LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER
President Ron Crowder called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Ron Crowder, President	Bobby Hocking
Gene Smith, Secretary	Deanie Barrett
Louis "Mac" McGaffey	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. Regular Meeting of August 16, 2018
Board member Smith made a motion to approve. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT
a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report
Finance Director Kou stated that sales tax is up 4-5% over FY 2017. Financial report stood as submitted.

5. PRESENTATION
b. Chief Kirk Jackson & Lieutenant Chad Waggoner; LMPD
Chief Jackson stated that violent crime is down 24% from 2017 which was down 24% from 2016. He appreciated the EDC considering the improvement project. $24,000 was budgeted by Council for this item. The Trex fencing will secure and be a visual barrier for cars that are held as evidence. Lieutenant Waggoner stated the Trex fence and wrought iron would exceed their budget by roughly $30,000. Chairman Crowder stated he liked the combination of materials but asked them to explore some brick options and return at the October meeting with pricing.

6. NEW BUSINESS
a. Discussion/possible action regarding Resolution No. R-2018-0024 amending authorized signatures on EDC bank account(s)
After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to approve Resolution R-2018-0024. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Discussion/possible action to delete necessary TexPool representatives

c. Discussion/possible action regarding the TexPool Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives

New business items b & c were taken together. After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to approve deleting necessary TexPool representatives and approving the Resolution that amends authorized representatives. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Discussion/possible action regarding the request for qualifications (RFQ) for hiring an auditing firm

After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to approve moving forward with the RFQ. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Discussion/possible action to hire a contractor to abate asbestos mastic and other associated costs (Asbestos Reporting Unit (ARU), air testing) at 401 Laurel

After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to award the bid to Texas Environmental Control and pay for the other associated costs. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Discussion/possible action regarding a ground lease for 210 Highway 3

After a brief discussion regarding the property and the opportunity to lease or sell, Board member Smith made a motion to table. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

g. Discussion/possible action to assist the La Marque Police Department in order to improve their fence project

After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to table. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

h. Discussion/possible action regarding Causeway Park

After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to have the executive director meet with a couple of the land owners to discuss their plans. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

i. Discussion/possible action to send the Executive Director and interested Board members to the TEDC sales tax workshop on November 9, 2018

Board member Smith made a motion to send the executive director and interested board members to the TEDC sales tax workshop. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

j. Discussion/possible action to clear the combined 1.4+- acres the City and EDC own next to 4525 Gulf Freeway

After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to clear the 1.4+- acres. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

k. Discussion/possible action to move the November meeting up one week to November 8, 2018

Board member Smith made a motion to move the meeting to November 8, 2018. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

l. Discussion/possible action regarding bronze sculptures for downtown
After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to table and bring back at the October meeting. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS
   a. Discussion/possible action regarding the renovation of 401 Laurel - Mike Bricker & Associates Inc. as general contractor
   After a brief update, no action was taken.

8. DISCUSSION
   a. Director's Report - report may include past, present, or future projects
   Executive director elaborated on the upcoming TxDOT meeting and asked that available members attend.

   b. Public Relations Report – report to include an overview of efforts as it pertains public relations
   Public relations specialist also spoke regarding the upcoming TxDOT meeting.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION
   a. Section 551.072 of the Government Code - deliberations about real property - land acquisition and or sale
   The regular meeting was closed at 9:27 a.m. and the executive session was opened at 9:27 a.m. under section 551.072 of the Government Code.

   The executive session ended at 9:49 a.m. and the regular meeting was called back to order at 9:49 a.m.

10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
    a. Consider land acquisition and or sale

Board member Smith made a motion to execute the contract to purchase 408-416 Laurel for $100,000. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board member Smith made a motion for the executive director to negotiate and purchase the properties discussed on Bayou Road, Laurel, 1st Street, 2nd Street, and 3rd Street. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS - None

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 9:51 a.m.

Ron Crowder, President

Robin Eldridge, TMRC
City Clerk