



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MINUTES
of
October 9, 2023**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All members of Council were physically present with the exception of Councilmember Carlson.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Ingrid Clark of First United Methodist Church gave the invocation while Councilmember Ross led the pledge.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.I. Proclamation - Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Kelsey Johnson of the Resource Crisis Center of Galveston County received a proclamation supporting Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

- Cassandra Lafferty (1302 Ross) spoke about a water issue and her dissatisfaction with the adjustment she received.
- Joel Comacho (25 Borondo Stretch) spoke about restrictions on the city's self-storage facilities, requesting that the ordinance governing these properties be reviewed.
- Joseph Lowry (2503 Cedar) requested the Mayor step down and praised the Police Department for their work on a call.
- Richard Coles (1413 Austin) thanked the Public Works Department for fixing a major leak near his home. He also requested street repairs on certain streets.

6. MINUTES

6.I. Regular City Council Minutes 09.25.2023

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to approve the Regular City Council Minutes of September 25, 2023. Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. ORDINANCES

7.I. Ordinance No. O-2023-0012

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2023-0012. Councilmember Ross seconded.

The applicant gave a brief history of the zoning issue, as it has operated as a retail establishment for 46 years but is zoned residential.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMIOUSLY.

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.I. Resolution No. R-2023-0063

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2023-0063. Councilmember Ross seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian discussed that areas of the city were built before fire codes required a maximum of 500 feet between fire hydrants. He requested that when significant projects, especially those concerning waterlines, arise, and if it is appropriate, that considerations of adding additional fire hydrants in these areas be taken.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.II. Resolution No. R-2023-0064

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2023-0064. Councilmember Yancy seconded.

Chief Aragon gave a brief update on the success of the continued participation in the Galveston County Auto Crimes Task Force (GCACTF).

Mayor Pro Tem Compian asked for clarification of the term auto crimes. It was clarified that this is in relation to theft, burglary, fraud, and similar crimes.

Lt. Howell Burrell, Commander of the Auto Crimes Task Force, further expanded on what is classified as auto crimes and the force's work.

Conversations regarding reporting statistics and the success of the Catalytic Converter Program initiated by Mayor Pro Tem Compian.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Garcia announced community events, La Marque Small Business Summit on October 17, Bayou Fest on October 21, and The La Marque Public Library's Annual Trunk or Treat event on October 26.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

11. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Ross spoke regarding the previous District D clean-up, gave a brief recap of his time at the Texas Municipal League (TML) Conference, and informed the public of his intent to participate in the upcoming live fire training with the Fire Department.

Councilmember Yancy spoke to celebrate La Marque's 70th Anniversary this month, Bayou Fest, the District A clean-up, and thanked the community for joining the council to improve our city. She also spoke of her time at the TML Conference.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian requested an agenda item to discuss the water bill adjustment policy. He also briefly summarized his time at TML and National Night Out.

Mayor Bell shared that numerous activities are happening within the City this month and encouraged the community to participate. He briefly summarized his time at the National Night Out and the TML Conference. He also drew the public's attention to the Quarterly Progress Report that was recently disseminated.

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

***Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.*

Kierra K. Nance, TRMC
City Clerk

Keith Bell
Mayor