



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR
MINUTES
of
MAY 11, 2020**

City Council Regular Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, May 11, 2020, beginning immediately following the City Council Workshop that began at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hocking called the Workshop to order at 6:42 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Bobby Hocking	Mayor
Keith Bell	Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilmember District A
Chris Lane	Councilmember, District B
Robert Michetich	Councilmember, District C
Casey Mc Auliffe	Councilwoman, District D

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Charles "Tink" Jackson	City Manager
Robin Eldridge	City Clerk
Kierra Nance	Deputy City Clerk
Derra Purnell	Acting City Attorney

(3) MINUTES

- a. Workshop Minutes of March 9, 2020
- b. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2020
- c. Emergency Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2020

****** Councilmember Lane made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council Workshop and Regular meetings held on March 9, 2020 and the Emergency meeting minutes of March 13, 2020.

****** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded, after a roll call vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(4) CONSENT

- a. Consider recommendation to accept the Quarterly Investment Report for First Quarter 2020
- b. Consider recommendation to adopt Resolution No. **R-2020-0005**, to deny Texas-New Mexico Power's electric rate increase request for the maximum period allowed by law
- c. Consider recommendation to approve a Final Plat of Landing at Delany Cove Section 12, a subdivision of 16.368 acres located in S.F. Austin League No. 4 Survey, A-2, City of La Marque, Galveston County, Texas
- d. Consider recommendation relating to accept the City of La Marque Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as of fiscal year ended September 30, 2019
- e. Consider recommendation to approve agreement with MVBA LLC dba Accounts Receivable Collections Group to assist with EMS delinquent collection services
- f. Consider recommendation to approve agreement with MVBA LLC dba Accounts Receivable Collections Group to assist with utility delinquent collection services
- g. Consider recommendation to adopt Resolution No. **R-2020-0006**, consenting to the inclusion of land into Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 68

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded, after a roll call vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(5) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider recommendation to adopt Ordinance No. **O-2020-0003**, amending the fiscal year 2019-20 Budget Disaster Fund for COVID-19 crisis by increasing various accounts' expenditures as set forth in Exhibit "A" **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-2020-0003 on the First reading.

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. After a roll call vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- b. Consider recommendation for current and future use for the ABC Buildings and property located at 4916 FM 1765

** It was the consensus of Council for staff to get numbers together from the workshop and have on the following agenda.

- c. Consider recommendation relating to job description for proposed in-house City Attorney position

- ** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to post and approve the in-house City Attorney position
- ** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. After a roll call vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- d. Consider recommendation relating to creation/adoption of an Ethics Ordinance for the City of La Marque
- ** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to schedule a Workshop for Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to further discuss the Ethics Ordinance
- ** Councilwoman McAuliffe seconded. After a roll call vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- e. Discussion/possible action relating to formalizing a letter to the Governor and/or others requesting property tax valuations be maintained at 2019 values
- ** Councilmember Michetich made a motion formalizing a letter to the Governor and/or others requesting property tax valuations be maintained at 2019, and suggested it to be sent to the Appraisal District as well.
- ** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. After a roll call vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- f. Consider recommendation relating to ratify Emergency Business Retention Program expenditures
- ** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to ratify Emergency Business Retention Program expenditures
- ** Councilmember Michetich seconded. After a roll call vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- g. Discussion relating to additional funding opportunities under the Emergency Business Retention Program
- ** Mayor Hocking made a motion to approve additional funding opportunities and appointed Mayor Pro-Tem Bell to the Selection Committee of the Emergency Business T Retention Program
- ** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. After a roll call vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- (6) **APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. Discussion/possible action regarding appointments and/or reappointments to fill various positions of the Boards and Commissions

There were no appointments

(7) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hocking expressed condolence to the family of Lloyd Criss - State Representative for the region and chairman of the Democratic Party as well as a past La Marque Councilmember

Councilwoman Mc Auliffe asked that discussion of the purchase of the ABC building be on the next agenda; she expressed her gratefulness to the municipal leadership and staff. Asked all to act as if the virus is far from over, and each should be doing anything individually to not spread the virus.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell echoed Mayors condolences for Lloyd Criss. Asked for a meeting with the City Manager, Police Chief, Constable Rose, and TCPD for something can attack the criminal elements (recent drug and gang related violence)

Councilmember Michetich hoped that all had a happy Mother's Day

City Manager wished Mayor a happy birthday the following day. (May 12)

(8) ADJOURNMENT

****** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

****** Councilwoman McAuliffe seconded. **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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