



**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL  
MEETING MINUTES  
of  
December 16, 2020**

City Council Minutes of the Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 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**

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| 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:**

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| Charles "Tink" Jackson | City Manager  |
| Derra Purnell          | City Attorney |
| Robin Eldridge         | City Clerk    |

**(3) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - NA**

**(4) OATH OF OFFICE**

- a. Administer Oath of Office and Certificate of Election for Councilmember District "B" .

Mayor Hocking administered the Oath of Office and provided the Certificate of Election to the new Councilmember for District "B", Joe Compian

**(5) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

New Councilmember Joe Compian thanked Chris Lane for his term of service and added he had some big shoes to fill with his initiatives and will continue to collaborate with others in the community. "I recognize the seriousness of assuming my duties as a Councilperson here and joining you Mr. Mayor and the other Councilmembers. La Marque is a beautiful place because it is amplified by

its residents and by public servants, our business community and our school alumni that are spread out all across this world. I pray that God will bless us all as we continue to build relationships in the City of La Marque so that we are welcoming, vibrant and always a growing community that I have grown up with and have had the pleasure of living here.”

Mayor Pro- Tem Bell congratulated Councilmember Joe Compian. “I have known Joe for several years, we have worked together in several different aspects of our great little community, and I wanted to say something to you directly, congratulations and I am excited and looking forward to working with you. I know that you will do a good job in representing the citizens of District B, and I can’t wait to see the work that you will do. But I wanted to say something to my friend, who is departing officially tonight. Councilmember Lane, I have worked with you for six years, and I didn’t know you when we first starting working together, so I had to get to know you to understand who you were and what your intentions were. As I have gotten to know you over these six years, you have moved far past merely a colleague of mine and I want you to know that I consider you not only a friend, but I consider you a close friend. I have watched you represent your District with integrity, I have watched you work with this Council with integrity, character and conviction and I have watched you do a tremendous job for this city, but primarily, I have watched you do a tremendous job for the young people of our city. We owe you a tremendous debt, for the infrastructure you have put in place, for our young people. Let me leave you with this thought, let me say this to you and Mayor Hocking, because we are similar in our political approach, I believe he would agree. There are two types of elected officials, there is the type that is gifted in communicating with the masses in a corporate setting, great public speakers and that would be the category that the Mayor and I would probably fall in. But there are politicians who are so great in communicating one on one, constituent to constituent that they can far exceed the impact other politicians are able to realize, and Chris I want you to know that you are a great communicator. You communicate differently than people like myself and Mayor. But the way that I watch you communicate with your constituents, says that you are one of the greatest communicators that this Council has ever had, and I want you to know that. I wish you well, and I am going to continue to bug you and ask you to help me in any way that you possibly can. I wish you well brother and I want you know it was a pleasure working with you.”

Councilwoman McAuliffe added, “I want to piggy-back on that and wanted to reiterate what I said on Monday night, and that is that I have been so deeply grateful for Councilman Lanes friendship and insight and encouragement during my first term as a Councilwoman and just that you are going to be so incredibly missed. You have left such a good impression.”

It has been such an absolute pleasure to welcome you Joe and I look forward to working with you, I think we are going to make some good municipal magic happen here and I look forward to working with a team of smarties like ya’ll.”

Councilmember Michetich said, “Joe, as we previously discussed, man, I am glad to see you here, and you know you have my full support from here on out and in the future, anything that you need.”

Councilmember Lane said, “It has been a pleasure.”

Mayor Hocking added, “As Casey said, I will stand on what I said about you and to you on Monday, and I concur with everything that Mayor Pro-Tem has said and what all the Council has said. I am going to miss you and I am especially going to miss the laugh, which is the most unique laugh I have ever heard in my life. We have some serious moments and we have had some fun and laughter, and so God’s speed to you as you go.”

Welcome to you Joe, and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year, we will see you on January 11<sup>th</sup> and this meeting is hereby adjourned God Bless you all.”

**(6) ADJOURNMENT**

Special Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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