

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

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 11, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

7/11/2016 - Minutes

**1. COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to public notice as required by law, Mayor White called the July 11, 2016 City Council meeting to order. The following officials were present:

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

**2. PLEDGES**

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

**3. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Jeff Tave of 302 Pineview asked Council to consider a correction to his comments under "Citizen Comments" when approving the June 20th minutes. He said he has already provided the correction to the City Secretary and that it is the addition of a single word that completely changes the meaning of his statement. Mr. Tave then asked Council to consider leaving the current Contractor Registration protocol in place. It was put into the code after Hurricane Ike to protect residents and city property from bad contractor practices. Mr. Tave asked if there was still a Planning & Zoning Commission meeting on Wednesday because even though he saw a notice in a recent newspaper, he did not see it in the usual place on the web site. He then said he has signed up for the Green Mountain Energy Affiliate program, but did not receive any type of confirmation. Additionally, he called and no one at Green Mountain Energy seemed to know anything about the El Lago Affiliate program.

Maggie Asher, Property Manager for the Taylorcrest Homeowner's Association supplied Council with copies of the Taylorcrest deed restrictions. She then read excerpts from the restrictions stating that not only did Charles Sager of 1618 Fair Oaks not get appropriate permits from the city to widen his driveway, but he also did not submit information or get permission from the Homeowner's Association. Mrs. Asher said she will be consulting with an attorney on Wednesday to learn what the Association can do and asked the Council to support her efforts by enforcing the city's code. Mrs. Asher then suggested that the driveway may not have needed widening if two boats were not being stored on it.

Rocky Williams of 1618 W. Hedgecroft said that regarding the driveway at 1618 Fair Oaks, he believes that if the driveway was put in without protocol or permits, then the law should be enforced 100%. Not enforcing the code 100% will result in the deterioration of the neighborhoods.

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

The following items were discussed by the Council.

**4.1. Discuss Contractor Registration Insurance Requirements**

Council discussed whether or not contractors who do not have liability insurance should be able to work under the homeowner's insurance.

**4.2. Discuss Increasing Building Permit Penalties From \$500 Per Day To \$1,000 Per Day**

Mayor White stated that the City Attorney has advised that the penalty for building permits cannot be increased.

#### **4.3. Discussion Of FY2017 Proposed Budget & Tax Rate**

City Secretary Vernon gave a quick overview of the proposed FY2017 expenses stating that they are significantly lower than the previous year primarily due the reduced LPD budget resulting from the move of dispatch to Webster.

Mayor White called for a recess at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor White reconvened the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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

##### **5.1. Consider TML MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Rerate For Employee Insurance**

Mayor Pro Tem Skelton motioned and Councilman Kumar-Misir seconded approving the increased insurance rerate for employee insurance. The motion was approved with a vote of four in favor and with Councilman Briggs abstaining.

#### **6. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Michalak motioned and Councilman Briggs seconded approving the June 20, 2016 meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Skelton motioned to amend by making the correction as asked by Mr. Tave. Councilperson Kumar seconded the amendment and it passed unanimously. The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed with all five in favor.

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

There were no suggestion for the item.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Skelton motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Michalak and approved by all. Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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**Robert White, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Ann Vernon, City Secretary**