



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
of
August 9, 2021**

Minutes of Regular City Council meeting held in the Council Chambers, 1109 Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas as well as via teleconference - ZOOM on Monday, August 9, 2021, beginning immediately after the Workshop that begins at 6:00 p.m.:

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the Regular meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Keith Bell	Mayor
Kim Yancy	Councilmember District A
Joe Compian	Mayor-Pro-Tem District B
Michael Carlson	Councilmember District C
Casey Mc Auliffe	Councilmember District D

OTHER STAFF:

Interim City Manager	Chaise Cary
Interim City Attorney	Gus Knebel (MillsShirley)
City Clerk	Robin Eldridge

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was provided by Jervie Windom of the Resonate Church, the Pledge of Allegiance followed

(4) PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

- a. Finance Department - GFOA Recognition
Finance Director Ms. Kou explained that this award is work involved on the previous Budget as it was recognized for transparency in budgeting. To earn recognition, budget documents must meet program criteria and excel as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communication tool.
- b. Status of Master Park Plan - LNV, Inc.
Mr. Craig Forsythe, Director of Architecture of Ardurra, they bought out LNV, a few years ago provided a power-point presentation showing comments and

recommendations from residents from previous meetings in the city parks relating to a Master Parks Plan and some suggestions from citizens include:

Bayou City Park - memorial benches; additional parking; shade canopies and repair fencing

Highland Bayou Mac Mc Gaffey Park - possible performance stage/platform, dog park, additional parking and the possibility of a walking trail;

Jaycee Park (on Magnolia) - gate needs to be repaired or replaced, safety lighting, aluminum benches, playground equipment

Lagana Park- owned by Queen of Peace Church - additional parking, fitness equipment, meditation areas, needs additional lighting, walking trail, additional play equipment

MLK Jr. Memorial Park- meditation areas, parking, enlarge the basketball area, fitness equipment, new playground equipment, security lighting; walking trail (.25)

Mahan Park - Parking for the football field, walking and bike trails; dog park, new concession stand; shade structures near the water; upgrade ball fields, safety lighting

Walter Feigle Park- safety lighting new additional power connections; memorial benches and shaded areas

Westlawn Park- remove excess foliage along fence line; new covered picnic tables, parking, security lighting, walking trail; replacing playing equipment; signage along road; trash receptacles

Saltgrass Park- pavilion, small walking trail; half basketball court; dog park; shade structures; memorial benches

Councilmember Yancy suggested an additional pocket park off of Lake Road.

It was asked that a list be obtained for TCISD of all of the property for sale in the City of La Marque - Interim City Manager to obtain

What is the City to expect from Ardurra? A full-report that will designate park by park including public input and full site plan parks and a cost estimate; identify new additional sites for pocket parks

Ardurra needs to still come before the Park Board for additional input from the Parks Board as a whole and also to come back before City Council and to include input from other members of the public (another public forum)

Interim City Manager reported that he actually asked Ardurra to hold off until the new administration, and there was a full council.

Is there a way that all of the existing parks could create a type of greenbelt between all of the parks when possible? Councilmember Mc Auliffe asked this.

Discussion continued concerning recommendation for different themes for each of the parks. It was also asked that splash pads be added to several parks, a Veterans, or a Memorial Park; maybe some things geared towards catering to the senior citizens of the community; or a skate park

c. Status of vacant positions

Interim City Manager Mr. Cary asked for patience and that he did not want to rush into hiring in some of these major positions. The positions that have been posted: Interim Development Services Director, Interim Police chief, Interim Fire Chief, professionals/consulting firms need to be brought in to help guide him in the best way to fill some of these positions. He will be providing a report soon to ask Council for their input. It has been one month since seven major departments had their directors either resign or retire.

(5) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No one spoke

(6) CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Special Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2021
- b. Special Meeting minutes of June 30, 2021
- c. Special Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2021
- d. Discussion/possible action regarding accepting the Quarterly Investment Reports for Second Quarter 2021
- e. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Resolution No. **R-2021-0020**, designating authorized signatories for contractual documents and documents for requesting funds pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR) Contract number 20-065-105-C287
- f. Announcing the First Public Hearing for the proposed FY 2021-2022 Tax Rate to be held on Monday, August 16, 2021 and the Second Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 Tax Rate to be held on Monday, August 23, 2021
- g. Announcing the First Public Hearing for the proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget to be held on Monday, September 7, 2021

Finance Director asked that 6g to be pulled from the agenda, due to an error on the day.

- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda
- ** Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(7) PUBLIC HEARING (S)

- a. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0012**, requesting a zoning district change from (L-1) Light Industrial to (R-1) Single Family Residential for Lots 1-14 K Cook & Stewart Subdivision, located near 1st Ave and Orange Street (Galveston County property ID #196129 and 610851)

Mayor Bell closed the Regular Meeting at 8:59 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing

There were no comments

- b. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0013**, requesting a zoning district change from (R-1) Single Family Residential to (PDD) Olympia Lakes Planned Development District for approximately 51.01 acres, located near Delany Road and Lawndale Street (Galveston County property ID #131493)

There were no comments

Mayor Bell closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:59 p.m.

(8) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0012**, requesting a zoning district change from (L-1) Light Industrial to (R-1) Single Family Residential for Lots 1-14 K Cook & Stewart Subdivision, located near 1st Ave and Orange Street (Galveston County property ID #196129 and 610851)

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2021-0012 on the SECOND and FINAL reading.

- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- ** Councilmember Carlson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding approving the revised General Plan application for Olympia Lakes
 - ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve the revised General Plan
 - ** Councilmember CM

- d. Discussion/possible action to direct staff on the “fowl” ordinance

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to formalize the recommendations that this Council made during the earlier Workshop to the Interim City Attorney as it relates to the fowl ordinance.

- ** Mayor Pro-Tem Compian seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(9) AWARD OF BID (s)

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding award of Bid LM #01-22 to DXI Industries for Liquid Chlorine, Calcium Hypochlorite, & Sulfur Dioxide in the amount of \$60,000.00

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to award of Bid LM #01-22 to DXI Industries for Liquid Chlorine, Calcium Hypochlorite, & Sulfur Dioxide in the amount of \$60,000.00

- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding award of LM Bid #04-22 to Vulcan Construction Materials for limestone base in the amount of \$30,000.00

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to award of LM Bid #04-22 to Vulcan Construction Materials for limestone base in the amount of \$30,000.00

- ** Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding award of LM Bid #05-22 to Evoqua Water Technologies for odor & corrosion control in the amount of \$80,000.00

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to award of LM Bid #05-22 to Evoqua Water Technologies for odor & corrosion control in the amount of \$80,000.00

- ** Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(10) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding approval of the use of “Mac McGaffey” Highland Bayou Park for the 1st Annual Michael Williams Back to School Supply Drive to be held on August 21, 2021, as forwarded by the Parks Board with favorable recommendation

- ** Councilmember Yancy made a motion to approve the use of “Mac McGaffey” Highland Bayou Park for the 1st Annual Michael Williams “Back to School Supply Drive” to be held on August 21, 2021, as forwarded by the Parks Board with favorable recommendation

- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding authorizing the City of La Marque to issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for administrative services and Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) for professional services for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 **THIS ITEM AS TABLED FROM 6.21.2021**
- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe made a motion to authorize the City of La Marque to issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for administrative services and Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) for professional services for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
- ** Councilmember Carlson seconded. Mayor Bell said that the standard practice broiler plate criteria will be used for both RFP and RFQ. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- c. Discussion/possible action regarding approval of the annual purchase of surface water from Gulf Coast Water Authority in the amount of \$1,557,415.72 which includes: Bond A \$8,530.09, Bond B \$37,345.52, Bond D \$245,123.17 and Surface Water \$1,266,416.94 for a combined total of \$1,557,415.72
- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe made a motion to approve the annual purchase of surface water from Gulf Coast Water Authority in the amount of \$1,557,415.72 which includes: Bond A \$8,530.09, Bond B \$37,345.52, Bond D \$245,123.17 and Surface Water \$1,266,416.94 for a combined total of \$1,557,415.72
- ** Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- d. Discussion relating to approving the annual Water Pollution Control and Abatement Contract with Galveston County Health District for services provided including city-wide grease trap inspections, Wastewater Treatment inspections, and complaint investigations in the amount of \$14,442.00
- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve the annual Water Pollution Control and Abatement Contract with Galveston County Health District for services provided including city-wide grease trap inspections, Wastewater Treatment inspections, and complaint investigations in the amount of \$14,442.00
- ** Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- e. Discussion/possible action regarding setting a date for a “Safe City Initiative” Workshop and give direction to issue for RFP posting to City staff
- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to have the next “ Safe City Initiative” Workshop 1:00 p.m. on October 11, 2021
- ** Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- f. Discussion/possible action to approve an RFP for a consulting firm to search for the City Manager position or provide staff with direction

- ** Mayor Pro-Tem Compian made a motion to approve BakerTilley Consulting Firm to search for the City Manager position (four consulting firms submitted an RFQ)
- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(11) APPOINTMENTS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding appointments and/or reappointments to fill various positions of the Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Mc Auliffe reappointed Coach Larry Walker to the Parks Board

(12) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bell closed the Regular Council Meeting and moved into the Executive Session under Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 9:10 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing any possible litigations

Mayor Bell reconvened the Regular Council at 9:36 p.m.

(13) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Mc Auliffe thanked all of staff and her fellow Council for working so hard. Spoke of the very easily transmitted Delta variant and the numbers are large in the county, encouraged all to get vaccinated if able and to please wear a mask. She said she enjoyed hearing Mr. Windom's invocation and encouraged for the city to utilize as many different kinds of faith and non-Christian faith leaders as possible.

Councilmember Carlson thanked all of staff for their hard work. Sent out thoughts and prayers to the Turubbiatte family. Thanked the Finance Department for their award

Councilmember Yancy thanked staff and the Finance Department. Has been hearing from citizens the good work the Mayor and this council has been doing. Reported the largest number of positive cases of Covid in one day, asked all to pray about it and get vaccinated if they can

Mayor Pro-Tem Compian also sent out prayers to the Turubbiatte family, and encouraged all to get vaccinated and wear masks.

Mayor Bell highlighted the various works of Council this being the fifth day of budget workshops, and thanked all for working so hard. Encouraged all to move forward together.

Interim City Manager Cary thanked the Finance Director and all of staff, and sent condolences to the Turubbiatte family

(14) ADJOURNMENT

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:46 p.m. Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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