CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
MEETING MINUTES
of
December 7, 2020

City Council Minutes of the Special Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. **via teleconference (ZOOM)** for the purpose of considering the following agenda**:**

(1) CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Hocking called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Bobby Hocking	Mayor
Keith Bell	Mayor Pro-Tem – 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
Derra Purnell	City Attorney
Robin Eldridge	City Clerk

(3) CITIZENS COMMENTS
There was none

(4) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Resolution No. **R-2020-0022,** canceling the December 15, 2020 Run-Off Election for City Councilmember District "B", previously called by Resolution No. R-2020-0021; declaring Run-off candidate unopposed and elected to office pursuant to the Texas Election Code; and providing an effective date

** Councilmember Lane made a motion to adopt
** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe
** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked why the newly could not be sworn in tonight and have to wait until a January meeting to be duly sworn into his newly elected position.

City Attorney Derra Purnell referred to Election Code Section 2.053 (e) relating to time and manner and having an unopposed candidate for a Run-off election. As per our Charter, Mr. Compian cannot begin his duties following what would have been a special meeting. This Council does have the power to call a special meeting after what would have been the run-off election, which would have been December 15, 2020. Calling a special meeting for after this date was discussed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. Discussion/possible action to adopt Ordinance **No. O-2020-0019**, abandoning two portions of public right-of-way near Hallam Road and Delany Road and authorizing conveyance of said rights-of-way to the adjacent property owner ***THIS IS THE FIRST READING***

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2020-0019 on the First reading

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

c. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2020-0020** – adopting 2018 Building Codes ***THIS IS THE FIRST READING***

** Councilmember Lane made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2020-0020 on the First reading

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded

** Councilmember Michetich asked if sprinkler systems were going to be required in newly built homes and was told that this was not part of this ordinance. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

d. Discussion/possible action to approve the annual purchase of surface water from Gulf Coast Water Authority

It was said that this item will be addressed after the Executive Session – **(please see below)**

Mayor Hocking closed the Special Meeting and convened into the Executive Session at 6:14 p.m.

(5) EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney); and Section 551.086 (Economic Development)

Mayor Hocking reconvened to the Special meeting at 6:55 p.m.

(6) ACTION TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discussion/possible action regarding the annual Gulf Coast Water Authority contract for purchase of water

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to direct the City Manager to accept the additional offer for water allocations and to negotiate future allocations of water to our City as it relates to our five- year water lease.

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(7) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none

(8) ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of Council adjourn the Special meeting at 6:57 p.m.

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