



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MINUTES
of
July 24, 2023**

Minutes of a Special Meeting held in the Council Chambers at 1109-B Bayou Road La Marque, Texas as well as via videoconference hosted through Zoom on July 24, 2023, beginning at 10:00 AM :

7/24/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All members of Council were present with Councilmember Yancy arriving at 1:17 p.m.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Compian gave the invocation and Councilmember Carlson led the pledge.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.I. Linebarger

Mark Ciavaglia, Managing Partner of Linebarger Attorneys at Law gave a brief overview of the services that the firm performs for the city primarily focusing on delinquent property tax collection. He also informed the public that there is no cost to the city for their services and shared data that showed trends reflective of a healthy local economy.

***Councilmember Yancy exited the room at 3:42 p.m. and returned at 3:50 p.m.*

Discussions relating to tax assessments, lien collection, and processes ensued.

***Mayor Pro Tem Compian exited the room at 3:48 p.m. and returned at 3:50 p.m.*

Partner Richard Hill gave a brief overview of fees and fine collection provided by Linebarger Attorneys at Law.

4.II. Waste Management

Shanna Lopez of Waste Management spoke to council to discuss Waste Management operations within the City. A brief discussion relating to increasing the Youth Fund Donation provided by Waste Management by 3% annually to coincide with the 3% annual increase they receive contractually. Ms. Lopez agreed to take that request back for consideration.

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Re'Chard Loftis (309 Johnson) spoke supporting pay increases for employees, especially Public Works.

Jackie Pennington (924 Cypress) spoke regarding the timeliness of the meeting as it did not begin at 10:00 and also that the proposed budget was not included in the backup documents as that should have been presented.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.I. Proposed Budget FY 2023-2024

City Manager Garcia presented the Council with a very preliminary proposed budget for FY 2023-2024, explaining that the certified tax rolls have not been completed. He began the day by explaining where revenues come from.

***Councilmember Carlson exited the room at 11:02 a.m. and returned at 11:03 a.m.*

***Mayor Bell recessed the Special meeting at 11:28 a.m. and reconvened at 1:17 p.m.*

***Councilmember Carlson did not return from lunch.*

6.II. Review And Discuss Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Departmental Budgets And All Funds

This item was not addressed.

6.II.i. Finance

This item was not addressed.

6.II.ii. Youth Fund

This item was not addressed.

6.II.iii. Citywide Expenditures

This item was not addressed.

6.II.iv. Facilities

City Manager Garcia spoke to the needs of the City's current facilities such as issues of garage doors at fire stations, the Public Works Service Center, lack of storage, court operations, and the police station. His recommendation is that in the near future, a facilities study be conducted and discussions relating to environmental factors such as solar energy and electric vehicles begin.

Discussions relating to the needs of the Public Works Service Center and the opportunities related to solar energy ensued.

System Administrator Kyle Hunter spoke to the need for Air Conditioning Units in many facilities as there are currently multiple that need to be replaced.

6.III. Organizational Chart

Discussion relating to efficiency and span of control ensued.

***Mayor Bell recessed the meeting at 2:16 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.*

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

8. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No actions were taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.*

Keith Bell
Mayor

Kierra K. Nance, TRMC
City Clerk