



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

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

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jervie Windom of Resonate Church provided the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Compian led the Pledge of Allegiance

(4) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. Gracie Flores reported that the water leaks take too long to get repaired. And said when the workers come out. they are only patched up for a temporary fix and asked that they be fixed correctly the first time. This was referred to the Interim City Manager for him to contact her the following morning.
2. Renondo reported that a tree fell down and was moved into a vacant lot in back of the church across the street from him on Nashby and the downed tree is still there from over four years ago. This was referred to the Interim City Manager.

(5) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion relating to approving the revised General Plan for Olympia Lakes
Mr. Dinh Ho, the Interim City Engineer stated that at the previous council meeting, the following changes were asked by Council, all of the changes have been made to the plans: addition of an ADA parking spaces and open play area and dog park area changes and relocation of the second access to be moved to the north side of the sub-division. Options for additional parking was briefly discussed. The developer also provided information on parking areas and explained that permanent structures could not be placed on a “drill site” which is where the open space is located, but that some moveable structures, benches, trash cans will be incorporated into the green space. It was also suggested to reach out to the Parks Board to coordinate any park accessories that they have in mind.
- b. Discussion relating to the status of the “fowl” ordinance
The Code Compliance Supervisor has gathered some information, and the Interim Attorney is asking for direction from Council as to what they would like to see in this proposed ordinance.

Mayor Bell re-evaluated some of the previous discussions and input from Council including coups, runs, routine cleaning and sanitation of the coups on a regular basis, some type of registration, so Code Compliance would know where the chicken owners lived, for annual inspections for compliance. Other previous discussion included the possibility of considering permission from neighbors. It was asked that clarity be brought to the legal team, so they can begin a draft ordinance.

Councilmember Carlson input included: No roosters, those with roosters could be given until the end of the year to find a home for them.

Councilmember Mc Auliffe asked for a proposed ordinance to be more specific addressing fowl, not so much more-lengthy ordinance, and to place a cap on the number of chickens allowed; no roosters; clarify distance from resident or structures or property line; make it clear whether the person home is included or excluded in the distance required; low entry registration; amount of chickens to size of coups

Mayor Pro-Tem Compian asked for citizens to provide to the City Manager their thoughts; asked that the lot size depend on numbers allowed;

Code Compliance Supervisor Kathleen Van Stavern approached the podium; it would be easier for her department to have a standard per square footage per chicken criteria and the location of the coup on the lot itself; excluding the owners dwelling in addition twenty-five feet to the lot setback.

Proposed ordinance would include to need for coups and runs and prohibiting them to run at large in their yard; 3-5 square feet per coup space, if there is a run, the square footage could be reduced. Look at other cities ordinance requirements on this subject.

The number of chickens were to be capped at 10; no roosters; coups required with X amount of feet per chicken, light registration; sanitized regularly; strict and enforced; yearly inspection; non-permeable container required for food storage (not plastic);

It was clarified what would happen with the existing complaints that have already been filed on for having chickens in violation of the current ordinance. The Attorney will meet with the Municipal Court and the Code Compliance Supervisor and let them know the status on the adopting of an amended ordinance.

(6) AWARD OF BID (s)

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

There was no discussion

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

There was no discussion

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

There was no discussion

It was asked on all three of these why the city only received one qualifying bid. Stress on the industry was said to be the reason.

(7) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion relating to 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

After the Finance Director explained that the changeover in administrative portion and Mayor, it wasn't changed. This grant had already been given to the city. There was no further discussion

- b. Discussion relating to approving 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

There was a brief discussion on where the school supplies were being sent to the local county schools- it’s a public distribution day.

- c. Discussion relating to 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**

Finance Director Ms. Kou explained that the RFP - is for engineering services and the RFQ is for grant administrator - to provide compliance services (industry standardized). It was clarified what GrantWorks is doing for the city currently.

- d. Discussion relating to approving 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

After a brief explanation, there was no further discussion

- e. 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

After a brief explanation, and stating this is an annual contract, there was no further discussion

- f. Discussion relating to setting a date for a “Safe City Initiative” Workshop to provide direction to staff for requirements to be used in a Request for Proposals (RFP)

Discussion included the time frame to get all of the entities together to find out and discuss what they would want to see in an RFP and/or to find a facilitator on staff or other to facilitate these meetings.

- g. Discussion relating to approving an RFQ for a consulting firm to search for the City Manager position or provide staff with further direction

The discussion led that these four submissions will be chosen from and voted on in the regular meeting.

(8) EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session

(9) ADJOURNMENT

The Workshop adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

This unofficial copy of the minutes from the above meeting are posted for convenience only. Executed or certified copies of the minutes can be requested by contacting the City Clerk.
