



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MINUTES
of
DECEMBER 14, 2020**

City Council Workshop Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, December 14, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference (ZOOM) with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hocking called the Workshop to order at 6:00 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	City Attorney

(3) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. Lois Carelock shared a few concerns: asked what kind of business will be constructed at 714 Bayou Road item (6b); asked for the City Manager to return her phone call, she has reached out to him, but hasn't heard back from him. Then asked when City Hall would be open again for regular business.
2. Don Johnson, read his credentials in reference to his asking for Mayor to appoint him to the Harris- Galveston County Subsidence District Board. He has been on this Board previously for several years. The deadline for this appointment is February 2021.

(4) **CONSENT**

- a. Discussion relating to accepting the quarterly investment reports for Third Quarter 2020

After a brief description, there was no other discussion.

(5) **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding Galveston County invoices for COVID-19 testing in the amount of \$118,715.16

After a brief discussion, there were the same concerns as in the previous meetings on this particular item, as no backup explaining the invoice, discrepancy in amounts of the tests.

(6) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion relating to approving final plat for Mainland Partial Replat No. 1 located near 601 Delany Road, La Marque, Texas

After a description there was no further discussion.

- b. Discussion relating to adopting Ordinance No. **O-2020-0021**, changing the zoning district for property at or near 714 Bayou Road from (C-2) Restricted Commercial to (C-1) General Commercial **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

After a description, it was mentioned that retail sales of car parts and also a mechanic shop (hot rod shop); fencing requirements have already been discussed with the permitting staff; noise ordinance was also explained to the applicants; some of the surrounding areas include c-1 and c-2 businesses; no one has responded yet from any adjacent property owners with this request

- c. Discussion relating to adopting Resolution No. **R-2020-0023**, TCAP's professional services agreement and GEXA Energy's commercial electric service agreement for power to be provided on and after January 1, 2023

After a brief description of the proposed services agreement, there were no other comments at this time. The representative had not joined the ZOOM meeting at this time (See item 8c on the Regular Agenda minutes)

- d. Discussion relating to approval of diversity promotion language for use in City contracts and procurement documents

This item was asked for from Councilwoman Mc Auliffe earlier the year, and some draft language was presented to the Councilmembers and Councilwoman asked that one thing be added and that be "diversity/inclusion" be included in the future contracts and procurement documents.

- e. Discussion relating to accepting the resignation and retirement of Municipal Judge Baker and authorizing the City Manager to post a Request for Qualifications to fill the position as needed

After a brief description, two things were asked for: what the compensation will look like and also give Council the top three applicants to also interview. The City Attorney added that there could be the need to have an Interim Judge appointed soon while going through this process.

(7) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requests by Mayor and Council Members for items to be placed on future City Council agendas and announcements on city events/community interests TEX. GOV'T CODE §551.415. (b), "items of community interest" includes:

- (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolences;*
- (2) information regarding holiday schedules;*
- (3) an honorary or salutory recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutory recognition for purposes of this subdivision;*
- (4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body;*
- (5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality or county; and*
- (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality or county that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.*

(8) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hocking adjourned the Workshop at 6:35 p.m.

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