



MINUTES

Of A

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 10, 2018

The City Council of the City of Longview, Texas, met in a Regular Session, May 10, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building. Mayor Andy Mack presided.

Members present were:

Andy Mack
Ed Moore
Nona Snoddy
Wray Wade
Kristen Ishihara
David Wright
Steven Pirtle

Members absent were:

Staff members present were:

Keith Bonds, City Manager
Angie Shepard, City Secretary
Jim Finley, City Attorney
Michael Shirley, Director of Development Services
Rolin McPhee, Director of Public Works
Laura Hill, Director of Community Services
Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation
Angela Coen, Director of Financial Services
Mary Ann Miller, Director of Administration

Mike Bishop, Police Chief

J.P. Steelman, Fire Chief

I. Call to Order – Mayor Andy Mack called the meeting to order.

II. Invocation – Ben Andrus, Longview Police Department Chaplain gave the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Ben Andrus, Longview Police Department Chaplain led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Election Items

A. Presentation of Oath of Office to Mayor – Angie Shepard, City Secretary.

Angie Shepard, City Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Andy Mack.

B. Presentation of Oath of Office to Council Member Elect of District No. 1 – Angie Shepard, City Secretary.

Angie Shepard, City Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Elect of District No. 1, Ed Moore.

C. Presentation of Oath of Office to Council Member Elect of District No. 2 – Angie Shepard, City Secretary.

Angie Shepard, City Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Elect of District No. 2, Nona Snoddy.

V. Employee Recognition

Partners in Prevention

On Tuesday, May 1, our Partners in Prevention Team was presented with the ***Crystal Pineapple Award*** from the Junior League of Longview to recognize their "dedication to the Longview community and support of the Junior League."

Partners in Prevention has partnered with the Junior League through a variety of programs: For three years, the Junior League Skills for Success program matched their volunteers with the Forever Friends program through multiple activities and opportunities such as sponsoring Forever Friends mentees at Stars Over Longview, the Youth Empowerment Seminar and events at the League Center. Expanded opportunities provided discussions on healthy relationships, career options/plans after high school and interviewing / communication etiquette.

Additionally, Partners in Prevention worked with the Junior League to facilitate the annual Poverty Conference which reaches thousands of local educators and service providers and many League members have participated in Poverty Simulation Training provided by Partners in Prevention. Also, Partners in Prevention staff served on the League's Community Advisory Board for four years.

This community collaboration between two strong, dedicated and passionate organizations, both focused on making Longview a better place to live is a shining example about what partnering can achieve.

Would the representative from Partners in Prevention please come forward?

Holly Fuller
Lyndell McAllister
Bonnie Hull
Alicia Johnson
Patti Eason
Izrell Adams
Jasmine Stoker
Whitney Pierce
Erica Castloo
Garline Hillhouse

VI. Community Recognition Mayor Andy Mack recognized Julio Arriola for his service to the community. He does outstanding work with the PRCA Rodeo. Thank you Julio for all you do for the City of Longview.

VII. Presentation Item

Presentation of a proclamation commemorating National Police Memorial Day – Mayor Mack

VIII. Citizen Comment

There were no citizens in the audience asking to comment.

IX. Mayor Mack's Scholarship Recipients

Mayor Mack provides a scholarship to local students who have shown an attitude of service to the Longview community. Students in Longview, Pine Tree, Spring Hill and Hallsville High School are eligible to apply for a one-time \$2,000 scholarship to college. One scholarship will be awarded per high school to students for furthering their education. These funds, which total \$8,000, are coming out of the Mayor and Councilmember Ishihara's annual stipend.

The recipients must be a resident of the City of Longview (within the city limits of Longview, TX) and be a graduating senior from Longview, Pine Tree, Spring Hill, or Hallsville High School. The applications included a one-page essay on how they desire to make an impact on improving Longview.

Brett Parks scholarship recipient for Hallsville High School. Brett enjoys helping out in the community. He has volunteered at the animal shelter, picked up trash around the city and worked with the students at Hallsville ISD Elementary school. He has over 79 hours of community service and that number will continue to rise. Congratulations Brett Parks.

Hannah Miller recipient from Longview High School. Hannah plans to contribute to society by becoming a registered nurse and would like to serve in the pediatrics wing. She will be attending the University of Texas at Tyler to pursue her degree. Hannah works almost 25 hours a week while cheering, studying for several dual credit college classes and obtaining 3.47 GPA. Congratulations Hannah Miller.

Caroline Curfman is our Pine Tree High School recipient. Caroline has been helping the Longview community for many years. Since the age of 9, her family has been fostering children and has started a non-profit for foster families called Legacy Closet of Longview. She personally packs bags and makes deliveries to families that are caring for foster children. She loves Longview and loves serving her community.

Jacob Hill is our Spring Hill High School recipient. Jacob is a member of Boy Scout Troop 613 and has participated in many service projects in Longview. He has help with handicap ramps at Lear Park, renovated the gazebo at Magrill Plaza, built picnic tables and participated in roadside clean ups. Jacob will soon be an Adult Leader with Scout Troup 613, where he will help new Scouts leader to be leaders in our community. Congratulations Jacob Hill.

X. Public Safety Update

Police –

Chief Bishop: one of the good things that I get to do is recognize some of our officers and the great things they do. Recently I had the opportunity to recognize Alexander Chorba with the departments Meritorious Conduct Award. Officer Chorba was off duty but still apprehension of suspects in a robbery. This nomination came from his peers and I want to congratulate Offer Choba for a job well done.

Another award I was able to give out of Civic Achievement Award to Officer Kristie Brian. Officer Brian was nominated by her supervisor for the work she had ones over the years in the Women's Safety Course. We have had many women here in Longview to take the course that is designed for women. Kristie put this course together from the ground up. She started this in 2008 and this has become one of our biggest attending public outreaches that we do. I want to thank Officer Brian for all the effort she puts into this course.

The past few months we have had several retirements, which have created some vacancies in the department. We have been going through a very rigorous interview process for Lieutenant and Sergeant. I'm proud to announce that tomorrow at 2:00 we will have a promotional ceremony to prompt:

Lieutenant Promotion to Shane McCarter
Sergeant Promotion to Andrew Allison
Sergeant Promotion Jeremy Higginbotham

Summertime is coming up and children will be out of school and we are getting ready to kick off another one of our summer camps, The Police Explorers camp, anyone that might be interested in police work or the Police Explorer program we will have a camp June 18-21. We do charge \$30 and lunch will be provided and we also have a T-shirt at the completion of the camp.

Save the Date for Giants of Law Enforcement, May 15 at Maude Cobb Activity Center, for tickets contact Karen Grisham at 903.237.1100. Ticket prices is \$15.00,

XI. Consent Agenda

A. Consider a Resolution awarding a contract authorizing and directing the Acting City Manager or the Acting City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents with James D. White Electric, Inc., of White Oak, Texas, in the amount of \$119,750 for the construction of the Sabine Raw Water Pump Station Switchgear Replacement Project

Rolin McPhee, P.E., Director of Public Works was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$119,750 to James D. White Electric, Inc., of White Oak, Texas, for the construction of the referenced project. The following bids were opened on April 24th, 2018:

Bidder	Amount
James D. White Electric, Inc White Oak, Texas	\$119,750
Arriba Constructors, LLC Katy, Texas	\$140,000
Ludco, Inc., Nacogdoches, Texas	\$164,350
Minton Electrical Co. Inc., Jasper, Texas	\$165,000

This project provides for the replacement of the existing service lateral and the replacement of the existing Main Switchboard for Raw Water Pumps #1, #2 and #3 including the replacement of the feeder wiring for the Raw Water Pumps.

Electrical Expertise Inc. has examined the low bid and the qualifications of the bidder, and recommends award of the contract to James D. White Electric, Inc. Staff concurs with their recommendation.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE BID OF JAMES D. WHITE ELECTRIC, INC., OF WHITE OAK, TEXAS, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED "SABINE RAW WATER PUMP STATION SWITCHGEAR REPLACEMENT"; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING

THE ACTING CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND JAMES D. WHITE ELECTRIC, INC., FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROJECT; DETERMINING THAT THE CITY COMPLIED WITH ALL APPLICABLE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS IN ACCEPTING SAID BID; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5324 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

B. Consider approval of the following minutes: April 12, 2018 and April 26, 2018

Angie Shepard, City Secretary was present and requested the Council consider the approval of the April 12 and April 26, 2018 minutes.

MOTION: Council Member Ishihara made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

XII. Zoning – Public Hearing Items

- A. A PUBLIC HEARING will be held to consider application #S18-01 filed by 3084 N. Eastman Rd, LLC requesting a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a restaurant with a drive-thru window in a General Retail Zoning District for Lot 4 Block A Longview Towne Crossing located at 3084 North Eastman Road**

Angela Choy, AICP, City Planner. THIS ITEM REQUIRES A PUBLIC HEARING.

APPLICATION # S18-01

STAFF REPORT
May 10, 2018

APPLICANT: 3084 N. Eastman Road, LLC
LOCATION: Approximately 0.9167 acres of Lot 4, Block A Longview Towne Crossing located at 3084 N. Eastman Road
REQUEST: Specific Use Permit for restaurant with a drive-thru window

	<u>ZONING</u>	<u>LAND USE</u>
SUBJECT PARCEL	GR & S14-01	Restaurant with private club
NORTH	GR & S12-01	Restaurant with drive-thru window
SOUTH	GR & S11-02	Restaurant with drive-thru window
WEST	PD16-09	City Park
EAST	GR	Retail Stores

COUNCIL DISTRICT:
District 4 – Council Member Kristen Ishihara

FUTURE LAND USE:
The Comprehensive Plan designates this area for Retail (RET).

STAFF COMMENTS:
The applicant is requesting a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a restaurant with a drive-thru window in a General Retail (GR) zoning district. A Specific Use Permit is required for drive-thru windows within GR zoning districts to ensure no negative impact on surrounding properties.

This property already has a SUP for a restaurant with a private club and was approved in 2014. A SUP for a private club allows for onsite consumption of alcoholic beverages with GR zoning districts.

North Eastman Road is a TXDOT roadway and principal arterial. Principal arterials are designed to provide a high degree of mobility, service relatively high traffic volumes, have high operational speeds and service a significant portion of through travel. Retail use is appropriate for this area, as long as access management is followed. Staff finds the proposed zoning change is consistent with future land use map and surrounding uses.

MOTION: Council Member Ishihara made a motion the following Ordinance be approved:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ORDINANCE NO. 96, AS AMENDED, WHICH SAID ORDINANCE ADOPTS THE ZONING REGULATIONS, USE DISTRICTS, AND A ZONING MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE ZONING AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO-WIT: THAT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) IS HEREBY GRANTED TO ALLOW FOR A RESTAURANT WITH A DRIVE-THRU WINDOW IN GENERAL RETAIL (GR) ZONING DISTRICT FOR LOT 4, BLOCK A LONGVIEW TOWNE CROSSING, LOCATED AT 3084 NORTH EASTMAN ROAD AND CONFIRMING THE CONITNUATION OF A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR A RESTAURANT WITH PRIVATE CLUB AT THE SAME LOCATION; FINDING THAT THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE PASSED COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PROVIDING THAT VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT AS VIOLATIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION A FINE OF UP TO \$2,000.00 PER VIOLATION; REPEALING OTHER PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Moore seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Ordinance is No. 4160 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

C. A PUBLIC HEARING will be held to consider application #S18-02 filed by Ali Sayani requesting a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a convenience store / gas station with a drive-thru window in a General Retail Zoning District for Lots 2 & 3, Block 1, Terrace Gardens located at 1708 South Mobberly Avenue

Angela Choy, AICP, City Planner. THIS ITEM REQUIRES A PUBLIC HEARING.

APPLICATION # S18-02

**STAFF REPORT
May 10, 2018**

APPLICANT: Ali Sayani
LOCATION: Approximately 0.5165 acres of Lots 2 & 3, Block 1 Terrace Gardens located at 1708 S. Mobberly Avenue
REQUEST: Specific Use Permit for a convenience store / gas station with a drive-thru window

	<u>ZONING</u>	<u>LAND USE</u>
SUBJECT PARCEL	GR	Gas Station with Convenience Store
NORTH	GR	Retail Business
SOUTH	GR	Vacant
WEST	GR	Restaurant & Vacant property
EAST	SF-4	Dentist

COUNCIL DISTRICT:
District 2 – Council Member Nona Snoddy

FUTURE LAND USE:
The Comprehensive Plan designates this area for Retail (RET).

STAFF COMMENTS:
The applicant is requesting a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a restaurant with a drive-thru window in General Retail (GR) zoning district. A Specific Use Permit is required for drive-thru windows within GR zoning districts to ensure no negative impact on surrounding properties.

The applicant has indicated that the drive-thru window will be for the sale of alcoholic beverages, pre-packaged food and drinks, prepared hot food, and other items.

Mobberly Avenue and Birdsong Street are minor arterial roadways. Minor arterial roads are high-capacity urban roads and the primary function of minor arterial roads is to deliver traffic between lower classification roadways and principal arterials and freeways. Retail use is appropriate for this area, as long as access management is followed. Staff finds the proposed zoning change is consistent with future land use map and surrounding uses.

MOTION: Council Member Snoddy made a motion the following Ordinance be approved:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ORDINANCE NO. 96, AS AMENDED, WHICH SAID ORDINANCE ADOPTS THE ZONING REGULATIONS, USE DISTRICTS, AND A ZONING MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE ZONING AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO-WIT: THAT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) IS HEREBY GRANTED TO ALLOW FOR A CONVENIENCE STORE / GAS STATION WITH A DRIVE-THRU WINDOW IN A GENERAL RETAIL ZONING DISTRICT FOR LOTS 2 & 3, BLOCK 1, TERRACE GARDENS LOCATED AT 1708 SOUTH MOBBERLY AVENUE; FINDING THAT THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE PASSED COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PROVIDING THAT VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT AS VIOLATIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION A FINE OF UP TO \$2,000.00 PER VIOLATION; REPEALING OTHER PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Ishihara seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Ordinance is No. 4161 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

D. A PUBLIC HEARING will be held to consider application #HL18-01 filed by Alton Plaza LLC requesting a Local Historic Landmark Designation for a structure known as the Petroleum Building located at 202 E. Whaley Street

Angela Choy, AICP, City Planner. THIS ITEM REQUIRES A PUBLIC HEARING.

APPLICATION # HL18-01

**STAFF REPORT
May 10, 2018**

APPLICANT: Alton Plaza LLC
HISTORIC NAME: Petroleum Building
LOCATION: 202 E. Whaley Street
REQUEST: Local Historic Landmark Designation

COUNCIL DISTRICT:
District 3 – Council Member Wray Wade

STAFF COMMENTS:
The Alton Plaza LLC Foundation is requesting a Local Historic Landmark Designation for the Petroleum Building. This will be Longview's sixth local landmark if approved.

This building is located at the southeast corner of Fredonia and Whaley Street, addressed as 202 E. Whaley Street. The Petroleum Building contributes to Longview's iconic position within the East Texas Oilfield industry. This building also represents a positive adaptive reuse of a building, for it had previously been utilized as a parking garage and office building.

The Petroleum Building is a five-story building, originally constructed as the DownTown Auto Park parking garage in 1953. This structure was sold to Earl Hollandsworth and Lee Travis on October 20, 1954 for a cost of around \$1,250,000.

Earl Hollandsworth and Lee Travis were two influential East Texas businessmen who developed their drilling company, Hollandsworth Drilling Company, into one of the largest such companies in the Southwest region. Their operations extended into

Colorado, Utah, Indiana, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. By 1954, Hollandsworth and Travis operated under the name of Earlee Industries. They purchased the DownTown Auto Park, the precursor to the Petroleum Building.

By 1956, this building was converted into an office building. At the time, the building housed a coffee shop and jewelry store on the ground floor. Offices were installed on the upper floors and included tenants such as accountants, drilling companies, oil operators, and other oil-related businesses, attorneys, and insurance agencies. This building was occupied into the 1970's.

The Petroleum Building is a noted Modern Movement architectural product of the Texas architectural firm Wilson, Morris, Crain & Anderson. A notable partner in the firm was local architect B.W. Crain who built many buildings in Longview. This firm was established following World War II. The firm designed and constructed numerous housing developments, as post-war economic demand surged. Through the late 1940's and early 1950's, the firm graduated from residential endeavors to commercial designs. Notable works include buildings at the University of Texas and at Rice University, the corporate headquarters of Southwestern Bell, Houston Power and Light, and Texaco, the Houston Post (later Houston Chronicle) building, and the Downtown Houston Post Office, among others. The firm's most known contribution was the design and construction of the Houston Astrodome (NRHP 2014). Other local examples include the Longview National Bank (1959) and a plant and offices for Udell, Inc. (1960).

The Modern Movement in architectural design captures the prevailing thought and advances in technology from 1920 through 1970. As a discipline, the architecture remained rooted in the fundamental concerns of the interrelation of light, space, and texture; however, practitioners adopted pragmatic approaches as far as designs were concerned. The movement's buildings are characterized by straightforward expression, a newfound awareness of the environment, structural honesty, and functional integrity. Features of this type of design include the incorporation of mass-produced and prefabricated elements, especially when it was to include designs surrounding the every expanding use of personal automobiles.

Local Historic Landmarks must meet one or more of the criteria listed in section 26-105, Criteria for Designation of a Local Historic Landmark. The Petroleum Building meets several of these criteria, such as possessing significance with respect to the history, culture, economy, social fabric and architecture of Longview. It also embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type, period or method of construction and represents the work of a builder that has influenced development of the city and state. The Petroleum Building is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the city and state. Also, it has value as an aspect of community sentiment, cultural association, historic heritage and public pride. Due to its historical, economic, architectural, and cultural significance, the

Planning and Zoning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, and staff recommend that this structure be designated a Local Historic Landmark.

MOTION: Council Member Moore made a motion the following Ordinance be approved:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE STRUCTURE KNOWN AS THE PETROLEUM BUILDING LOCATED AT 202 EAST WHALEY STREET AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 26 OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 96 OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AS AMENDED); FINDING THAT THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING, THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING, AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE PASSED COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PROVIDING THAT VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT AS VIOLATIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION A FINE OF UP TO \$2,000.00 PER VIOLATION; REPEALING OTHER PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Ishihara seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Ordinance is No. 4162 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

XIII. Action Item

Consider a Resolution appointing the Mayor Pro Tem – Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Mack requested the approval of a resolution appoint Councilman David Wright, District 5 as Mayor Pro Tem.

MOTION: Council Member Ishihara made a motion the following Resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ELECTING AND APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID WRIGHT AS MAYOR PRO TEM; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Resolution No. 5325 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

XIV. Items of Community Interest

Mayor Mack:

Our Summer Reading Club encourages kids to keep reading throughout the summer and is a way for them to have tons of fun. This free program for 18 and under begins the second week in June and ends the last week in July. It all begins with a Kick-Off Party on the Library Plaza, where we will have fun foam, a bouncy house, a DJ, popcorn and ice cream, sidewalk chalk, and lots more. All summer long, there are fun activities for families to do. Come to the Library to sign up or register online at LongviewTexas.gov/SRC

The Longview Fire Department and Partners in Prevention invite students from Longview and surrounding areas to participate in the **Heroes Of Tomorrow Summer Camp**, also called HOT Camp. This one-day camp provides a fun, hands-on experience introducing area youth to career opportunities within the Longview Fire Department,

such as Water and High Angle Rescue, Fire, Hazmat, and Emergency Medical Services. JR. HOT Camp for 6th to 8th Grade Students is Saturday, June 16th and HOT Camp for 9th to 12th Grade Students is Saturday, July 21st. Registration for HOT Camp is underway at LongviewTexas.gov/HotCamp or by calling 903-237-1119.

Longview Parks and Rec is registering now for Summer Learn to Swim classes. They offer private, semi-private and group classes for ages 6 months to adults. Learn more at LongviewTexas.gov/LTS or call 903-237-1270.

Upcoming Events: There are several upcoming events throughout the Longview community.

Junkin' in the Pines spring sale is May 11 and 12th off of FM 2011, near the Gregg County Airport. This is two day multi-vendor antique barn and shed sale that you will not want to miss. The entry fee is \$5 per person, kids 12 and under are free and parking is free.

Make plans to see Theatre Longview's new play: The Foreigner. What does a shy Englishman in search of rest do when he visits a fishing lodge in America? In Larry Shue's hilarious farce, Charlie Baker, a proofreader by day and a boring husband by night, adopts the persona of a "foreigner" who doesn't understand English. When others begin to speak freely around him, he not only becomes privy to secrets both dangerous and frivolous, he also discovers the adventurous extrovert within. Performance dates are May 17 through 20th at Grace Crossing Methodist Church.

Come see the Gala of the Royal Horses at the Longview Rodeo Arena on Saturday, May 19th or Sunday, May 20th. The Royal Horses of Europe are some of the most celebrated in history, favored for centuries by royalty, equestrian riders and bullfighters and this performance will celebrate the tradition, athleticism and grace of these revered creatures. Tickets are available online at monumentaltix.com. Tickets will also be available at the gate but get there early! This event is very popular. Gates open one hour prior to showtimes.

For more information on any of these events, please check out the calendar at VisitLongviewTexas.com or for City events visit LongviewTexas.gov/calendar

XIV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Angie Shepard
City Secretary

