



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, July 31, 2018

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	Arrived
Mayor Carl Pickett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mayor Pro Tem Diane Huddleston	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councilperson Dennis Beasley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councilperson Libby Simonson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councilperson David Arnold	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councilperson Paul Glazener	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councilperson Chipper Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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 # 4179)

Mayor, Council and Staff Comments

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Information Item (ID # 4180)

Discussion of the City's Code of Ordinances with respect to Recreational Vehicle occupancy, storage, designated areas, and other related issues.

2. Information Item (ID # 4181)

Review and discussion of a proposed new purchasing policy.

3. Ordinance 2018-17

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS REGULATING THE SPEED ON STATE MAINTAINED HIGHWAY 146N IN THE CITY OF LIBERTY, LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION, AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT ALL ORDINANCES BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS.

- Agenda Form - Speed Limits-SH 146N (DOCX)

B. Executive Session

Gov. Code §551.072 - Deliberation Regarding Real Property.

1. Discussion of the purchase of real property.

Gov. Code §551.074 - Personnel Matters.

2. Discussion related to the City Manager Search.

Gov. Code §551.071 - Private consultation with Attorney

3. Contemplated/Pending Litigation-Discussion of the Humphreys Cultural Center.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session**1. Council Action (ID # 4183)**

Consider and take action, if any, on the purchase of real property, as discussed in the Executive Session.

2. Council Action (ID # 4184)

Consider and take action, if any, on the City Manager Search, as discussed in the Executive Session.

3. Council Action (ID # 4185)

Consider and take action, if any, on issues related to the Humphreys Cultural Center, as discussed in the Executive Session.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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 25th day of July, 2018 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

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 _____, 2018.



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Meeting: 07/31/18 06:00 PM

Department: Administration
Category: Miscellaneous Issues

INFORMATION ITEM (ID # 4179)

DOC ID: 4179



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4.A.1

Meeting: 07/31/18 06:00 PM

Department: Administration
Category: Vehicles

INFORMATION ITEM (ID # 4180)

DOC ID: 4180



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4.A.2

Meeting: 07/31/18 06:00 PM

Department: Administration
Category: Policy Issues

INFORMATION ITEM (ID # 4181)

DOC ID: 4181



ORDINANCE 2018-17

DOC ID: 4182 A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS REGULATING THE SPEED ON STATE MAINTAINED HIGHWAY 146 NORTH IN THE CITY OF LIBERTY, LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION, AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT ALL ORDINANCES BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Liberty, Texas (the “City”) has the authority to alter by ordinance prima fascia speed limits for a highway or part of a highway in the municipality, including a highway of the state highway system, from the results of an engineering or traffic investigation in accordance with section 545.356 of the Texas Transportation Code; and

WHEREAS, the City may be requested by the Texas Department of Transportation or other duly authorized governmental agencies to consider amendment of speed zones; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation recently made radar checks to reestablish the speed zones on State Highway 146 North; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of the City Council, the City adopts the speed limits as specified in the attached Speed Zone Strip Map.

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

Section 1. Upon the basis of a Texas Department of Transportation Traffic and Speed Survey, the maximum legal speed limits of all vehicles, traveling on the following highway shall be as set forth in the zones as shown on the Attached Speed Zone Strip Map. A copy of said Speed Zone Strip Map is attached to this Ordinance.

HIGHWAY	SURVEY DATE
MP 27.581 - 29.647 (Mizell Rd.) Reduces the speed zone to 50 mph	May 25, 2017
MP 29.647 (Mizell Rd.) - 29.987 Extends the 45 mph speed zone	May 25, 2017

Section 2. Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance or who shall neglect to comply with the terms hereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined. Each time the maximum speed in each zone is violated, will constitute a separate offense.

Section 3. Any and all Ordinances of the City of Liberty in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the its passage and publication.

Section 5. That the requirement contained in Section 3.10 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Liberty, Texas that all ordinances be read on two separate days is hereby dispensed with.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Liberty, Texas this the 31st day of July, 2018.

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary

CITY OF LIBERTY

City Council Agenda Item Form

Council Meeting Date: July 31, 2018
Agenda Item No. IV.A.1
Agenda Item: City Council consider an ordinance establishing the speed limit on SH 146 from MP (Mile Post) 27.581 to MP 29.647 (Mizell Road) to 50 mph and extending the 45 mph zone from MP 29.647 (Mizell Road) south to MP 29.987 per the Texas Department of Transportation speed survey dated May 25, 2017.
Department: Public Works
Subject: SH 146 Speed Limits
Background: The City had requested the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to conduct a traffic study on SH 146 from Loop 227 to the northern City Limits. Within this section of roadway there were thirty-one (31) accidents during a three-year period. Of those thirty-one accidents, ten involved personal injury and there was one fatality. Based on the results of their May 25, 2017 speed survey, TxDOT is requesting the City to approve an ordinance adopting a speed limit of 50 mph from MP 27.581 to MP 29.647 (Mizell Road) and extending the 45 mph speed zone from MP 29.647 (Mizell Road) to MP 29.987. A copy of the proposed Speed Zone Strip Map is attached.
Fiscal Impact: NA
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the ordinance reducing the speed limit on SH 146.
Purpose: The purpose of the speed limit reduction to 50 mph and extending the existing speed zone on SH 146 is to reduce the severity and number of accidents along this section of roadway.

Attachment: Agenda Form - Speed Limits-SH 146N (ORD-2018-17 : Regulating Speed-Hwy. 146N)



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4.C.1

Meeting: 07/31/18 06:00 PM

Department: Administration
Category: Property Purchase

COUNCIL ACTION (ID # 4183)

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4.C.2

Meeting: 07/31/18 06:00 PM

Department: Administration
Category: Employee Issues

COUNCIL ACTION (ID # 4184)

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4.C.3

Meeting: 07/31/18 06:00 PM

Department: Administration
Category: Library Misc.

COUNCIL ACTION (ID # 4185)

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