



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL AMENDED MINUTES
of
August 1, 2024**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Keith Bell	Mayor
Kimberley Yancy	Councilmember District A
Joseph Lowry	Councilmember District C
James Ross	Councilmember District D

ABSENT:

Joe Compian	Mayor Pro Tem / District B
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3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Yancy gave the invocation and Councilmember Lowry led the pledge.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.I. Boards and Commissions Appointments

Councilmember Yancy nominated Mike Wev to the Parks Board. Councilmember Ross seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was requested that the city clerk place a Boards and Commissions appointments item on the Tuesday, August 6, 2024 Special Meeting agenda.

4.II. Presentation of City of La Marque FY 2024-2025 Budget

City Manager Cesar Garcia presented the council with a balanced budget at the current tax rate of 0.418058. This is the third year of Collective Bargaining Agreements, resulting in an 8% salary increase for the Fire Department, and a 6% salary for the Police Department. The budget presented does not provide for any packages or requests from staff.

Mayor Bell shared that he is not inclined to approve any rate above the no new revenue rate. He also commended city administration as the proposed budget looks better than the budgets presented in previous years.

Councilmember Yancy requested visual representations for the TNT worksheet, to help the public understand what is being presented.

Councilmember Ross made a motion to accept the proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget. Councilmember Lowry seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

6. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No actions were taken.

7. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Yancy announced a Back to School Drive on August 10th at Mainland City Centre. She also announced another Back to School Drive near ENDS on the same date. She implored the "seasoned" residents to help families in need this season.

Councilmember Ross shared that the VFW canceled their Kids Safety Event scheduled for the next Saturday. He also announced a Community Yard Sale scheduled for September 14, 2024. He clarified that he is not the reason for the closure of the Art of Coffee as has been stated in the community. He also shared the Texas Election Code for Campaign Finance Reports.

Councilmember Lowry shared that the La Marque Citizens Police Academy is open to registration. He encouraged young adults to participate. Applications are due August 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. and classes begin September 5, 2024.

Mayor Bell announced budget workshops on August 5th, 6th, 12th, and 13th. He encouraged the community to attend the workshops, that begin each day at 10 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. sharing it is important for the council to "hear your voice".

City Manager Garcia announced that Salad and Go is now open and both Raising Canes and Churches Chicken are slated to open on August 12, 2024.

8. ADJOURNMENT