

CITY OF EL LAGO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 17, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

# DRAFT MINUTES

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## 1. COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice as required by law, Mayor White called the October 17, 2016 City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following city officials were present:

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

The following Officials were absent:

- Councilman Mark Briggs
- Councilman Robert Kumar-Misir

## 2. PLEDGES

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

## 3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens present that wished to speak to the Council.

## 4. MAYOR'S REPORT ON CITY BUSINESS

Mayor White did not give a report.

## 5. CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

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

LPD Chief Tom Savage reported the following to the Council:

- There had been a burglary on Whitecap this previous month. It did not look like a forced entry so they suspect possibly someone the owner knows. Five guns were stolen, three hand guns and two long rifles.
- A TLV resident who lives in Seabrook came and offered to assist the LPD with the change over to Webster. To date, they have the laptops, card readers and DL cards. They are waiting on Motorola to install racks which should take place on October 23rd or 24th.

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

Art Richard, Director of the city CERT team reported the following:

- BAYCERT is sponsoring a video/training called "Run, Hide or Fight." The video, which will be shown on October 27th, addresses an active shooter in a confined and populated area.

- The city has purchased cones that light up, HAM hand held radios, and hand held lights to help when directing traffic during an event.
- The city has recognized the CERT team as a separate department under Emergency Management with a Director, Assistant Director and Emergency Medical Advisor. They have been issued badges allowing CERT members to return to the city before residents during an event such as a hurricane evacuation so they can assist in helping to secure the city to make it safe for residents return. El Lago is the first to have this badging program, but other cities are showing interest in following suit.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

### 6.1. Event Room Variance Request By Ralf Toennies For The Men's Tennis Group Annual Bar-B-Que

Mr. Toennies addressed the Council saying that the Men's Tennis Group has been playing on the city courts since at least 1978. They are an informal group and are anxious to get more players so last year they held a bar-b-que to encourage more to join. They are wanting to hold a bar-b-que again this year and are requesting permission to use the event room and kitchen if the weather turns bad and they cannot hold it outside as initially planned. Mayor Pro Tem Skelton asked if a deposit would be required and was told that this is the usual procedure. The Mayor then offered to pay the deposit on behalf of the tennis group. Councilmen Michalak and Kelly motioned and seconded respectfully to allow the mens tennis group to use the event room at no charge if needed with an \$85 deposit. The motion was approved by all.

### 6.2. Variance Request By Deanna Scott To Use The Event Room At No Cost For Monthly Autism Group Meeting

Ms. Scott was not present to represent her request and so this item was not considered.

### 6.3. Consider Participating In Construction Of Clear Lake Masonic Lodge Parking Lot

This item was not addressed.

Mayor asked and did not receive any objections to suspend the orders of the day and so he addressed the agenda in the following revised order.

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- 6.8
- 9.0
- 10.0

### 6.4. Gym Membership For The Officers Of The Lakeview Police Department

The Chief thanked the Council for including this item on the agenda saying that it would provide a good opportunity for officers of the LPD and community to grow relationships. In addition, the exercise would be good for the officer's body and brain. Councilman Michalak motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Skelton seconded approving to provide gym memberships for the Officers of the Lakeview Police Department. Councilman Kelly suggested that this same policy should be extended to the City Council and Staff as well. The motion passed with a vote of three in favor.

### 6.5. Consider Purchase Of Solar Powered Flashing Speed Limit Signage

Chief Savage said that the flashing signs help to make drivers more aware in case they are in lost in thought and not realizing that the speed limit has decreased. Mayor Pro Tem Skelton motioned to purchase at least one of the electronic speed limit signs per year until each entrance has one and recommended that the city purchase the complete kit which includes a break away base to minimize damage to both the striking vehicle and the the electronic speed limit sign. The motion was seconded by Councilman Michalak and discussion about the number of signs and where they should be located ensued. Mayor White suggested that the motion should be to purchase one sign now and if the budget could support it, another before the end of the fiscal year. Mayor Pro Tem Skelton amended his motion to approve purchasing two signs and Councilman Kelly seconded it. The motion passed with two in favor and Councilman Michalak opposed. The initial motion as amended to include two signs passed unanimously.

### 6.6. Resolution 2016-08 Appointing Commissioners Of The Lakeview Police Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Skelton motioned to approve Resolution 2016-08 naming Rob O'Donel as Vice Chairman, Gary Bielak as a Commissioner and Michael O'Brien as an alternate to the Lakeview Police Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kelly and approved unanimously.

### 6.7. Resolution To Appoint Representative And Alternate To Houston-Galveston Area Council

Mayor White suggested the Councilman Briggs would be a good appointee to the H-GAC board and Councilman Kelly volunteered to be the alternate. Councilman Michalak motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Skelton seconded approving Councilman Briggs as the H-GAC representative and Councilman Kelly as the alternate. The motion passed with a vote of two in favor and with Councilman Kelly abstaining.

### 6.8. Consider Sale Of Parkland To Forest Lake Animal Clinic

This item was not considered until after the Executive Session in Item 8.

Councilman Kelly motioned to postpone consideration of the sale of parkland to Forest Lake Animal Clinic and Councilman Michalak seconded the motion. The motion to postpone was approved by a vote of two in favor and with Mayor Pro Tem Skelton opposed.

Mayor Pro Tem Skelton then moved to set a date to consider this item no later than one month and the motion was seconded by Councilperson Michalak. Then Councilperson Michalak motioned to amend the date from one month to postpone until 15 days after the city appraisal of the property is in hand. Mayor Pro Tem Skelton seconded the amendment and it was approved by all. Then the motion to postpone no later than 15 days after the city appraisal is in hand was approved by all present.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Skelton motioned to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Michalak seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of three in favor.

### **7.1. FY2016 4th QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT**

### **7.2. ANNUAL APPROVAL OF CITY INVESTMENT POLICY**

### **7.3. Approval Of The Minutes From The Following Meetings:**

#### **7.3.1. AUGUST 29, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **7.3.2. October 3, 2016 City Council Meeting**

#### **7.3.3. October 10, 2016 Public Hearing Minutes**

#### **7.3.4. October 10, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes**

## **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072 DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY**

Mayor White adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for deliberations about real property in accordance with Local Government Code 551.072.

Mayor White called the meeting back to order at 8:02 p.m.

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

Councilman Kelly said he would like to further consider providing the gym for members of the City Council and Staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Skelton said he would like to discuss the street and sidewalk repairs soon.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Councilman Michalak motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Skelton seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by all and Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

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**Robert White, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Ann Vernon, City Secretary**