

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

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 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 require by law, Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following City Officials were present:

- Mayor Robert White
- Mayor Pro Tem John Skelton
- Councilman Mark Briggs
- Councilman Jim Kelly
- Councilman Jeff Michalak
- Councilman Robert Kumar-Misir

2. PLEDGES

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

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jeff Tave of 302 Pineview Circle stated that he is concerned about the decision to switch to action based Council minutes. He believes the switch goes against the idea of full transparency of government. Obscuring the justification of how each Councilman votes is not good government. Requiring the citizenry to get the same information they used to get previously by way of an audio recording is, in his opinion, a joke.

He asked Council to consider stopping the proliferation of free exercise classes that burden all tax payers with the cost. Rather to consider a tracking method whereby the full cost is recovered by the users of the service. Mr. Tave said that if the number of attendees does not support the class cost then perhaps they could look into restructuring the classes, the cost, the frequency or the classes could be canceled due to lack of interest.

For those that were having their sewer lines serviced and scoped by WCID 50's contractor, the contractor is not following their communication protocol. They are not announcing to the residents when work is to be done nor are they are not self reporting problems. They are not getting utilities marked before digging as he said he learned when they cut a phone line in his yard. They have also damaged tree branches that are not in the right of way and are not reporting it.

Bob Burke of 1714 W. Hedgecroft said he is concerned about the recent rash of crime. He says as he walks his dog at night and has noticed that the new LED streetlights are sometimes obscured by homeowner's trees. Mr. Burke suggested that getting more light out there might helped deter some of the issues.

4. CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

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

There were four burglaries of motor vehicles about a week ago. There are several still shots and videos of the suspects including some from the Seabrook Police Department, but the problem is that no one recognizes them. They have several characteristics that are unique. One has on skater pants and looks to be about 20. In each one of the cases, the car alarm does not go off and in general has taken place between 12 and 3 o'clock in the morning. He checks vehicles for unlocked doors and has so far taken five pairs of sunglasses, assorted change, and in one case a significant sum of money. The LPD and Seabrook police are scouting the

neighborhoods in plain cars to hopefully recognize him, but Chief said he hopes residents will lock their vehicles.

Regarding the storm, they are going to purchase some more of the heavy duty signage for Lakeshore Drive when there are events such as that.

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

Art Richard reported on the following:

- The Emergency Management Committee met on June 15th, Jerry Akin is joining the group and he is a HAM expert and has a military background.
- There will be a program to be presented at a Town Hall meeting next month on Hurricane preparedness.
- BAYCERT is having both a CPR and a CERT class in September.
- On June 18th around 7 p.m. there was a storm that had severe electrical activity and also winds up to 50 miles per hour. It caused many downed trees, a lost roof and a high tension power line to come down near Boondoggles. Several CERT members showed up along with other emergency personnel and helped to reroute traffic.

5. WORKSHOP SESSION - THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY, THERE WILL BE NO MOTIONS OR APPROVALS MADE.

5.1. Planning & Zoning Chairman Russ Gartman To Report On Commission Work To Date On Comprehensive Review Of Zoning Ordinances

Planning & Zoning Chairman Gartman gave a report on the zoning items on which a public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m.

5.2. Update On The Highway 146 Expansion Project (Mark Briggs)

Councilman Briggs gave a report on the highway 146 project.

5.3. Mid-Year Budget And Cash Projection

Council reviewed the mid-year budget report and cash projection.

5.4. Texas Municipal League IEBP Insurance Rerate For FY2017

The City Council reviewed the insurance rerate for FY2017.

5.5. Discuss The Need To Provide ADA Access To The City Pool

Councilman Kelly discussed his research for ADA access to the city pool.

5.6. Discuss Allocating Funds In Support Of Providing Yoga Classes Twice Per Week

Mayor White explained the new planned program for Yoga classes at the El Lago event room.

Mayor White recessed the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor White called the meeting back to order at 8:31 p.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

6.1. Approve Allocating Funds In Support Of Providing Yoga Classes Twice Per Week

Councilperson Kumar-Misir motioned and Councilperson Kelly seconded approving allocating \$700 in funds to support providing Yoga classes twice per week. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor.

6.2. Approve Allocating \$800.00 In Expenses In The FY2016 Budget In Support Of Providing Swim Lessons

Councilman Michalak motioned and Councilman Briggs seconded approving allocating \$800 in expenses in the FY2016 budget to support providing swim lessons at the city pool. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6.3. Approve Providing ADA Access To The City Pool

Councilman Kelly motioned to move \$7,600 from Account No. 10101 for the purchase of an ADA lift and stairs for ADA compliance to the pool. Councilman Michalak seconded the motion.

Councilman Briggs motioned to amend the initial motion by the requirement of getting three written quotes and then bringing back to Council for consideration; Councilman Kumar-Misir seconded the amending motion.

Councilman Michalak motioned to amend the first amendment by canceling the requirement to bring the quotes back to Council. Mayor Pro Tem Skelton seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Council passed the amendment unanimously to require three written quote without the need to bring back to Council.

The initial motion carried with all five Council votes in favor.

6.4. Approve Minutes Of The May 23, 2016 City Council Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Skelton motioned to approve and Councilman Kumar-Misir seconded approving the minutes of the May 23, 2016 City Council meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 in favor with Councilmen Briggs and Kelly abstaining.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Skelton asked start working on the budget with a higher level of details on the tax rate, etc. than asked for before. He also asked for an assignment of committee roles for the Council.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman Kumar-Misir motioned and Councilman Briggs seconded adjourning the meeting. Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Robert White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Vernon, City Secretary