



The City of Liberty City Council

Regular Meeting

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April Gilliland
City Secretary
936-336-3684

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

4:00 PM

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 4:41 p.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. INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Council Member Debbie Dugger.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge to the American Flag and the pledge to the Texas Flag were led by Mayor John Hebert.

IV. 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.

Mayor Hebert welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council. Mr. John Carter spoke to the council regarding the widening of Beaumont Ave for safety reasons with the industrial businesses and 18-wheeler traffic located along the roadway.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

All consent items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, and if such a request is made, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

A. Minutes Approval

1. May 12, 2026

B. Resolution authorizing Anthony Lasky to have access to Tex Pool and make investment choices**C. Resolution approving the waiver of penalties and interest for taxes on property with account number 74411.**

Council Member Bell moved to approve all items on the consent agenda, and Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7 to 0, with all members present voting in favor.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA**A. Regular Session**

1. Consider a resolution establishing a budget for the 2026 "Lights in Liberty" event.

Council Member Debbie Dugger presented a report on the 2025 Lights in Liberty success and what is being planned for the 2026 Lights in Liberty but will bring the budget item back at a different meeting as it was not ready to present to the Council.

2. Consider a resolution approving the expenditure on funds by LCDC for the installation of a Disc Golf Course at Liberty Municipal Park.

At the May 19, 2026, meeting of the LCDC Board, the discussion regarding the installation of a disc golf course at Liberty Municipal Park continued from the April 21, 2026, meeting. Board Member Campbell presented information to the board outlining how a disc golf course would enhance the park's recreational opportunities, including the following topics:

- What Is Disc Golf?
- Benefits to Liberty Municipal Park
- Minimal Impact on the Park
- Economic and Community Benefits
- Professional Design and Quality Course Vision
- Liberty Municipal Disc Golf Course
- Conceptual Course Layout

Mr. Chris Vandagriff of Gorilla Disc Golf also addressed the board regarding course design, safety considerations, rules of play, and the value a disc golf course would add to the park.

Board Member Runkle moved to approve the expenditure of \$25,000 for installing a Disc Golf Course at Liberty Municipal Park, and Board Member Norwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6 to 0, with all members present voting in favor.

Council Member Runkle moved to approve the resolution for LCDC expenditure of funds for the installation of a Disc Golf Course at Liberty Municipal Park, and Council Member Seymour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7 to 0, with all members present voting in favor.

3. Consideration of participation in the "Lights, Camera, Action!: Building Film-Ready Communities Across the Region" Conference from HGAC.

Registration is now open for the "**Lights, Camera, Action! Building Film-Ready Communities Across the Region**" film-focused conference. For the first time, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is hosting a dynamic, three-day film conference. Whether your community is interested in attracting film productions or becoming Film Friendly Texas (FFTX) certified, this conference will give you the tools, insights, and connections to get started.

Register NOW: [Lights, Camera, Action! | Houston-Galveston Area Council \(H-GAC\)](#)

- Early Bird: \$200 (ends July 1)
- Regular: \$250

Why You Should Attend:

- Learn how your community can attract film projects and boost economic development.
- Discover how to become a Film Friendly Texas Certified Community and showcase your city's unique qualities.
- Hear from industry experts and peers on budgeting, planning, and coordinating film projects.
- Network with other community leaders and film professionals in a beautiful Gulf Coast setting.

Conference Overview:

- Wednesday, July 22: Afternoon session on permitting protocols followed by a gala reception and a short film screening.
- Thursday, July 23: Morning and afternoon sessions on discovering your region's unique qualities, hosting film crews, creative local incentives, and independent content creation.
- Friday, July 24: Morning sessions, including an overview of Texas Film Commission programs and part one of the FFTX certification workshop.

Council Member Betty Runkle will be attending this conference as representative for the City of Liberty.

B. Executive Session

At 5:04 p.m., Mayor Hebert closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

1. Texas Government Code §551.071 - Private Consultation with Attorney

Discussion with attorney regarding contemplated/pending litigation and/or regarding matters protected by attorney/client privilege.

2. Texas Government Code §551.072 - Deliberation Regarding Real Property

Discussion regarding real property.

3. Texas Government Code §551.074 - Personnel Matters.

To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

LCDC Board Member Appointments

Planning and Zoning Commission Appointments

4. Texas Government Code §551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

Discussion regarding economic development negotiations.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 6:12 p.m., Mayor Hebert closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Consider and take possible action on legal matters discussed in the executive session.

No action was taken.

2. Consider and take possible action on real estate matters discussed in the executive session.

No action was taken.

3. Consider and take possible action on personnel matters discussed in the executive session.

LCDC Board Member Appointments

Council Member Bell moved to appoint Barbara Norwood, Craig Vansau, Jay Shivers and Margaret Gardzina to the LCDC Board, and Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7 to 0, with all members present voting in favor.

Planning and Zoning Commission Appointments

Council Member Bell moved to appoint Barry Jones, David Reidland and Lauryn Lozano to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7 to 0, with all members present voting in favor.

4. Consider and take possible action on economic development matters discussed in the executive session.

No action was taken.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Hebert adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

John Hebert, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

April Gilliland, City Secretary