



**LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2020**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDER OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ISSUED MARCH 16, 2020, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CONDUCTED THIS MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL OF LIMITING FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS (ALSO CALLED "SOCIAL DISTANCING") TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). THERE WAS NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE LOCATION AND A TOLL-FREE DIAL-IN NUMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TELEPHONIC MEETING WAS PROVIDED. THE PUBLIC WAS PERMITTED TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENTS TELEPHONICALLY AS PROVIDED BY THE AGENDA AND AS PERMITTED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER DURING THE MEETING.

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Crowder called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Ron Crowder, Chairman
Gene Smith, Secretary
Louis "Mac" McGaffey
Cleveland Lane
Bobby Hocking

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Regular meeting of October 15, 2020

Board member Hocking made a motion to approve minutes with the condition that "special meeting" is changed to "regular meeting". Board member McGaffey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - a. Discussion/possible action regarding funding an ISO rating survey/study performed by Mike Pietsh, P.E. Consulting Services Incorporated

City Manager Jackson presented information regarding the City's current ISO rating and the benefits of a rerate. Board members Lane and

McGaffey raised questions that were satisfied by City Manager Jackson. Board member Smith made a motion to approve \$21,000 in funding to complete the ISO rating survey/study. Board member McGaffey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion/possible action to extend the EDC mowing and debris clean up contract with Longclaw Contractors LLC for an additional year per the terms and conditions provided in Bid LM #11-20

Board member Smith made a motion to extend the EDC mowing and debris clean up contract with Longclaw Contractors LLC for an additional year. Board member Hocking seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding La Marque EDC 2019-2020 budget transfer and budget amendments prepared by the Finance Department

Board member Smith made a motion to accept the transfer and amendments as prepared. Board member McGaffey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding a change of the EDC's regular meeting time

Board member Hocking made a motion to change the EDC regular meeting time to the third Tuesday of the month at 10 am.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding the Laurel & 1st streetscape fee and project review from Resource Planning Associates, LLC (RPA) dated October 14, 2020

Board member Hocking made a motion to approve the Laurel & 1st streetscape fee and project review. Board member Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION

- a. Director's Report - report may include information regarding past, present or future projects

There was no directors report.

- b. Public Relations Report - report to include an overview of efforts as it pertains to public relations

There were no additions to the submitted public relations report.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Section 551.072 of the Government Code - deliberations about real property - land acquisition and or sale
- b. Section 551.071 of the Government Code - consultation with attorney

There was no executive session.

8. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Consider land acquisition and or sale
- b. Consider action to be taken regarding consultation with attorney

There was no executive session.

9. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

The board welcomed new member Lane and Board member Lane voiced his approval and appreciation for the Corporations foresight and vision on the Laurel & 1st Street project.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Crowder adjourned the meeting at 10:19 am.

Ron Crowder, Chairman

Kierra K. Nance
Deputy City Clerk

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