



The City of Liberty City Council

Emergency Meeting

~ Agenda ~

1829 Sam Houston
Liberty, TX 77575
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April Gilliland
City Secretary
936-336-3684

Thursday, July 11, 2024

4:00 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	Arrived
Mayor John Hebert, Jr.				
Mayor Pro Tem Libby Simonson				
Council Member Dennis Beasley				
Council Member Tommy Brents				
Council Member Ed Seymour				
Council Member Ross Ward				
Council Member Debbie Dugger				

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. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, CONTINUING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER IN THE CITY OF LIBERTY CAUSED BY HURRICANE BERYL; CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING ANY EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS AND REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE MAYOR IN RESPONSE TO THE DAMAGE, INJURY, OR LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY RESULTING FROM SAID HURRICANE; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

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 11th day of July, 2024 at 2:00 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.

April Gilliland

April Gilliland, City Secretary

NOTICE

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Liberty will provide reasonable accommodation for persons attending and/or participating in this Council Meeting. To better serve you, requests must be made at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Contact the City at (936) 336-3684 or by Fax at (936) 336-9846. The building is wheelchair accessible, with parking available, on the west side of the building.

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 _____, ____.



The City of Liberty

City Council
1829 Sam Houston
Liberty, TX 77575

Meeting: 7/11/2024 4:00 PM

Department: Administration
Category: Action Item

Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, CONTINUING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER IN THE CITY OF LIBERTY CAUSED BY HURRICANE BERYL; CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING ANY EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS AND REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE MAYOR IN RESPONSE TO THE DAMAGE, INJURY, OR LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY RESULTING FROM SAID HURRICANE; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, City Council finds that Hurricane Beryl created widespread and severe damage, injury, and loss of property that now requires extraordinary measures to alleviate the suffering of the people and to protect and rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Liberty's emergency management plan has previously been activated by Declaration of Local Disaster by Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Liberty less than seven (7) days ago; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas has designated Liberty County a disaster area; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has approved a disaster declaration for the state of Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS;

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. In Accordance with Section 418.108 of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the City Council finds and continues a declaration of a state of disaster and emergency in the City of Liberty as a result of the impact of Hurricane Beryl.

SECTION 3. Any emergency proclamations, orders, regulations, curfews, issued by the Mayor or the Emergency Management Coordinator, if so designated by the Mayor, are hereby confirmed and ratified.

SECTION 4. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to provide, or cause to be provided, all arrangements, provisions, and means necessary and proper to affect the coordination of relief and aid programs, and property restoration and rehabilitation programs, for the protection, preservation, and improvement of life and property within the City during the State of Emergency.

SECTION 5. This Declaration continuing a local state of disaster shall be effective for forty-five

(45) days on and from its date of issuance, provided however that this declaration may be terminated before the expiration of forty-five days by subsequent order of the Mayor, and may be continued or renewed beyond forty-five days from its date of issuance only with the consent of the City Council.

SECTION 6. This Declaration continues to activate the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the Declaration, and the preparedness and response aspects of the plans are activated as provided in the plans.

SECTION 7. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall be and become effective from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF JULY 2024.

Mayor
City of Liberty, Texas

ATTEST:

City Secretary
City of Liberty, Texas