



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
of
October 11, 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, October 11, 2021, beginning immediately after the Workshop that begins at 4:00 p.m.:

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the Regular meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Keith Bell	Mayor
Joe Compian	Mayor-Pro-Tem District B
Michael Carlson	Councilmember District C
Casey Mc Auliffe	Councilmember District D- (via ZOOM - 3101 Main St. La Marque, Texas)

OTHER STAFF:

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

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Pastor W. L. Jones of New Hope Church delivered the Invocation and Councilmember Carlson led the Pledge of Allegiance in the Regular meeting previously called

(4) PROCLAMATION

- a. Proclamation - Breast Cancer Awareness (October)
Mayor Bell presented a proclamation to Ms. Tidwell of The Rose a proclamation in observance of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the Workshop that began at 4:00 p.m.

(5) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - Please see item # of the

(6) CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2021
- b. Workshop Minutes of July 12, 2021
- c. Special Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2021
- d. Special Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2021
- e. Special Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2021

** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda
** Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED with a vote of 4 to 0, with Mayor Pro-Tem Compian unable to vote on this item**

(7) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0018**, amending Section 8.8 of the City Code to allow for the keeping of hens; making various findings and providing for an effective date

Interim City Attorney read the proposed ordinance for a FIRST reading as delineated in the Workshop.

** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2021-0018 on the FIRST Reading.

** Councilmember Yancy seconded the motion. Clarity included this is the SECOND, FIRST reading, since it was asked that this item be workshopped at the meeting where it was on as a FIRST reading. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- b. Discussion/possible action concerning returning to two (2) Council meetings per month

** It was the consensus of Council that a second meeting of the month be called as a Special meeting for tabled items from the Regular meeting

(8) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding hiring Thomas Brocato with Lloyd Gosselink to negotiate the new Gulf Coast Water Authority contract for La Marque

** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to hire Thomas Brocato with Lloyd Gosselink to negotiate the new Gulf Coast Water Authority contract for La Marque

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

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding approving the Advanced Funding agreement with TxDOT and USAA for the construction of the deceleration lane along I45 for the Amazon building

** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve the Advanced Funding agreement with TxDOT and USAA for the construction of the deceleration lane along I45 for the Amazon building

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

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding approving an extension to the Fire Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mayor reported for the record - that both of the Collective Bargaining (Fire and Police) are both being streamed-live on YouTube and on Channel 16 in an effort to be transparent

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve an extension to the Fire Collective Bargaining Agreement

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

- d. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Resolution No. **R-2021-0023**, designating members of the City Council as Representative and Official Alternate to the General Assembly of the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the year 2022

- ** Mc Auliffe nominated Mayor Pro-Tem Compian as the Representative and Councilmember Kimberly Yancy as the Alternate

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

- e. Discussion and provide direction to Interim City Manager to create a policy instructing all departments to respond to the Request Tracker within seventy-two (72) hours

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to direct Interim City Manager to create a policy instructing all departments to respond to the Request Tracker within seventy-two (72) hours

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

- f. Discussion/possible action authorizing the Interim City Manager to send a formal request to the Economic Development Corporation for partial funding for the position of the Public Relation Specialist (City)

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to authorize authorizing the Interim City Manager to send a formal request to the Economic Development Corporation for partial funding for the position of the Public Relation Specialist (City)

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

- g. Discussion/possible action regarding the use of PEG funds to set up an in-house studio and mobile production trailer for cities in partnerships with local school districts and non-profits

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to work with IT for the use of PEG funds to set up an in-house studio and mobile production trailer for cities in partnerships with local school districts and non-profits

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

(9) AWARD OF BIDS/CONTRACTS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding awarding Bid **LM #02-22** to Spec Oil Retail Fuels for fuel and oil in the amount of \$10,000 in differential costs

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to award Bid LM #02-22 to Spec Oil Retail Fuels for fuel and oil in the amount of \$10,000 in differential costs
- ** Councilmember Yancy seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding awarding Bid LM #03-22 to Texas Materials Group for cold mix/cold lay in the amount of \$39,500.00

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to award Bid LM #03-22 to Texas Materials Group for cold mix/cold lay in the amount of \$39,500.00
- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding awarding Bid LM #06-22 to Sprint Waste Services for sludge removal in the amount of \$150,000.00

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to award Bid LM #06-22 to Sprint Waste Services for sludge removal in the amount of \$150,000.00
- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- d. Discussion/possible action regarding awarding Bid LM #07-22 to ACT Pipe & Supply for water and sewer supplies in the amount of \$100,000.00

- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to award Bid LM #07-22 to ACT Pipe & Supply for water and sewer supplies in the amount of \$100,000.00

- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- e. Discussion/possible action to approve a professional services agreement for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 with Precision Utility, LLC, for providing oversight and administration of the Water and Wastewater Facilities (Department 24) for compliance with TCEQ and to provide for health, safety, and welfare of the City of La Marque, in the amount of \$150,000.00 \

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- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- f. Discussion/possible action regarding awarding Bid LM #08-22 to American Janitorial Services Inc. for janitorial services in the amount of \$53,100.00
- ** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to award Bid LM #08-22 to American Janitorial Services Inc. for janitorial services in the amount of \$53,100.00
- ** Councilmember Yancy seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(10) APPOINTMENTS

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

It was brought to the attention that the backup still reflects that Coach Walker still needed to be appointed to the Parks Board, which he was reappointed a few months ago

- ** Councilmember Yancy appointed Bridgette Johnson to the Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission and Eligh Johnson to the Cemetery Board. Seconded by Councilmember Carlson **APPOINTMENTS STOOD AS SUBMITTED.**

(11) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bell closed the Regular meeting at 9:07 p.m. and went into Executive Session

1. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) - Discussion of Legal Services and Prosecutorial Services
2. Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) - Provide update on Police negotiations

Mayor Bell reconvened to the Regular meeting at 10:05 p.m.

(12) ACTION - EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract with a firm (s) designated by Council to provide Legal Services and Prosecutorial Services
1. ** Mayor Pro-Tem Compian made a motion to accept the RPF submitted by MillsShirley, LLP to provide Legal Services and Prosecutorial Services
- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded.
2. There was no action taken on this item

(13) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Mc Auliffe thanked all of staff for their hard work and reported it being National Coming Out day, October is her favorite month also it being Halloween

Councilmember Carlson thanked all of staff for their hard work. Learned a lot from TML; Thanked all for coming out tonight for the chicken ordinance workshop Councilmember Yancy thanked all that participated on October 5, 2021, at National Night Out; thanked Galveston Connect Madelyn Salazar and with TCISD and Chief Aragon for helping coordinate the event and is looking forward to the upcoming Bayou Fest event; learned a lot from TML; looking forward to working with IT on the PG Fund project; working in a Town Hall forum for District A- November 10, tentatively- at La Marque High School

Mayor Pro-Tem Compian thanked all of the residents for their patience in all areas, he also learned a lot at TML; opioid settlement fund opportunity; still need volunteers for Boards and Commissions

Mayor Bell stated that he along with Council are all focused on one common goal which is to keep the citizens safe and under his leadership they are all focused on safe city; October 25, 2021 at Central Fire Station there will be a Safe City Meeting with several different entities, Chief Randall Aragon will be the facilitator of this event, and invited all to attend; after months of discussion, there was a final first reading of the chicken ordinance, which took a lot of compromising. Move forward together.

(14) ADJOURNMENT

****** Councilmember Carlson made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:19 p.m. Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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.
