



CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

APRIL 14, 2017

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City Council updates: City Council met for a work session on April 10, 6 p.m., and a Council meeting on April 11, 6 p.m., in Council Chambers.

Council discussed the solid waste and recycling services contract for the City of League City and the FY 2017-2018 budget priorities at the work session.

Council received presentations on the League City's Citizens University Certificates; the Fire Protection Rating for League City by Texas State Fire Marshal Chris Connealy; Surge Suppression System/Ike Dike by Dr. Sam Brody, Director of the Center for Texas Beaches and Shores; a proclamation recognizing April as "National Sexual Assault Awareness Month"; and the Investment Report of the City of League City for the quarter ended December 31, 2016.

A public hearing was held and Council passed with a 8-0-0 vote amendments to Chapter 125 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City allowing for administrative adjustments to be permitted by the City Planner.

A public hearing was held and council deferred to the next regular meeting, amendments to Chapter 125 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City to allow shipping containers to be permitted as an accessory structure in certain instances, with a 7-1-0 vote

A public hearing was held and council denied amendments to Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City to allow certain exemptions to the non-conforming sign ordinance with a 5-3-0 vote.

Council passed with a 8-0-0 the following items: the purchase of replacement self-contained breathing apparatus backpacks; a one-year contract extension with Wittman Enterprises, Inc. for Emergency Medical Services billing; a resolution adopting the Galveston County, Texas Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of League City, Texas; to accept the 2017 consumer price index (CPI) adjustment to municipal telecommunications right-of-way access line rates as calculated by the Public Utility Commission of Texas; consenting to the sale of Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2017 for the Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 45; agreement with Norton Rose Fulbright to serve as legal counsel for all matters related to the sale of Certificates of Obligation, Series 2017; the professional services agreement with Jones & Carter, Inc. for the Dallas Salmon Effluent Discharge Project; Ordinance No. 2017-10 abolishing Galveston County Municipal Utility District Number 13 – Second Reading; and to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VI entitled “Disposition of Surplus Property”, repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict; providing for severability.

Council passed an encroachment agreement with CF LCTX LLC for a menu board sign with canopy and electrical appurtenances within a City-owned 20-foot easement at 1640 West FM 646, with an 8-0-0 vote.

Council passed a resolution approving a right-of-way abandonment and conveyance agreement with Jack David Tarpley and Justin Dale Tarpley for the abandonment and conveyance of a 0.418-acre portion of unopened 17th Street abutting and lying between Blocks 164 and 165, Dickinson Townsite Addition in the Perry and Austin League, Abstract No. 19, Galveston County, Texas, with an 7-1-0 vote.

Council passed a resolution to rescind the existing lease agreement and authorizing the City Manager to execute an operating agreement with the Butler Longhorn Museum for the periods May 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 and fiscal years 2018-2021, with a 7-1-0 vote.

Approval of a resolution approving a 3 percent increase in the employee compensation plan and authorizing the City Manager to provide a 3 percent cost of living adjustment for all employees, with the exception of City Council appointees, effective May 1, 2017, failed with a 4-4-0 vote.

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.

League City earns ISO 1/1Y rating: Texas State Fire Marshal, Chris Connealy, presented the City of League City with an Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) rating 1/1Y at the Council meeting on April 11, 2017 for improving the fire safety of the city.

A rating of ISO 1 represents the highest rating of fire protection status that a city can achieve. This places League City in the 99.5 percentile nationwide.

This rating impacts fire insurance premiums for home owners and business owners could be the least expensive available (check with local providers).

Additional information is available at www.leaguecity.com.

Change to utility bill-garbage charge: League City residents will soon see temporary changes to their utility bills as the city moves forward with transitioning to a new software system.

Utility bills will no longer include advance garbage billing beginning April 15, 2017.

Under the current billing system, residents are billed either one or two months in advance depending on their billing date. Customers will see their monthly utility bill garbage charge decrease for one or two months during the transition.

Additional information to include a map is available at www.leaguecity.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1851.

City seeks to issue Certificates of Obligation: The City of League City is proposing to fund \$13.47 million in tax and revenue supported City projects in the 2017 to 2021 Capital Improvement Plan through the issuance of Certificates of Obligation.

City projects funded through the Certificates of Obligation would include construction on Ervin connector; design of the new animal shelter and fire and emergency management station No. 6, utility relocations and park improvements related to the downtown revitalization project; the west side well and booster pump station and waterline; the southeast service area water trunks; the north service area 16-inch water line at Grissom; annual sanitary sewer rehabilitations; annual lift station improvements; improvements for Countryside #1 Lift Station; and improvements to the Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant effluent discharge.

Total cost for the Certificates of Obligation include \$4.93 million for tax supported projects; \$8.33 million for revenue supported projects; and \$0.21 million for the cost of issuance. The proposed Certificates of Obligation would also include TIRZ No. 4 borrowing \$4.5 million to fund payments to the developer for costs related to the extension of League City Parkway and Maple Leaf Drive in conjunction with the Westwood Development.

City Council will hold public hearings on April 25, at 6 p.m., in City Council Chambers. The public hearings will be a part of the regularly scheduled City Council meetings and are open to residents interested in commenting on the proposed issue. Visit www.leaguecity.com/bondissue for more information.

Calder Road update: The contractor for the Calder Road Improvements Project will be closing Calder Road, from the Dickinson ISD Elementary School to Ervin Street, **beginning, April 17, until April 27, 2017**. This road closure is necessary for the construction of the Calder Road Box Culvert Drainage Structure for Magnolia Bayou.

There will remain access to the Bayview Development and Magnolia Creek Baptist Church from the north, and the Dominion Church from the south.

We understand the inconvenience this road closure may cause and ask for your patience while we strive to complete this work in a safe and timely manner.

South Shore Blvd. and Hwy 96 intersection improvements: The city anticipates TxDOT approval within the next two or three weeks. Once approval from TxDOT is received, preconstruction activities may begin. In the interim, right turn only signs in the median near Kroger and HEB have been installed, to enhance the safety of the intersection by limiting movements exiting the driveways to right turns only.

Dog Park update: Construction on the Dog Park continues with the north and south trails complete. Plumbing is scheduled to start next week on the dog wash pads drainage after the redesign. Bid packages for fencing are due April 18.

Final grading and hydro mulching were put on hold when a resident notified the city that he found some items in the area that may have historical significance. The items may be Native American artifacts and for this reason the city contacted the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Once THC evaluates the items, they will decide if the artifacts require additional study and will inform the city when and how to proceed.

State Hwy 3 Beautification Project: The installation of the irrigation system and backfill of all medians with topsoil and mulch is complete. Planting has begun and is expected to be complete by Friday, April 21.

New traffic signal operation at FM 646 and South Shore Blvd.: Protected left turn signals for each direction were installed to split the northbound and southbound movements on FM 646 at South Shore Blvd / Caroline Street. These changes will improve safety and efficiency for vehicles turning from South Shore Blvd / Caroline Street onto FM 646.

League City Parkway at I-45 traffic update: The Texas Department of Transportation has begun the first phase of the IH-45 widening project.

One of the first steps of the project was to remove the existing traffic signals at League City Parkway and I-45 and install temporary traffic signals along the frontage roads to make room for the additional freeway lanes that will be added as part of the IH-45 project. The temporary traffic signals have been activated and are set to run at a pre-programmed, fixed time operation which is causing the increased traffic around this area. The city is working with TxDOT to connect the traffic signals on both sides of the interchange to help sync up the traffic lights. Once the signals are connected the contractor will then activate the vehicle detection to enhance the functionality and efficiency of the traffic movements across this interchange.

Staff anticipates this to take two to three weeks to gain full functionality of the signal operation at this interchange. We will continue to work closely with TxDOT to make all interim and future operations as efficient as possible.

TxDOT updates: 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.

Staff updates: Josey Raynard moved to a new position of **Customer Service Technician** on April 3, 2017. Josey will provide and maintain water meters and associated parts for the City water service.

Derek Breaux began as a **Maintenance Worker** on April 10, 2017. Derek will perform a variety of general repair and maintenance duties for the Department of Streets and Stormwater.

Ramiro Moreno began as a **Construction Inspector** on April 10, 2017. Ramiro will conduct inspections of roads, sanitary sewer transmission and collection systems, water transmission and distribution systems, storm water collection systems and other types of municipal construction.

Ann Howington began as an **Accountant** on April 10, 2016. Ann will process biweekly payroll and reports. She will assist in the maintenance of accounting and payroll records regarding posting transactions to the general ledger and accounts receivable.

Corinne Zelanis began as an **Evidence Technician** on April 10, 2017. Corinne is responsible for the verification of submitted property/evidence of police personnel and data entry of property/evidence. She will collect, receive, maintain, and process evidence in accordance with current evidence collection processing procedures and local, state, and federal laws.

Andrew Martin began as a **Utility Maintenance Worker** on April 10, 2017. Andrew will perform a variety of general repair and maintenance duties for the Line Repair Department.

Community Garage Sale: The Parks Recreation Department will host a community garage sale, Sat., April 22, from 8 a.m. to Noon, at Hometown Heroes Park. League City residents can purchase a booth for \$25, non-resident fee is \$37.50. Each booth space equals two parking spaces (approximately 10 feet) and will be assigned randomly. Unsold items can be donated to Purple Heart. Onsite collection will be available immediately after the garage sale. Booths must be purchased in advance. For more information, please contact Ashley Creller at 281-554-1180 or by email at Ashley.creller@leaguecity.com.

League City Music Festival & BBQ Cook-off: The League City Music Festival is back May 5 and 6 with great music and the fun for the entire family. Tracy Byrd will be the headliner on May 5 and Eric Paslay on May 6. The fair and vendors will begin at 4 p.m. on May 5. All proceeds benefit the League City Lions Club. For more information or to buy tickets visit www.lcmusicfest.com.

Village Fair Parade: The League City Lions Club will host the Vintage Village Fair Parade on May 6 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This parade is a tribute to first responders.

The parade will begin at Kansas and Main Street it will head west to Hwy 3 where they will enter Walter Hall Park. Let them know you will be there by going to <https://www.facebook.com/events/1887700871474170/>.

Current League City job postings: Interested in working for League City? The City currently has openings for an assistant building official, assistant camp director (seasonal), camp counselor (seasonal), city engineer, detention officer, lifeguard (seasonal), maintenance supervisor, pool manager (seasonal), recreation aide (seasonal), and a full and part-time telecommunicators. Apply today at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/leaguecity>.

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