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**City of La Marque
Regular Clean City Commission Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2016**

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Compian at 6:00 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Joe Compian
Commissioner Carlos Flores
Commissioner Geraldine Sam
Commissioner Katherine Goodwin
Commissioner David Holmen

Staff Present: City Manager Carol Buttler
Director of Public Works Les Rumburg
Dev. Serv. Tech. Sherlyn Williams
Public Relations Spec. Colleen Merritt

(3) MINUTES

Commissioner Sam made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2016. Commissioner Flores seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

(4) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mr. Roy Robison, Community Service Coordinator stated he was appearing before the CCC because he had not been paid for the last two months, mainly due to the change in contact person(s). City Manager Buttler states she would approve the invoice for payment for the last three months, which would include December, 2016. Mrs. Sam asked that the procedure be expedited so that Mr. Robison would be paid within the week due to it being the holiday season. Mrs. Buttler stated it would be done by the coming Friday (December 16, 2016).

Mr. Robison asked the board for an increase in salary for the position as it is under budget in comparison to other cities and because the duties performed within that position could include duties performed for the CCC as well as for the city. Mrs. Buttler stated Mr. Robinson needed to report how many hours he worked for CCC and how

many he worked for the city because those duties are paid through two different accounts.

Chairman Compian asked if Mr. Robison ever coordinated with the Code Compliance Supervisor Van Stavern on the properties that are on the mowing and demolition list. Mr. Robison said no; however, he does coordinate his cleanup efforts with the city maintenance department and goes out to clean the lots prior to cutting and clearing to eliminate cutting up trash. He also coordinates with the police department.

Mr. Robison also expressed a need to start training someone to substitute for him on days when he can't make it and to prepare the new person to take over duties of the position when he retires. He suggested that the person be retired law enforcement, due to the community service workers being either criminals, trustees or people that must be supervised.

(5) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report from September 2016, balance of \$50,602.58.

Chairman Compian asked why more recent reports weren't provided. It was determined that this was due to a new employee in the accounting department.

Chairman Compian suggest to Colleen Merritt that she do an article in the "INSIDE I.A. MARQUE" publication that would explain the benefits of the \$1 donation. Mrs. Buttler suggested the Parks Board and the Clean City Commission split the cost of a flyer placed in the water bills to inform the public of the benefits of the donation. Chairman Compian suggested doing a story with the senior citizens expressing why they feel the donations are valuable to the upkeep of the city.

(6) OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding what "Being a Good Neighbor" means.

Chairman Compian suggested placing this back on the January agenda for further discussion.

b. Discussion/possible action regarding future projects, such as "Christmas Lighting Contest."

Chairman Compian asked Commissioner Flores to explain the procedure for judging the contest. Commissioner Flores expounded on the issue and stated that cash prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Chairman Compian asked that the "Christmas Lighting Contest" be placed on the agenda for October 2017 so preparations may be made for the event, as well as give the city time to advertise through appropriate media avenues.

Chairman Compian stated there are 4 major projects:

1. Spring/Fall Cleanup

Chairman Compian asked if the waste management contract had been resolved. Mrs. Buttler stated the City Council was still talking with the current waste management company and the contract was being reviewed. A decision would be made by April to either extend or end the contract, depending on what they and Council agree upon.

but a new and better contract was required if the current company is to maintain the city's account. Commissioner Compian asked if anything within the contract that would keep the city from utilizing another company for roll-offs, such as Home Depot who could provide large dumpsters for a fee. This would allow citizens to use those rather than dumping illegally. They could be placed strategically throughout the city. Chairman Compian asked that this item placed on the January agenda.

2. Bayou Fest

Chairman Compian suggested using boy/girl scouts to aid the CCC at the festival.

3. Christmas Lighting Contest

4. Paint the Town

Commissioner Sam stated the month of April is "Earth" month and the poster contest should be held in March to be able to announce the winners at the Spring Clean-up effort. Chairman Compian asked that this item be placed on the January agenda.

Commissioner Sam suggested the "Adopt a Block" which allows citizens to participate in the city's clean-up effort.

Colleen Merritt, Public Relations Specialist, stated she has begun an "I Love La Marque" campaign. She also stated the Galveston Bay Foundation offers children's activities and they could be a resource for Bayou Fest.

Commissioner Goodwin suggested painting rain barrels as an activity for the CCC during Bayou Fest.

Chairman Compian asked that the placement of the "No Dumping" signs be brought back in January so that a list of sign placement locations can be provided. Code Compliance Supervisor Van Stavern stated she could provide a list to the commission board since she is out in the field and has a working knowledge of where the signs should be placed. Chairman Compian agreed.

(7) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding "Keep Texas Beautiful"

Chairman Compian asked that this be placed on the January 2017 agenda for further discussion.

b. Discussion/possible action regarding formal acceptance of new members

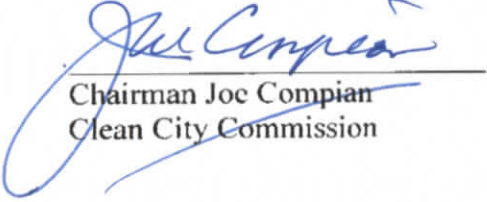
Chairman Compian asked that this item be placed on the January 2017 agenda for further discussion.

(8) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

(9) ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Sam to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:55p.m.



Chairman Joe Compian
Clean City Commission