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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
OF
JULY 27, 2017**

Special Called Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, July 27, 2017, beginning at 2:15 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hocking called the Regular Meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Bobby Hocking
Keith Bell
Chris Lane
Robert Michetich
Casey Mc Auliffe

Mayor
Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilmember District A
Councilmember, District B
Councilmember, District C
Councilmember, District D

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Carol Buttler
Robin Eldridge

City Manager
City Clerk

(3) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding award and approval of a Solid Waste Services Contract to Waste Management of Texas, Inc. or solid waste services effective October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2024, including up to two (2) additional three (3) year optional renewal terms.

City Manager introduced Shanna Lopez of Waste Management Services, Inc.

Ms. Lopez provided a brief overview of the proposal that has been submitted for Solid Waste Services within the City beginning with the history of the company. The company has been operating in Texas for 46 years and locally for 35 years. Their corporate office is in Houston. The hauling district that would be used for La Marque is in Pasadena, where she also has an office. The closest landfill for citizens that wish to haul debris to is in Pasadena off of Old Galveston Road, approximately 17 miles from La Marque. The citizens would also be able to continue to utilize the current Republic Waste, for a charge, unless something can be negotiated with Republic Waste. She identified the two sites that take in recyclables. She continued presenting the slides and proposing what the company was offering in their proposal, including that each resident would be receiving two (2) 96 gallon carts, one to be used for trash and one for recycling, if they wish. The cart with the yellow lid to be used for recycling, which also has a sticker identifying that it is for recycling. Every other week recycling to be picked up and once a week brush (5) yard limit (200 lbs.) and household hazardous collection, (by calling in and arranging when



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those materials to be picked and so they are provided a bag) all being picked up in new side load trucks. They are looking at a Monday - Thursday route and a Tuesday - Friday route, with recycling being either on a Monday or a Tuesday. Extra hauls or pickups would be arranged by a citizen contacting Waste Management directly. In the initial stages that the company would "roll out", they would be leaving literature when placing the carts, providing information for the City to place on the website and or providing a link to the Waste Management through the City's website. "We will do all that is within our means to communicate and get the information out. Besides by being one of the largest garbage companies in North America, we are also the largest recycling company in North America. One of the things we have to keep doing is educating people. We can provide our own recycling curriculums probably more than twice a year, by providing teachers with these curriculum tools." Further discussion including providing a widget placed on the City's website that will provide any information concerning recycling that anyone had questions about. Also discussed was the Community Investment and Education slide which highlighted benefits currently being provided along with additional benefits, Bayou Fest and Youth Sponsorship, and as the providing of recycling tours, landfill tours, and "Touch a Truck." Highlighted next was all that would be provided in the initial implementation period of the new solid waste provider, customer service, customized monthly reports, providing diversion rate as it pertains to recycling, tonnage and all seen on a monthly basis. Other enhancements include a Waste Watch Program includes getting to know the Police Department and being an extra set of eyes in the community. Another enhancement is the Bagster Program, which allows you to get rid of debris up to 3300 lbs. These bags can be found at Loews or Home Depot and a few other places. There is a charge for this, but all remodeling or other special waste for a certain project can be gone all at once.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell clarified the Bagster Program, and about special re-placement of the carts, after emptying for elderly or physically challenged citizens. Then clarified that with this contract, all would be in effect as of October 1, 2017.

Mayor Hocking asked that if the contract be approved, a caveat be that the two checks for Bayou Fest and the Youth Sponsorship be delivered on October 1, 2017 as well, to which Ms. Lopez said she would try her best.

Councilmember Mc Auliffe asked about having the truck drivers to come out and meet the citizens, maybe during National Night out or other special occasions, which was said to be no problem.

A member of the audience (Lois Carelock) asked if they had a solution for any leakage that might seep out onto the streets or driveways, to which it was said that and the design of the trucks would not allow for any leakage during compacting.

Tina Ortiz (Utility Billing Director) asked if there would still be a certain tonnage allowed for La Marque residents to use the landfill before getting charged, to which it was answered, yes, they will include that in the contract. It was then said that the City would absorb the cost if the tonnage is exceeded, so that it does not become the citizens costs.



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The hauling off tires was discussed briefly. Discussion then included the grapple truck, and what types of materials that would require the grapple truck.

After reiterating what Mayor Hocking said earlier about the October 1, 2017 deadline, Councilmember Michetich made a motion to accept Solid Waste Services Contract to Waste Management of Texas, Inc. or solid waste services effective October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2024, including up to two (2) additional three (3) year optional renewal terms.

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

(4) ADJOURNMENT

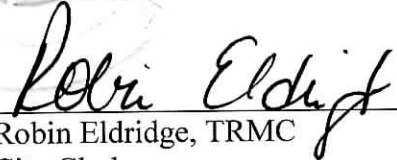
It was the consensus of Council to adjourn the Special Meeting at 3:19 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED




Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk