CITY MANAGER’S UPDATE
AUGUST 2, 2019

Proposed FY 2020-2024 CIP Presented to Council

The League City Council held two budget works sessions this week, including one on Monday, July 29 and the second on Tuesday, July 30. At Tuesday’s session, staff presented the City’s proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the FY 2020-2024. League City’s CIP is a “roadmap” that outlines various infrastructure projects for the next five years, including roadways, drainage, utilities, parks, facilities, and sidewalks. To see a copy of the proposed CIP, click here.

Additional Budget Work Session Added

City Council has added an additional budget work session on Thursday, August 12 at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center to address outstanding questions and comments regarding the proposed FY 2020 budget. In addition, the work session scheduled for August 6 has been moved to August 8. Click here for more information on the proposed FY 2020 budget and the League City budget process.

Revised Flood Maps Take Effect August 14

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is formally revising the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) within Harris and Galveston Counties, which may affect the floodplain designation of your property within League City. These new maps will become effective on August 15, 2019. For League City, this revision means that approximately 10,674 acres and approximately 3,730 homes will be located within FEMA’s Special Flood Hazard Area (commonly known as the 100-year floodplain). The revision also has approximately 6,420 acres and approximately 7,378 homes located within the 0.2% Zone (formerly called the 500-year floodplain). Click here to learn more and review the new maps.

League City Director of Engineering Chris Sims talked about the maps and other FEMA related issues, including the status of the City’s Hurricane Harvey grant applications, during this week’s Facebook Live “Lunch and Learn” with Director of Communications Sarah Greer Osborne.
Staff and Mayor to Attend Grand Parkway Public Hearing August 6

League City Mayor Pat Hallisey and City Manager John Baumgartner are traveling to Austin on August 6 to attend a public hearing regarding a proposal to remove Segment B of the Grand Parkway from TxDOT’s Unified Transportation Program (UTP), which is a 10-year plan that guides future projects for the state agency. The League City Council approved a resolution last month urging the Texas Transportation Commission, which governs TxDOT, to include Segment B in TxDOT’s UTP and to complete a traffic study, land acquisition, design and construction. The Texas Transportation Commission is scheduled to vote and adopt the UTP plan on August 29. League City residents can provide their input by attending the August 6 public hearing in Austin or by submitting their comments to TxDOT by calling 800-687-8108, emailing TPP_UTP@txdot.gov, or mailing them to Texas Department of Transportation, Attn: Peter Smith, PO Box 149217, Austin, Texas 78714. Click here for more information.

Governor’s Small Business Workshop

League City’s Economic and Development Department helped coordinate and co-host a Governor’s Small Business Workshop on Thursday, August 1 at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center. Approximately 100 people attended the interactive, hands-on event designed to connect small business owners and entrepreneurs with resource providers, such as business lenders, business-oriented non-profits, and local, regional, state, and federal agencies, to help them start and strengthen their businesses.
City Prioritizes Drainage Projects for Grant Funding

The City of League City has been allocated Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds as a result of the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. The City’s priority for this funding is to apply for drainage projects that will prevent future flooding in various subdivisions and areas across the City. Residents are encouraged to review the City’s project applications and provide their feedback. Click here to review the project applications.

Kickoff at the Creek

On August 1, City staff members, Mayor Pat Hallisey, and Councilman Greg Gripon helped kickoff the start of the 2019 school year at the League City Regional Chamber of Commerce’s annual Kick-Off at the Creek. School starts on August 19 for both Clear Creek and Dickinson ISDs.

Historic League City Family Honored

League City Mayor Pat Hallisey was invited to participate in the annual Winfield-Hobbs family reunion this past weekend. The event, held at the Walter Hall Park pavilion, was attended by more than 200 family members. The Hobbs family, for which Hobbs road is named, united with the Winfield family through marriage back in the late 1800’s. The family originally settled and lived on the land where Walter Hall Park is currently located. Mayor Hallisey issued a proclamation at the reunion and declared Saturday, July 27 as 2019 Winfield-Hobbs Family Day in League City. Several of the Hobbs family members still live on Hobbs road.

Well Wishes for Councilman Kinsey

If you see League City Council Member Todd Kinsey, you may notice he’s sporting a new hair style. We joined him while he got his hair cut to prepare to undergo surgery to have a brain tumor removed. Thankfully, the tumor is benign. Help us wish him a successful surgery and a very speedy recovery.
GO Bond Drainage Projects Update

The following four projects are part of the general obligation bond election that was authorized on May 14, 2019 and their purpose is to improve drainage in their respective areas.

**Bay Ridge Flood Reduction – Phase 3 (DR1901):** The goal of this project is to determine the most effective way to reduce ponding in the subdivision adjacent to Gum Bayou through improved drainage and storage capacity. The hydrologic and hydraulics (H&H) studies are underway. Council awarded the design contract on May 28, 2019, and the first stage of this study is to survey the area in order to better understand the drainage options the area’s topography will allow. The survey is anticipated to be completed within the next three weeks.

**Bay Ridge Flood Reduction – Phase 4 (DR1904):** The proposed improvements for this project include the installation of culverts at the intersection of Columbia Memorial Parkway and League City Parkway, with the goal of reducing ponding and improving drainage from the neighborhood. Council awarded the design contract on June 25, 2019, and the hydrology and hydraulics (H&H) studies of Gum Bayou from League City Parkway (SH 96) to Dickinson Bayou are currently being conducted. The studies will help evaluate the flow of water heading towards Dickinson Bayou. Surveyors will expand their area to Gum Bayou once Phase 3 surveying is complete (see above project).

**Deer Ridge Drive Buyout & Overland Flow Improvements (DR1902):** The goals of this project include improving drainage of Deer Ridge Drive into Bradshaw Ditch and reducing excessive flooding in the street during extreme storm events. Council approved a design contract on May 28, 2019 to begin the project. The hydrologic and hydraulics (H&H) studies are underway, which will identify whether drainage between homes or a home buyout is preferred. A preliminary recommendation from the engineer is anticipated in approximately 30 days.

**Dove Meadows & Bordon’s Gully Detention Pond (DR1903):** The proposed improvements to this area include the construction of a 115 acre-foot detention pond between the east side of Dove Meadows and Bordon’s Gully (an acre-foot is defined as a unit of volume equal to a one-acre area, one-foot deep). Council awarded the design contract on May 28, 2019. The surveying for this project is scheduled to begin this month and is required in order to start the hydraulic modeling for sizing of the pond and any land purchases that may be necessary for construction. Research into potential permitting requirements is underway to facilitate overall project efficiency.

CIP Updates

**South Shore/State Hwy 96 Fire Station No. 6 Median Cut (ST1912):** Texas New Mexico Power (TNMP) has completed relocating two light poles. The design for the project is scheduled to be completed in August and the construction bid is projected in late September. The median cut will provide entry and exit for fire trucks for Fire Station No. 6. The project includes signal lights that notify oncoming traffic to stop in emergency situations so the trucks may exit the fire station safely.
CIP Updates

**Calder Road Reconstruction (ST1002):** The mailbox relocations were completed last week, and the U.S. Postal Service conducted a final inspection. Delivery service was restored to the individual mailboxes on Thursday, August 1. The postal carrier has transferred any mail in the cluster mailboxes to the individual mailboxes. The cluster mailboxes at Big League Dreams will be removed next week.

**Calder Road South Reconstruction – Cross Colony Drive to Ervin Avenue (RE1702B):** This project will convert the asphalt roadway into a concrete roadway with enclosed storm sewers, will widen lanes, and add a turning lane. A new waterline will also be installed, along with sidewalks on the west side of Calder Road. Centerpoint Energy, Frontier Communications, and Texas New Mexico Power (TNMP) are in their design phases for relocating their utilities. The anticipated timeframe to relocate utilities is approximately six to eight weeks. Land clearing of the right-of-way (ROW) is slated to commence within the next two weeks, weather permitting. Anticipated bid letting is for September and will be combined with the force main project listed below.

**Force Main Upgrade Bay Colony Lift Station to Ervin (WW1206):** An 18-inch force main will be installed on the westside of Calder Road from Cross Colony Drive to Ervin Avenue, crossing underneath Calder Road, connecting to the lift station by Bordon’s Gully. The increased size of force main will aid in improving the sanitary sewer flow. Centerpoint Energy, Frontier Communications, and Texas New Mexico Power (TNMP) are in their design phases for relocating their utilities. The anticipated timeframe to relocate utilities is approximately six to eight weeks. Land clearing of the right-of-way (ROW) is slated to commence within the next two weeks, weather permitting. The anticipated bid for construction is slated for the end of September, which will be combined with the Calder Road South project listed above.

**League City Animal Care and Adoption Center (PD1502):** This week, the contractor completed the interior corridor wall bracing, poured concrete for the building’s extended catio (cat patio) foundation, installed the divider walls for all dog kennels, and installed screening for the detention pond outfall. Work has continued with installing insulation and drywall for the building’s interior walls and the concrete for the sidewalks surrounding the animal play yards. The project is on schedule and anticipated to be completed in the first quarter of 2020.

**Land Clearing Services of Various Locations (PK1909):** This week, the contractor cleared over 70 percent of the invasive tallow trees at Site 1, the 11.2-acre tract located at the Dr. Ned & Fay Dudney Clear Creek Nature Center Park. Weather permitting, the clearing at this site will conclude over the next two weeks, and the coastal prairie hydroseeding process will begin. The contractor is also set to start the clearing process at Site 2, the 10.3-acre tract of land located near the Clear Creek ISD School off FM-518 and FM-2094. The clearing at both sites is anticipated to be completed by October 2019; however, the prairie restoration will expand over several years.
**CIP Updates**

**Burd House Exterior Renovations (PK1801B):** The Burd House Exterior Renovation Project is substantially complete. Crews have removed the safety fencing, and with the help of City staff, the playground was cleaned and reopened. Park Operations staff members pressure washed the play equipment and refreshed mulch where needed. Park Administrative staff members are scheduled to be back in the Burd House on Monday, August 5. This project included removal and repainting of exterior siding and trim, refinishing exterior doors, replacing deteriorated wood, re-glazing of windows, and resurfacing porch decks.

**Newport Water Line and Sidewalk Replacement Project (WT1302A):** The concrete crew continues to place concrete at driveways and sidewalks along Newport Boulevard. The water line crew is currently boring the water line along Harvey Lane. Approximately 2,200 feet of sidewalks will be replaced to meet ADA compliance and approximately 20,000 feet of water lines are currently in the process of being replaced. This project is scheduled to be complete September 2019.

**MUD 14-15 Lift Station Improvements (WW1206):** This project will enhance the current lift station, and enlarge the storage capacity of the pit. Larger pumps will also be installed. The design is scheduled to be complete in August with a construction bid anticipated in October. The project will be constructed in parallel with the force main project along Calder Road.

**Public Works Updates**

**TxDOT State Highway 3 Overlay Project**

Starting August 11, the Texas Department of Transportation is set to begin a roadway overlay project on State Highway 3 from Walker to South of State Highway 96. The project entails base repair and seal coat, pavement markings, and traffic signal updates. Due to the amount of traffic that travels on SH 3, construction has been scheduled at night between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. The traffic signal updates will include a new vehicle detection system at SH 96 and a completely new traffic signal system at Walker. The new traffic signal will be a mast arm, which will improve the aesthetics and maintenance of the equipment. The updated pavement markings at SH 96 include the addition of longer left turn bays both northbound and southbound. This change in pavement markings will help progress vehicles through the intersection by increasing storage capacity and positive guidance for vehicles traveling on SH 3.
Fire Hydrant Repair
This week, the Line Repair Department repaired a broken fire hydrant on Cherrywood Court. After dismantling the hydrant, the crew determined a valve stem was broken. The stem was quickly replaced, and the hydrant was placed back into service.

Sewer Line Repair
Crews responded to a residence at 3049 Heather Grove Lane that had been experiencing chronic sewer back-ups. The service line from the house to the main was televised and roots were found to be the cause of the blockage. Workers excavated to the line, removed the old section of line with the roots, and replaced the section of pipe.

Manhole Repair
A manhole at the south end of Brookport Drive was reported to have a missing lid. When Line Repair crews responded to the location, they found the lid had been knocked off by a mower. A new ring and cover were installed, and the top was resealed to prevent rainwater from entering the manhole.

Water Conservation and Wastewater Education
The Water and Wastewater Departments participated in the 2019 League City Business Expo and Home and Garden Show on Thursday, July 25 at the Civic Center. Employees educated the public on water conservation and the City’s Cease the Grease Program. Attendees received fat trappers (grease containers) and wipe brochures as well as reusable bags with tips on water conservation. T-shirts were also provided to citizens.
Public Safety Updates

Active Shooter Training
Lieutenant Cliff Woitena of the League City Police Department will be leading an active shooter training at Butler’s Courtyard on August 13 for interested League City residents. The staff at Butler’s Courtyard were in Las Vegas during the tragic shootings in 2017 and say because they had attended a previous training conducted by Lt. Woitena, they knew what to do and how to react. The training is free.

Patient Thanks City EMS Crew
On April 2, 2019, League City EMS responded to a call for a cardiac arrest. Upon their arrival, they found the patient with no pulse and not breathing. The EMS crew did a great job, and through CPR and advance life support measures, they got the patient’s heart beating again. On July 31, just four months after being “clinically dead,” James Hackney came by to meet the crew that responded and saved his life.

Volunteer Bazaar
Don’t miss our Volunteer Bazaar happening Saturday, August 10 at the Civic Center Ballroom from noon to 3 p.m. London Lawrence, Volunteer Coordinator at Helen Hall Library, is in charge of this event, and has planned a wonderful program for all participants. Teens and adults looking for different opportunities to give back to their community and earn volunteer hours are encouraged to learn about many of the options open to them. Various businesses and community organizations in our area will exhibit information about the work they do and the services they provide. Each community partner will be able to directly answer questions about what types of volunteer tasks are available. There will also be activities for all ages, along with refreshments and prizes. Don’t miss this chance for networking and learning more about League City.

Antiques Round Table
The Antiques Round Table is a series of programs held at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month that is geared for citizens who are interested in discussing the value of antiques they might own or antiques that may not be around anymore. On Monday, August 5, Nancy Christoff will be discussing antique items traditionally used in kitchens and will be bringing items with her. Attendees are welcome to bring items from their homes that they feel qualify for this topic. If anyone has a topic they’d like to have included for future sessions, please contact the Adult Services Librarian at 281-554-1103.
Parks and Recreation Updates

Pickleball Medalists
Several League City Hometown Heroes pickleball players participated and won medals at the 2019 Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Summer Games of Texas held from July 25 to 27 in College Station. Congratulations to all the winners.

Men’s Doubles
Gold—Owen Arkison and Perry Hendrickson
Silver—Abdul LeBlanc and Chen Shui
Silver—David Colombo and Rod Manor

Women’s Doubles
Gold—Kimberly Colombo and Rebecca Manor
Gold—Karen Arkison and Heidi Custard
Gold—Janice Strange and Sharon Gudgell
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Astronomy in the Park August 3
Join us at Rustic Oaks Park on Saturday, August 3 for a free and fun evening of amateur astronomy. Families and children of all ages can learn about different stars, planets and the moon from 7 to 9:30 p.m., rain or shine. Participants are welcome to bring their own telescopes or use the ones provided.

Dance for Adults with dis “ABILITIES” August 23
Hometown Heroes Park will host the first annual Summer Dance for Adults with dis “ABILITIES” on Friday, August 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. The beach-themed event will include dinner, dessert, photos, and of course dancing. The event is available for adults with developmental disabilities ages 18 and older. The cost is $10, which includes the participant and one parent or caretaker. Registration in advance is required at Hometown Heroes Park. For more information, please contact Kenny Walsh at Kenny.walsh@leaguecitytx.gov.

Fall 2019 Edition of Beyond the Oaks
Free copies of the Fall 2019 edition of the City’s Parks and Recreation Guide are now available at City Hall, the Helen Hall Library, and Hometown Heroes Park. A digital version is also available here.

Paddle Boat Races August 17
Save the date and come out to Lynn Gripon Park at Countryside with your canoe, kayak or paddleboard for this fun, 4.5 mile race.

**League City CLEAR CREEK PADDLE RACE**

**LOVE TO PADDLE?**

Bring your friends, kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards to this fun short marathon event, approximately 4.5 miles on League City’s Clear Creek.

**SATURDAY**

**AUGUST 17**

Lynn Gripon Park at Countryside,
100 Alderwood,
League City 77573

Registration at 9 a.m.
Race starts at 10 a.m.
Awards start at 11:30 a.m.

Race will begin and end at Lynn Gripon Park at Countryside and is open to both beginners and novice paddlers. Awards given to first place in each category.

Day of registration only.
Fee: $10 per paddler, cash/check only.
No credit or debit cards accepted.

For questions, please contact Ashley at ashley.jackson@leaguecitytx.gov.

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**Summer Dance for Adults with dis “ABILITIES”**

**Friday, Aug. 23**

**5 to 7 pm**

Hometown Heroes Park

$10 per person, includes 1 adult or caretaker (Adults ages 18 and older)
Food will be provided
Registration in advance is required
Register now at Hometown Heroes Park until Aug. 21
Communications Updates

3CMA Savvy Award Finalist
Congratulations to League City Communications Coordinator Nora Garcia who is a finalist for a 2019 Savvy Award from the City-County Communications and Marketing Association, also known as 3CMA. Garcia is a candidate for one of the three awards (Savvy, Silver Circle or Award of Excellence) in the category of Video - One-Time Special Programming for a video she produced on the League City Police Department’s work to solve the Calder Road unsolved murder cases. You can watch the video below. The award will be announced on September 5 at 3CMA’s annual conference, which is being held in Denver, Colorado.

August Edition of City Matters
The electronic edition of City Matters is out for August. Check it out here.

City Matters
AUGUST 2019 EDITION

A Message From the City Manager
Neighbors,
Much like you have a budget that includes incoming revenue and expenses, so does the City of League City. Our new fiscal year begins on October 1, and the League City Council is currently reviewing what City staff and I have prepared as a proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget. You can review the proposed budget here, as well as provide your feedback during a series of work sessions and public meetings (scroll down to see the list of dates and times).

In addition, staff has put together a short video that explains League City’s revenue sources and how your property tax dollars are spent. You may be surprised to learn that the total for all City

LC Local of the Week

Danny Douglass
#LCLocal Resident & Owner of Danny D's Guitar Hacienda

How did Danny D's Guitar get started?
I bought Mr. T's Guitar Repair in 1987 after working there for three years. I changed the name to Danny D's Guitars.

What do you like about League City?
The people are so friendly and it just feels like home.

Tell us about your family life!
I have been married to my wife, Lynn, for 34 years and we have two kids, five grandkids, ten great-grandkids, two horses, four cats, and one dog.

Click here to read more about Danny

Events and Meetings
August 3: Astronomy in the Park
August 8: FY 2020 Budget Workshop
August 10: Volunteer Bazaar
August 12: FY 2020 Budget Workshop
August 13: City Council Meeting

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