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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CLEAN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
January 11, 2017**

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque Clean City Commission held on January 11, 2017, beginning at 6:00p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Compian called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairman Joe Compian
Commissioner Carlos Flores
Commissioner Katherine Goodwin
Commissioner David Holmen
Commissioner Deanie Barrett

ABSENT:

Commissioner Geraldine Sam

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:

Carol Buttler, City Manager
Les Rumburg, Public Works Director
Kathleen Van Stavern, Code Compliance Supervisor
Sherlyn Williams, Revitalization Specialist

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Clean City Commission dispensed with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 11, 2017

Commissioner Goodwin made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 11, 2017.

Commissioner Holmen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(5) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

a. Enrique Garza, 923 Kenneth St, La Marque, TX 77568

Mr. Garza expressed problems he's having with the neighbor, Marvin Johnson, at 3121 MarAnn, La Marque, TX 77568. Chairman Compian asked if he filled out a complaint form so that the proper channels could be followed. Mr. Garza stated he had not.

b. Roy Robison, Community Service Coordinator

Mr. Robison stated there was an applicant who expressed interest in the position of



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Community Service Coordinator; however, the hours and pay were not enough. He expressed the need for the Commission to purchase lights for the van. He also stated he would make up time on the coming Saturday.

(6) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT(S)

Chairman Compian asked that the election of a Treasurer be placed on the February agenda.

Financial Reports for the months of November 2016/December 2016 reflect a balance \$37,734.87 as of December 31, 2016.

Chairman Compian asked how many water connections the city has. City Manager Butler stated there were approximately 6,000 connections. Chairman Compian asked if the apartment owners' bills reflected all units for the \$2.00 donation when there is more than one unit per complex. The City Manager replied most of the apartment complexes have a commercial meter and the water usage is divided between tenants and the owners pay one bill for all.

Chairman Compian suggested the board to go to some of the citizen group meetings and expressed to them how the donation is used for improvements within the city. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to accept the financial reports. Commissioner Flores seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(7) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding what "Being a Good Neighbor Means".
Chairman Compian asked for suggestions as to what the Commission could do to help citizens become a part of the project. City Manager Butler suggested the use of the city's social media as one resource, as well as attending some of the community group meetings. She suggested using Colleen Merritt's idea, "#I Love La Marque", which would feature some of the citizen's expressions on why they love La Marque and why they pay the \$2 donation. Chairman Compian stated it could include some of the citizens that participated in the Paint the Town Project. Commissioner Barrett suggested a flyer explaining the use of the \$2.00 donation be placed in the water bill. She also suggested awarding participants with a "Good Neighbor Award". Chairman Compian stated he would draft a formal presentation and place this item on February's agenda.
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding the waste management proposal.
Commissioner Barrett asked if the free dumpsters would still be provided for spring/fall cleanups. City Manager stated the number of roll off dumpster was 4 and that will be part of the negotiations. The RFP will go to all interested parties and once all responses are in and evaluated, City Council will decide whether to keep the current waste management company or enter into a contract with a new one.



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- c. Discussion/ possible action regarding the Earth Day Project.
Commissioner Goodwin stated the Galveston Bay Foundation has classes and provides rain barrels, paint and brushes for \$35.00. She suggested making it a fund raiser and charge \$45.00 with \$10.00 going to the Commission. She also suggested selling snacks on the day of the class. Chairman Compian asked that Commissioner Goodwin prepare a formal presentation for discussion on February's agenda.
- d. Discussion/possible action regarding "NO DUMPING" signs.
Code Compliance Supervisor Van Stavern presented two types of signs to the Commission and stated the signs would be placed in strategic places where she has had surveillance and proof of illegal dumping. Commissioner Barrett asked what number of signs would be ordered. Code Compliance Supervisor stated the cost of 20 signs is \$900.00 and she would order 15 of one sign and 5 other the other. Chairman Compian stated the language on the sign wasn't correct and needed to be changed. He would provide the correct language to the Code Compliance Supervisor. Motion made by Commissioner Barrett for the Commission to purchase the signs. Commissioner Holmen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- e. Discussion/possible action regarding "Keep Texas Beautiful".
Chairman Compian asked about requirements for the program. One is to pay the dues of \$100.00. City Manager Buttler stated if there were not enough funds budgeted for the Commissioners to attend the conference this year, a budget amendment could be made to accommodate. To participate in this program, the Commission must weigh the trash that is collected at the spring/fall cleanups and make a report to the program officials. Motion made by Commissioner Flores to pay the dues of \$100.00. Commissioner Goodwin seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- f. Discussion/possible action regarding "Paint the Town".
Update provided by staff. The program has been closed for the season. Discussion on continuing the program next year. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

(8) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding 2017 activities of the Clean City Commission.
Chairman Compian stated the Commission needs to focus on some core activities for the year, such as: Keep Texas Beautiful, Spring/Fall clean up, rain barrel painting day, Bayou Fest, Christmas lighting contest, Governor's Community Achievement Award, Residential/Business Yard of the Month, and the Paint the Town Project. Commissioner Barrett suggested adding "adopt a highway/street". Commissioner Goodwin suggested adding Earth Day. Commissioner Flores agreed to all suggestions. Chairman Compian stated that the Commission would focus on the following activities for now: Bayou Fest,



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Paint the Town project, Spring/Fall clean up, Residential/Business Yard of the Month, and Keep Texas Beautiful.

Commissioner Goodwin asked if the City of La Marque was affiliated with the City of Texas City's recycling facility. City Manager stated, "No." Commissioner Goodwin also suggested getting a mulcher and making it available for residents to bring tree limbs and leaves to be mulched and return it to their yards.

The City Manager stated the Commission needs to make a status report to City Council. Chairman Compain asked if the ordinance restricted the Commission to meet only at Council Chambers. The City Manager replied there was no reason they couldn't meet at other places to be more accessible to the public, but if the meeting place changed it had to be posted. Commissioner Barrett suggested using the churches as meeting places. City Manager Buttler suggested using churches bulletins to get announcements of City projects to the public. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to focus on events discussed. Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Discussion/possible action regarding reflective address signs.

Commissioner Goodwin explained how the Clean City Commission could use these signs as a fundraiser and suggested that if ordered, the residents could pay for them through their water accounts or the kits could be sold at Bayou Fest. The Code Compliance Supervisor emphasized the signs should follow the city ordinance regarding the size requirements and that the fire department is making a list of the residences and businesses that have no visible address. Chairman Compian asked for Commissioner Goodwin to put together a formal packet to be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Goodwin suggested a garden tour, working in conjunction with the Garden Club. Chairman Compian asked about the Farmer's Market idea and wanted to make sure the commission is using its funds to make the city better. The City Manager suggested the commission send a letter of support to the EDC to let them know the commission is willing to work with them on certain projects they are involved in. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to send a letter of support for a Farmer's Market to the EDC and a letter of support to the City Council for the Garden Club tour. Commissioner Holmen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

c. Discussion/possible action regarding an Independence Day Parade.

There was clarification as to why the title was changed from a Veteran's Day parade to an Independence Day Parade recognizing our veterans. Chairman Compian asked Commissioner Goodwin to put together a formal presentation to be discussed at the next meeting.



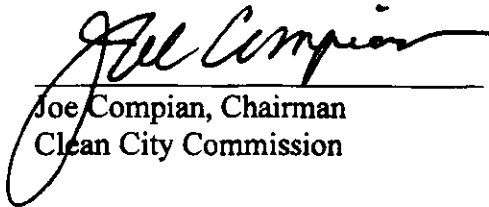
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(9) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Goodwin wanted to recognize the Cemetery Board for putting wreaths on the veterans' graves and to the La Marque Public Library for the many programs they have. Commissioner Barrett expressed to the board that she would like to plant flowers both sides of IH-45.

(10) ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Barrett to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Goodwin seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**



Joe Compian, Chairman
Clean City Commission