: Looking for current information on issues, events, activities, construction, and community stories? Catch *LC News First* every week for the latest information at www.leaguecity.com on the Videos Tab or www.youtube.com/cityofleaguecitytx.

League City happenings: Find out the latest in League City happenings by visiting: www.leaguecity.com/calendar.aspx and www.visitleaguecity.com/calendar.aspx.

Parks Public Survey: The City of League City is seeking public input on the Parks and Open Space Master Plan.

League City has seen tremendous growth since the plans were last updated. The current Parks and Open Space Master Plan was completed in 2005, and the Trails Master Plan in 2010. Each plan was developed and implemented to reflect the communities' needs, opinions and trends along with the standards for provisions of parks at the time. City officials plan to update and combine both the Parks and Open Space Master Plan and Trails Master Plan into one. The plan will then reflect a detailed approach and vision for the City's parks and trail systems.

Citizens interested in providing input can participate via the public survey at www.research.net/r/LCParks2016.