



CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

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City Council updates: City Council will meet for a work session on May 22, 6 p.m., and a Council meeting on May 23, 6 p.m., in Council Chambers.

During work session, Council will receive a presentation and discuss the Galveston County WCID # 12 emergency water supply agreement.

Council will receive a presentation of the Investment Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 during the council meeting.

Public hearing will be held and action will be considered on a special use permit application, SUP16-08 (League City Car Care). This permit is for a light vehicle service use (vehicle oil/lube/tire facility) on approximately 0.83 acres zoned Mixed Use Commercial located as 2020 Butler Road.

Council will also consider and discuss the posted [agendas and supporting documents](#) including: the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances by adding language granting relief from ditch and/or easement maintenance in certain situations; a resolution authorizing a

construction contract for the Sportsplex Access Improvements Project (right turn lane on SH 96) in an amount not to exceed \$229,320; and a resolution for an agreement for the 2017 sanitary sewer rehabilitation project in an amount not to exceed \$269,395.

Citizens may also view the meeting at <http://leaguecitytx.swagit.com/city-council/> or on Comcast Ch. 16.

USA Swim meet at Hometown Heroes Park: League City along with Aquastar Swimming, has been given an amazing opportunity to host the first USA Swim meet at the Hometown Hero's 50-meter pool Saturday and Sunday May 20/21, 2017. Seven teams (Aquastar Swimming, Lighthouse Aquatics, Lone Star Swim Team, Pacesetters Aquatic Club, South Shore Sails, Space City Aquatic team, and Texas Terrapins Swim Team) and about 200 swimmers from the Houston area will be attending this meet. Several of these teams have state and national level swimmers. League City and the other local swim teams are hoping to have future meets at this 50-meter pool as there are very few in the Houston area and it is a real problem for swimmers that have aspirations of making swimming a career or the possibility of Olympics a reality. This will open the door for swimming in League City and for the south Houston area.

Aquastar would like to thank the City of League City for this amazing opportunity to host a USA Swim Meet. They would also like to thank Texas Terrapins and Lone Star Swim Teams for helping us with our first meet and making sure everything will run smoothly. None of this would have been possible without them!

Fireworks in League City: League City plans to host a fourth of July fireworks display on July 3, 2017 from 6 to 10 p.m. The fireworks will take place at the Chester L. Davis Sportsplex (1251 TX-96) from 9 to 10 p.m. The event will include food trucks, bouncy houses for the kids, live music and of course fireworks. More information will be available as the planning of the event progresses.

TxDOT updates: Heading North towards Houston this weekend? Plan for additional time. Starting 9 p.m. on Friday, May 19 IH-45 will close all northbound lanes from FM 518 to El Dorado Blvd. Lanes will reopen 5 a.m. Monday, May 22.

In addition to the total closure northbound, TxDOT will continue work on IH-45 north and southbound lanes from FM 517 to SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay. Two alternate lanes will continue to be closed nightly (excluding Saturdays) till May 27. One alternate lane on the feeder road will continue to be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. excluding weekends.

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.

Landing Ditch update: The Landing Ditch off FM-518 is showing continued signs of deterioration as the bottom of the ditch from FM-518 to Clear Creek is eroding causing the side slope to fail. A major failure has occurred near the U-Haul Storage facility off FM-518. The ditch slopes in the area of the U-Haul have failed, undermining the driveway and parking lot. The City employed an engineering geotechnical firm who performed soil borings, evaluated the subsurface soils and slope stability, and made recommendations for a permanent repair. Emergency repairs consist of installing 300 linear feet of steel sheet piling, half way up the slope of the ditch, to a depth of 25 feet, and excavating and filling to reestablish the original slope of the ditch.

Once the slope is stabilized, failing portion of the concrete parking lot drive will be removed and replaced at a total cost of \$347,936. This item is on the May 23, 2017 Council agenda for ratification.

Calder Road update: Texas Sterling, the Calder Rd. contractor, continues with the installation of 72-inch storm sewer from Magnolia Bayou towards the north. Their production is approximately 80 to 120 linear feet per day. As of May 18, 2017, the contractor was working in front of Magnolia Creek Baptist Church and had completed nearly 1400 linear feet of the 72-inch storm sewer. At the end of next week, if weather continues to cooperate, work should begin on Calder Rd. and Ervin St.

In addition, the franchise utilities continue their relocation work north of Big League Dreams. Texas New Mexico Power (TNMP), Frontier Communications and Centerpoint gas continue to make considerable progress on their relocations. AT&T has completed the relocation of their fiber optic cable at Magnolia Bayou. Comcast is also anticipated to begin their relocations May 18 which is anticipated to take two weeks. Once Comcast completes their work TNMP can remove the old poles from the street. TNMP spent time Thursday removing their debris which enables League City crews to continue to clean up the roadside ditches.

Asphalt Street Rehabilitation: As a part of the 2017 infrastructure reinvestment program, AAA Asphalt has started this week with the milling and repair on 4th Street and Coryell. Additional historic district streets in this project are 3rd Street and Iowa and will include milling repair and resurfacing. This work is anticipated to be substantially complete by the end of July.

A second phase of the project includes selected streets in the Shellside area and the railroad district (west of the railroad, east of SH 3 and north of FM 518). Bids are due May 23 with anticipated award of contract in late June and construction starting in August.

Five Corners update: There is no new information from TxDOT regarding this project. TxDOT approved the construction on the Five Corners Realignment project on April 24, 2017. The notice to proceed is expected in June 2017. This construction consists of realigning roadway, grading, concrete pavement, lime treated subgrade, cement treated base, storm sewer and inlets, erosion control, signage and pavement marking, traffic signal, etc. This project is estimated to take 122 working days from the notice to proceed, weather permitting. Go to www.leaguecity.com/fivecorners for more information about the Five Corners Realignment project.

Closure of Nature Center May 25 to 26: The Dr. Ned and Fay Dudley Clear Creek Nature Center will be closed May 25 to 26 due to TxDOT construction. TxDOT's contractor will be reconstructing the park entrance to accommodate the inclusion of a shared use trail/path running along the east side of FM270/Egret Bay Blvd. at the Dr. Ned and Fay Dudley Clear Creek Nature Center with the address of 1220 N. Egret Bay Blvd/FM 270. As a result, the park will be closed starting Wednesday evening May 24.

TxDOT has communicated the estimated project time to be two days, weather permitting. Contractors will be provided access for their use, but gates will remain closed during the project and/or the entrance will be barricaded by the contractor during the process. If all goes as planned, reopening of the park will take place Saturday morning May 27.

Website redesign: The initial meetings to redesign the League City website began the first week of May. The city is working with CivicPlus to redesign and make mobile friendly all three of the city's websites (www.leaguecity.com, www.visitleaguecity.com, www.leaguecityedc.com). The initial design discovery forms will be submitted May 26. The update is anticipated to be completed Spring 2018.

Pool opening: The Walker Pool and Hometown Heroes Park pool will open to the public to kick off the summer season on Saturday, May 27. Both pools will be open May 27 to 29 from 1 to 6 p.m. Admission

to the pools is **free** during Memorial Day weekend only. The pools will close May 30 to June 2, then open regularly starting June 3. For more information on pool hours, fees, swim lessons and water aerobics, please contact the Hometown Heroes Park office at 281-554-1180.

Galveston County Health District Zika Outreach: Galveston County Health District (GCHD) wants to make sure you know the best ways to protect yourself, your community and family from mosquito-borne illness, including Zika. The key is simple; avoid mosquito bites. We recommend the “3-Ds” method.

Defend: Apply EPA-approved insect repellent when outside to defend against mosquitoes. If you’ve recently traveled to an area with active Zika transmission, it’s important to use repellent every time you go outside for at least three weeks to avoid infecting mosquitos here at home. Use screens or close windows and doors to help keep mosquitos out of your home. The annoying pests don’t like cool air, so using air-conditioning helps, too.

Dress: If you’re going to be spending time outside, dress in pants and long sleeve shirts. Yes, it may be uncomfortable in the heat but it helps reduce the amount of exposed skin mosquitoes can attack. You could also to treat your clothes with permethrin spray, an insect repellent.

Drain: Mosquitos breed in water, even the smallest of amounts. Removing standing water from around your home will help reduce breeding grounds. Take a walk around your property, look for anything that holds water and drain it. Flower pots, trashcans and buckets are common culprits. When it rains, do it again.

Go to <http://www.gchd.org/zika> for more information.

League City Memorial Day impacts: The City of League City will close on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

Parks, public safety and emergency services will have normal operations throughout the holiday. However, Hometown Heroes Park building and the records department will close. Helen Hall Library will close on Saturday, May 27, and re-open on Tuesday, May 30, at 10 a.m.

Municipal pools will have modified hours May 27 to 29 of 1 to 6 p.m.

Residential and commercial trash routes will run at their regularly scheduled times on Memorial Day.

Memorial Day Ceremony: The City of League City and American Legion Post 554 will host a Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29 at 10 a.m. in honor of the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in service of our country. The ceremony will be held at Fairview Cemetery, 901 N. Kansas, and features a moment of silence, a wreath ceremony, and roll call of area service members who have died while in military service.

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

Ghirardi Oak Update: City Arborist Heather McKnight reports the following from her biweekly inspections to the tree with Parks Operations Superintendent Rusty Bolen: There are no changes in the

tree's appearance since the last inspection; the existing foliage is healthy and consistent throughout the canopy. Additionally, there is no evidence of ant mounds or insect activity. City Staff found one minor leak in the drip tubing of the irrigation system and will secure the needed fitting and make the repair.

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