



The City of Liberty City Council

Special Called Meeting

~ Agenda ~

1829 Sam Houston
Liberty, TX 77575
www.cityofliberty.org

Dianne Tidwell
City Secretary
(936) 336-3684

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

THE City Council of Liberty, Texas reserves the right to meet in closed session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrival
Mayor Carl Pickett	☐	☐	☐	
Mayor Pro Tem Diane Huddleston	☐	☐	☐	
Councilperson Dennis Beasley	☐	☐	☐	
Councilperson Frank Jordan	☐	☐	☐	
Councilperson Louie Potetz	☐	☐	☐	
Councilperson Libby Simonson	☐	☐	☐	
Councilperson David Arnold	☐	☐	☐	

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment is reserved for members of the public who would like to address the City Council regarding agenda and non-agenda items. Please be aware that, under Texas Law, the Council may not deliberate or take any action during Citizen's comments for items not on the agenda. In some situations, City Staff may be able to respond to the public comment with a factual statement or clarification. The City Council may have the item placed on a future agenda for action or refer the item to Management and Staff for study or conclusion.

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. Information Item (ID # 2983)

Shred-It Day - Councilperson Huddleston

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action (ID # 2984)

Consider a city-wide wireless network and telephone system linking all City facilities together, and take any action deemed necessary.

2. Resolution (ID # 2985)

Consider a Resolution authorizing support and acceptance of a Texas Department of Transportation grant for the Click It or Ticket Selective Traffic Enforcement Project.

3. Council Action (ID # 2986)

Consider purchase of playground equipment for the Liberty Municipal Park, and take any action deemed necessary.

V. WORK SESSION**1. Work Session (ID # 2987)**

Discussion of current and future goals, objectives and action plans.

- Goals Objectives & Action Plans (DOCX)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the attached Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board and in the Message Centers located on the east and west sides of the City Hall Administration Building, located at 1829 Sam Houston on the 17th day of April, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. This notice will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary

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I certify that the attached Notice and Agenda of items to be considered by the City Council was removed by me from the bulletin board at the City Hall on the _____ day of _____, 2014.



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Meeting: 04/22/14 06:00 PM

Department: Administration
Category: Reports

INFORMATION ITEM (ID # 2983)

DOC ID: 2983



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4.A.1

Meeting: 04/22/14 06:00 PM

Department: Administration
Category: Proposed Projects

COUNCIL ACTION (ID # 2984)

DOC ID: 2984



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4.A.2

Meeting: 04/22/14 06:00 PM

Department: Administration
Category: Grant Issues

RESOLUTION (ID # 2985)

DOC ID: 2985 A

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LIBERTY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT A SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT (S.T.E.P.) FOR CLICK IT OR TICKETS, BUCKLE UP TEXAS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3593.22, THAT IS FULLY FUNDED/REIMBURSED BY STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Liberty has a documented traffic safety problem with regard to Click It or Ticket, Buckle Up safety belt compliance. The City's mission is to save lives, decrease crashes, fatalities, and injuries making the roads safer.

WHEREAS, the Liberty City Council and the Liberty Police Department are dedicated to maintaining the highest degree of safety for the motoring public in Liberty; and,

WHEREAS, there are funds available from the State of Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (S.T.E.P.), which would allot funds for the Liberty Police Department officers to work overtime during their off-duty hours in problem areas to conduct traffic enforcement in order to reduce traffic accidents and the injuries and fatalities associated with these accidents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

That the facts and opinions in the preamble are true and correct.

SECTION 2.

That the City Council of the City of Liberty will support the Liberty Police Department in administering a Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant with 100% grant funding for the project provided by the Texas Department of Transportation.

SECTION 3.

The effective dates for the S.T.E.P. "Click It or Ticket", SEAT BELT SAFETY grant are April 29, 2014 to June 7, 2014, which included pre-media and post-media campaign dates.

SECTION 4.

That nothing in this agreement shall be interpreted as a requirement, formal or informal, that a peace officer issues a specified or predetermined number of citations and/or arrests.

SECTION 5.

That a copy of the caption of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this, the 22nd day of April, 2014 at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Liberty, Texas.

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary



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Meeting: 04/22/14 06:00 PM

Department: Administration
Category: Park Issues

COUNCIL ACTION (ID # 2986)

DOC ID: 2986



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Meeting: 04/22/14 06:00 PM

Department: Administration
Category: Goals and Objectives

WORK SESSION (ID # 2987)

DOC ID: 2987

CITY OF LIBERTY

Vision Statement

It is the vision of the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and City Employees to provide an attractive, growing, and safe community where resources are efficiently applied for a quality lifestyle.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTION PLAN

Goal 1 INFRASTRUCTURE

Objective

Develop plan for growth – expand and improve services

Action Plan

- ❖ Continue to improve wastewater system, to comply with all regulatory regulations
- ❖ Enhance our water storage and distribution systems
- ❖ Acquire adequate water supply-purchase water rights & water Re-use – New well
- ❖ Procure funding for infrastructure improvements
- ❖ Continue street paving and maintenance program
- ❖ Address and attempt to alleviate flooding in areas of the city
- ❖ Continue to work with WCID #5 to improve drainage
- ❖ Explore extension of Lakeland/Jefferson to the Highway 146 Bypass
- ❖ Continue to effect improvements at the Liberty Municipal Airport
- ❖ Continue to upgrade technology for all departments and develop a city wireless network
- ❖ Annexation – Investigate Areas

Goal 2 PUBLIC SAFETY

Objective

Continue to expand and improve level of service

Action Plan

- ❖ Expand accountability of all Police, Fire and EMS Departments to the community
- ❖ Continue cooperation with local, state and federal agencies concerning homeland security
- ❖ Improve ISO Rating
- ❖ Continue to develop Code Enforcement and Health Inspector Program
- ❖ Implement sidewalk infrastructure program
- ❖ Build new police station
- ❖ Improve technology for Police and Fire Department
- ❖ Enhance & promote the Nixle System
- ❖ Continue to collect outstanding warrants

Goal 3 Community Enhancement

Objective

Actively promote and advertise the City of Liberty

Action Plan

- ❖ Develop a comprehensive Master Plan
- ❖ Establish partnership with Local Colleges with a campus in the City
- ❖ Promote new Medical Facilities
- ❖ Continue City Economic Development Program
- ❖ Continue review of land use ordinances
- ❖ Support the development of the Port of Liberty and Foreign Trade Zone 171
- ❖ Upgrade Park Facilities – Concentrate on Skate Park & Swimming Pool
- ❖ Enhance and Encourage Downtown Revitalization

Goal 4 Community Relations

Objective

Improve and enhance Community Relations

Action Plan

- ❖ Work with local media to inform and educate citizens about community services
- ❖ Encourage Citizens to participate in Civic Duty
- ❖ Continue to enhance the city website (www.cityofliberty.org) – also expand to use Facebook and Twitter
- ❖ Develop tourism including bird trails – River Activities
- ❖ Promote the retention of existing businesses and attract new businesses
- ❖ Improve and enhance city delinquent tax collection efforts
- ❖ Support Workforce Training and Skilled Workforce

Goal 5 Personnel Investment

Objective

Provide an excellent employment environment for all city employees

Action Plan

- ❖ Promote the retention of qualified personnel
- ❖ Provide competitive compensation and benefit package to employees
- ❖ Continue on-going training in all departments
- ❖ Promote importance of good customer service

Attachment: Goals Objectives & Action Plans (1987 : Goals, Objectives and Action Plans)