



The City of Liberty City Council

Strategic Planning Work Session

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Tuesday, June 9, 2026

7:30 AM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order on June 9, 2026, in the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston Street, Liberty, Texas at 7:37 a.m. by Mayor John Hebert.

A.	Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
	Mayor John Hebert, Jr.	X			
	Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Dugger	X			
	Council Member Ed Seymour	X			
	Council Member Ross Ward	X			
	Council Member Bruce Bell	X			
	Council Member Nick Dennis	X			
	Council Member Betty Runkle	X			

II. WORK SESSION AGENDA

A. Introduction and purpose of the work session

City Manager Bryan Kendrick went over the work session agenda to provide the council with a preview of what items would be discussed with them and gave an update on the branding and wayfinding project.

B. State of the Departments

1. Public Works - Streets, Electric, Water Utilities, and Parks

The Public Works Strategic Planning session began with a presentation from Roadway Asset Services, LLC, on the results of the pavement condition evaluation. EMPACT then presented the LIDAR findings related to vegetation surrounding electric lines and utility easements. Public Works Director Russell Crawley reviewed recent improvements and accomplishments across the wastewater, water, electric, streets, and parks departments. He also outlined the short-term priorities and long-term strategic goals for each department.

2. Library

Library Director Amber Ursprung went over the immediate needs and the strategic priorities for the Library.

3. Fire Department

The Fire Department strategic planning session included a discussion of the immediate need for fleet repairs and replacements, fire training tower, personnel, and equipment, along with a

discussion of a five-year focus on strategic priorities for emergency warning sirens, full-time emergency management coordinator and larger equipment that will need replacing.

4. Police

Chief Richard Ashe went over the Police Department's short-term priorities including vehicles, computers, equipment, personnel, and animal service's needs. He also discussed what would be needed for the future as the city grows.

5. Golf

The golf strategic planning session included highlights of the current year, short term priorities, and strategic priorities for the next five years.

6. Airport

Airport Manager Mark Bush talked about how the airport is a true community asset, short-term priorities, and strategic priorities to focus on in the next five years.

III. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Hebert adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

John Hebert, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

April Gilliland, City Secretary