



CITY OF EL LAGO

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2026
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
411 TALLOWOOD DRIVE, EL LAGO,
TEXAS 77586

1. **Call to Order** - Mayor Findley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Invocation and/or Pledge of Allegiance** - Mayor Findley lead the pledges.
3. **Declaration of a Quorum**

Present: Mayor Shawn Findley
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Michalak
Councilman Charles Parette
Councilman Russell Tucker
Councilman James May
Councilman John Ennis

Absent: none

4. **Citizen Comments**

A resident shared concerns for lack of animal control protocols in the city after her dog was attacked by unleashed dog.

A resident shared information about Flock cameras and concerns for security, privacy, and liability to the city.

A resident shared concerns for the city's Flock cameras and child safety at playgrounds and parks.

A resident shared concerns about Flock cameras pertaining to child safety and potential vandalism to cameras.

A resident expressed concerns about the city's Flock cameras, shared appreciation for the demonstrations from Lakeview Police Department and the controls to the system and asked for removal of all city Flock cameras.

A resident shared concerns for the city's Flock cameras pertaining to women and child safety and asked about future funding.

A resident shared information about Flock cameras and approval process for installation for McNair Park.

A resident stated Lakeview Police presence in the city is important and shared concerns for the city's Flock cameras pertaining to surveillance and child safety and asked for cameras to be removed.

A resident asked for permission to continue to hold weekly bridge club meetings in event room.

A resident shared legal concerns for the city's Flock cameras regarding privacy, surveillance, and data sharing and requests police officers over cameras.

A resident asked why the city has Flock cameras, why they are paid for, and why cameras are at the park.

A resident shared concerns about responses for information from city staff and updates to the city's website.

A resident asked for continued, regular occurring budget workshop discussions from City Council

A resident gave updates on past city Labor Day event and thanked the city lifeguards for their help, shared information on upcoming city events, Trunk or Treat and fishing tournament, and asked to add another weekly yoga class.

A resident shared information about Frontier copper lines going away soon and asked for a utilities liaison from City Council to communicate information and stated that Flock camera information should be hosted internally by city or LPD.

A resident shared concerns for late communications about city meetings.

Mayor Findley moved item 9.3 Discussion of FLOCK cameras within El Lago city limits.

- 9.3 *Discussion of FLOCK cameras within El Lago city limits-* Lakeview Police Department representatives Sergeant Rodriguez and Lieutenant Hendricks gave a presentation and demonstration on the city's Flock camera license plate readers system. LPD representatives presented information included potential criminal charges for misuse of information, the laws currently in place to the use of information, explained the cameras are a tool for the police department to assist with solving crimes big and small, showed the LPD settings and policies to be at the highest allowable and limited access from outside entities, discussed the cost and funding for the cameras, and Mayor Findley urged the public to contact the police department for questions and concerns. Councilman May suggested a town hall meeting for residents to attend pertaining to the city's Flock cameras.

5. City Official, Board, Commission, Committee and/or City Service Reports

- 5.1. *Lakeview Police Department* – Lieutenant Hendricks reported a quiet month of August for calls for service.
- 5.2. *Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department*- Chief Douglas gave a report for August calls for service, recent lightning event at the school, recent electric bike accident, new reporting system, recent response times, and financial reports.
- 5.3. *Events Committee Report*- Report given during Citizens Comments.
- 5.4. *Parks Board Report*- No report given.

6. Councilmembers' Reports

- 6.1. *Councilman Parette*- Reported on recent Parks Board meeting and their search for grants.
- 6.2. *Mayor Pro Tem Michalak*- No report given.
- 6.3. *Councilman Tucker*- Reported on Humble Oil property contact with Exxon for access.
- 6.4. *Councilman May*- Reported on Humble Oil property survey quotes ready for review once accessed.
- 6.5. *Councilman Ennis*- Reported to voters to check voter registration status due to recent voter status purge.

7. Consent Agenda

- 7.1. *Minutes from September 2, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting*
- 7.2. *Check Detail from September 3, 2026 through September 16, 2026*

Mayor Findley declared item 7.1 on the consent agenda approved by unanimous consent.

Discussion for item 7.2 about gym maintenance and check for city entrance sign. Mayor Pro Tem Michalak motioned to approve item 7.2 and Councilman Parette seconded. All voted in favor thus the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Findley recessed the regular meeting at 8:59 PM and opened the workshop at 9:05 PM.

8. Workshop to discuss long-term city goals

Workshop discussion included developing a Economic Development Committee, building up the city's emergency funds and updating emergency plan, audit reports and recommendations, developing a 5-year plan, interlocal agreement with Taylor Lake Village for Lakeview Police Department, and trash pick up options.

Mayor Findley closed the workshop and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:39 PM.

9. New Business

- 9.1. *Discuss and take necessary action to approve event room variance for Ralf Toennies to hold weekly bridge group in event room on Tuesdays starting Nov. 1, 2026 to October 31, 2027*- Councilman May motioned to approve and Mayor Pro Tem Michalak seconded. Councilman Tucker mentioned the loss of revenue when the city grant's variances for the event room. Mayor Pro Tem Michalak, Councilman Parette, Councilman May, and Councilman Ennis voted to approve and Councilman Tucker voted against. The motion passed with majority vote.
- 9.2. *Discuss and take necessary action to approve Resolution 2026-11 adopting the 2025 Harris County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan*- Councilman Tucker motioned to postpone until the next regular City Council meeting on October 7, 2026 and Councilman Ennis seconded. All voted in favor thus the motion passed unanimously.

10. Requests for Future Agenda Items

- 10.1. *Animal Control*
- 10.2. *Building Permit Fees Workshop*
- 10.3. *City Staff Reports Workshop*
- 10.4. *City Council Liaison Appointments*
- 10.5. *Performance Bond for PUD*

Future agenda items requested: town hall meeting for city Flock cameras, animal control and workshop with Safebuilt regarding building permit fees for October 7 meeting.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Findley adjourned the meeting at 9:49 PM.

ATTEST:

Shawn Findley
Mayor

Jeannie Kubricht
City Secretary