

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS  
CITY OF EL LAGO**

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 21, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

3/21/2016 - Minutes

**1. COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to public notice as required by law, Mayor White called the March 21, 2016 City Council meeting to order. The following were present:

- Mayor Robert White
- Mayor Pro Tem John Skelton
- Councilperson Robert Kumar-Misir
- Councilperson Jeff Michalak
- Councilperson Carolynn Stanley
- Councilperson Jeff Tave
- City Secretary Ann Vernon
- LPD Chief Tom Savage

**2. PLEDGES**

Mayor White led the pledges to both the Texas and American flags.

**3. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Art Richard of 622 Bayview read a letter of commendation for the Lakeview Police Department, aloud. The letter recounted an incident where Mr. Richard and his dog were attacked by a loose dog and the resulting encounter he had with Lakeview Police Department officers. His letter stated that both officers which rendered service went "above and beyond" and treated him in a "compassionate and caring" manner and that he wished to thank the officers and others who had "expressed their concern as to his and his dog's well being."

Bob Burke of 1714 W. Hedgecroft told Council of an incident he had with a local pit bull dog and stated that another neighbor had also told him of similar incidences in the area. He asked Council to get more info out to residents to make them aware of the potential danger of loose dogs and also to warn those with dogs not to let them become a problem to others.

Randy Roof of 402 Lakeshore introduced himself stating that he is also a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Roof said that the Commission has recently been working on the issue of driveway renovations and what may or may not be appropriate for the city. Mayor Pro Tem Skelton asked when the final recommendation from the Commission would be presented to the Council for consideration and was told that it should take place within the next two months.

Maggie Asher, resident of 1835 Raintree Circle and property manager of the Taylorcrest HOA told Council that she would like to address the agenda item for the appeal by Charles Sager on his driveway permit application denial. She said that she had reviewed the design, the Taylorcrest deed restrictions and had driven and looked at each of the homes in the neighborhood. There are non that have a parking pad such as is being proposed, all have a singular drive going from the front street to the garage with the exception that corner lots are of course a little different. She stated that as the property manager and defacto architectural commission for the Taylorcrest HOA, she would like to express their opposition to allowing this permit and is afraid it would open a can of worms. Ms. Asher emphasized that she would like to see the P & Z first come up with their plan so there is something in writing before any variances are allowed to be handed out.

**4. MAYOR'S REPORT ON CITY BUSINESS**

**5. CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

**5.1. LPD Chief Tom Savage To Report On Police Activity In The City**

Chief Savage reported the following:

- During spring break the area kids were well behaved. There were no juvenile related incidents to report.
- Odyssey had another burglary take place. Evidently the new alarm system was not set and prints could not be pulled from the scene since too many had already been on site. Chief said they would be monitoring the local pawn shops.
- Chief stated that if folks would carry their cell phones when out, then they could call when they feel threatened by a loose dog or see something amiss. He also advised that carrying a cane or club could be useful against an attack.

## **5.2. Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Merchant To Report On Emergency Preparedness In The City**

CERT Coordinator Art Richard told council that there would be a Skyaware class on March 24th at 6:30 p.m. This class helps people recognize storms and threatening weather. The class will be held at the Nassau Bay City Hall.

Mayor White called for short a recess at 7:25 p.m. and then reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL**

### **6.1. NOMINATE AND APPROVE WINNING ESSAY FOR "MAYOR FOR A DAY" CONTEST FROM ODYSSEY ACADEMY**

After discussion regarding the essays, Mayor White read the final three essays, which were up for nomination for Mayor for a Day, aloud. At the conclusion of the reading, there was a unanimous decision that Corbin Burns had the winning essay. Additionally, it was suggested and approved that the top five essays would be appointed to the Council for the same day.

### **6.2. REQUEST BY RON KLINGER OF BAY AREA SHARKS & SHARKETTES TO USE THE EVENT ROOM AT NO COST**

Mayor White read the Variance Request and asked if there was a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Skelton motioned and Councilperson Kumar-Misir seconded approving the request to allow the Bay Area Sharks and Sharkettes to use the event room on eight separate occasions at no cost. Ron Klinger, Athletic Director for the Bay Area Sharks addressed the Council stating that the Sharks organizations serves 175 to 200 youth in the area for football, drill and cheer. He estimated that approximately 30 of those were girls and boys from El Lago. He answered Council's questions and said that the Sharks play at Clear Lake Park and have been in the community for 45 years. On April 16th that have registration for families that are already involved with the organization and then on April 30th they will open registration to new families. When asked, Mr. Klinger said that previously the group had met in the Hampton Inn before it burned and sometimes at the La Quinta. When asked about organizing a group to do some service in return, Mr. Klinger said that he definitely would like to do that because it is a good character builder. Councilperson Tave motioned to amend the original motion to include three service projects in return over the year. Councilperson Stanley seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. The initial motion including the amendment was approved by a vote of all in favor. Mayor White noted that should a paying customer want to reserve the room, then the Sharks would need to take a back seat to that. Mr. Klinger agreed and said he understood.

### **6.3. APPEAL BY CHARLES SAGER OF 1618 FAIROAKS DR. OF BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION DENIAL**

Mr. Sager thanked the Council for the opportunity of the appeal, but said that at this time, he would like to postpone waiting on recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission. He then read a letter aloud to Council which stated his request for the driveway enlargement and reasons for the request.

### **6.4. RESOLUTION 2016-02 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MAYOR'S TERM**

Mayor White read Resolution 2016-02, appointing members to the Board of Adjustment, aloud. Councilperson Michalak motioned and Councilperson Kumar-Misir seconded approving Resolution 2016-02. The motion was passed by a vote of all in favor.

### **6.5. Ordinance 436 Amending Ordinance 435 By Changing The Election Judge For The May 7, 2016 General Election**

Councilperson Stanley motioned and Councilperson Kumar-Misir seconded approving Ordinance 436 changing the Election Judge for the May 7, 2016 General Election from Regina Aguirre to Rozanne Greenlee. Mayor Pro Tem Skelton asked if the Judge needed an extensive knowledge of the ordinances as was told that no, they only need a good knowledge of how to run an election per the Election Judges and Clerks Handbook training guidelines by the Secretary of State's office. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **7. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

Mayor White asked if the December 14, 2015, January 18, 2016, February 1, 2016 and February 15, 2016 City Council meeting minutes could be considered as a single item and Councilperson Tave requested that the minutes of the February 1st meeting be broken out. Mayor White then asked if there were any opposed to approving the remaining three, and there being none, the minutes of December 14, 2015, January 18, 2016, and February 15, 2016 were approved unanimously.

Mayor White then called for a vote on the Minutes of the February 1, 2016 City Council meeting and the minutes were approved with a vote of four in favor and with Councilperson Tave opposed. Councilperson Tave stated that he would like to see discussion recorded during workshop sessions.

## **8. OTHER ITEMS COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST FOR CONSIDERATION ON A FUTURE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Skelton said he thinks the Council would benefit from rules of operation and that he would also like to see items begin about a month out. He also would like to have a discussion on the baseball field renovation and also present the results of the meeting with himself, Councilperson Tave and Jean Raffetto regarding trash.

Councilperson Tave said he would like to see some criteria for allowing the use of the event room and kitchen.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Councilperson Kumar-Misir motioned and Councilperson Michalak seconded adjourning the meeting. Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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**Robert White, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Ann Vernon, City Secretary**