

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

**CITY OF EL LAGO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 23, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

The following minutes are record votes only. Recordings of the minutes can be requested through the City Secretary's office.

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**1. COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to public notice as required by law, Mayor White called the May 23, 2016 meeting of the El Lago City Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

The following City Officials were present:

- Mayor Robert White
- Mayor Pro Tem John Skelton
- Councilperson Mark Briggs
- Councilperson Jim Kelly
- Councilperson Rob Kumar-Misir
- Councilperson Jeff Michalak
- City Secretary Ann Vernon
- LPD Chief Tom Savage

**2. PLEDGES**

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

**3. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Linda Harness of 714 Seaway told Council she would like to address the parking situation at 1522 Loch Lake Drive. She stated that the owner has cars parked on the driveway, the grass, in the street and additionally, has junk stored at the top of the driveway. Ms. Harness said that she has witnessed the owner driving through his own and neighbors yards in order to get around the excessive vehicles and junk. She believes that part of the problem is because the owner brings home vehicles to work on in the driveway which is also illegal in our city.

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

Mayor White reported the following:

- On May 30th the city will host a Memorial Day lunch along with the pool being open to all residents. The city will provide the bar b que and residents are asked to bring a side dish to share.
- The new water fountain that serves both people and dogs is up in McNair park and has received over 1,200 hits on the city facebook page.
- The city is the new owner of a piano which was donated by Mike and Bee Wormsley of League City.
- The minutes of the City Council meetings will be changing to "action" based minutes starting with this meeting. Should anyone wish to get a more complete log of all discussion regarding each agenda item, a recorded copy of the meeting can be requested through the City Secretary's office.
- The El Lago Dorados won the season opening swim meet against the Clear Lake Stars
- The city pool will be opening for the season to members on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

**5. CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

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

Chief Savage reported the following:

- At the last Taylor Lake Village Council Meeting, the Council approved going forward with outsourcing the LPD dispatch to Webster.

- It has been a positive change appointing Officer Beaton as the new Detective for the LPD as she has solved several recent crimes.
- There were two guys with a criminal record staying with a woman at 4101 NASA who stole several kayaks, bicycles, ladders, etc. The suspects were stopped on Rebsdorph and even though the complainant who lived on Whitecap did not want to prosecute, there was enough evidence to work from. After checking multiple pawn shops, virtually all of the reported stolen items were recovered.
- At the One Stop Food Mart, a man laid down his wallet and another stole \$1,200 from it. The video from the store was reviewed and the license tag from the thief's vehicle was visible. After tracking him down, he admitted to the crime and returned the money.

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

Arthur Richard reported the following for EMC Tom Merchant:

- The Emergency Management Committee will meet in the first week of June. Shortly afterward, they will conduct an Emergency Management overview with the City Council sometime around in mid June.
- The BAYCERT organization conducted a Shelter Training Drill with the American Red Cross at the Seabrook Community Center to evaluate 37 CERT participants, some of which were from El Lago. The drill, which required the help from the SVFD, and was seconded at a 97 of a possible 100 (73 is a passing grade).

## 6. NEW BUSINESS TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

- 6.1. Nominate And Approve Mayor Pro Tem To Serve Until The Next City General Election In May 2017**  
Councilperson Michalak nominated John Skelton to continue to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem. Councilperson Briggs seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of four in favor and with Mayor Pro Tem Skelton abstaining.
- 6.2. Parking Variance Request By John & Rennie McWilliams Of 602 Seaway Dr.**  
Because there was none present to represent this item, Mayor Pro Tem Skelton motion to postpone indefinitely. Councilperson Briggs seconded postponing and it was approved unanimously.
- 6.3. Ordinance 438 Providing An 8% Homestead Exemption For Primary Owned Residences**  
After Mayor White read the agenda form aloud, a motion to approve Ordinance 438 was made by Councilperson Kumar-Misir, it was seconded by Councilperson Kelly and approved unanimously.
- 6.4. Approve Budget Adjustment To Address Expenditure Of Funds For McNair Park Fountain Purchase And Installation**  
Mayor Pro Tem Skelton gave an overview of proposed ball field renovations and reminded Council that when the water fountain was approved for McNair Park, the funds used had been originally earmarked for the ball field work. Councilperson Kelly motioned to approve a budget adjustment of \$3,000 to replenish the monies used on the fountain, it was seconded by Councilperson Kumar-Misir and approved by all.
- 6.5. Authorize Agreement With Green Mountain Energy To Provide Discounted Service To El Lago Resident**  
Councilperson Kumar-Misir motioned to approve authorizing the agreement with Green Mountain Energy to provide a 5% discount to El Lago residents. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Skelton and approved unanimously by the Council.
- 6.6. Budget Adjustment #2 For Fiscal Year 2015 With A Net Difference Of Zero Dollars**  
City Secretary Ann Vernon explained that the adjustment was due to 1) an oversight of missing payment on an invoice, and 2) because reimbursement for almost 20K of the work was received in incomes but cannot be reflected out of the expense account. Mayor Pro Tem Skelton motioned and Councilperson Michalak seconded approving Ordinance 438 increasing Streets and Sidewalks account by \$30,000 and decreasing General Government by \$30,000 for a net change to the budget of zero dollars. The motion was approved by all five Council members.
- 6.7. Approve Senior Water Aerobics Program For Summer 2016 And Adjusting The Budget By Moving \$1,500 From The Reserve Account To Fitness Class Expense**  
Councilperson Kumar-Misir motioned to approve adjusting the FY2016 budget by \$1,500 by adding funds from the reserve account to the Fitness Class Expense account to pay for a Senior Water Aerobics program. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Skelton and approved by all.
- 6.8. Approve Supporting Lakeview Police Chief Tom Savage Entering Into An Agreement With Webster For Police Dispatching Services**  
Councilperson Kumar-Misir motioned to approve supporting Lakeview Police Chief Tom Savage to enter into an agreement with Webster for the LPD dispatching services. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Skelton and approved unanimously.
- 6.9. Resolution 2016-04 In Support Of Child Safety Zones In General Law Type A Cities**  
Councilperson Kumar-Misir motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Skelton seconded approving Resolution 2016-04 supporting child safety ones in General Law Type A municipalities. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

- 7.1. Consider Appeal For Driveway Permit Application Denial**

Charles and Amy Sager of 1618 Fair Oaks were present to present their request and answer questions. Mayor Pro Tem Skelton motioned to approve the appeal request and the motion was seconded by Councilperson Kumar-Misir. Councilperson Briggs motioned and Councilperson Michalak seconded postponing consideration of the appeal until after the Planning & Zoning Commission could make recommendation to the Council on driveway modifications. The motion to postpone was approved by a vote of three in favor and with Mayor Pro Tem Skelton and Councilperson Kumar-Misir opposed.

**8. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilperson Briggs motioned to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016 City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Michalak and passed with a vote of four in favor. Councilperson Kumar-Misir abstained from voting since he was not present at the May 16th meeting.

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

Mayor White said that the June 6th Council meeting would be a workshop. Councilperson Michalak requested that the Planning & Zoning Commission give a status report to the Council.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Councilperson Michalak motioned and Councilperson Kumar-Misir seconded adjourning the meeting. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously and so Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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**Robert White, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Ann Vernon, City Secretary**