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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
OF
AUGUST 7, 2017**

Special Called Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, August 7, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hocking called the Special Called Meeting to order at 6:00 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

Ellis Ortego

Robin Eldridge

City Manager

City Attorney

City Clerk

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hocking led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to table item 5a, (Public Hearing until more public input is received).

** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(4) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

- a. David Pennington approached the podium, "I was going to recommend that Items 5a and 7a be tabled tonight until a regular council meeting, next week, which on the second Monday of each month. Both of these items effect the citizens of La Marque, every citizen, and I think that are important enough to be held during a regular council meeting and public hearings should not be held during a special meeting. On item number 7a, on the school item, and school zones and stuff, I don't know how you could vote on that tonight anyway, because in the packet that I saw online, Item 7a, proposed ordinance No. O-2017-0013, this item is forthcoming and will be in the backup at the special meeting on Monday, August 7, 2017. Now I don't know, did you Council members get that tonight when you came in, and how many of you have had time to go through it? You haven't had time to study it and the citizens of La Marque have not even see this ordinance yet, and we have not had an opportunity to contact our Councilmembers to say if we like it or not. As a tax paying citizen of La Marque I need to know what is in this ordinance, and I have not



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been afforded that opportunity. So, that's the reason I think it needs to be tabled to a regular council meeting."

Mayor Hocking gave a point of information: "I believe the people on Mc Arthur Street were sent a letter by Chief Jackson about this issue, and since it effected them directly, it is their street that will be redirected, we thought that was important, but there are other people who drive that street as well, and your point is well taken. Thank you."

James Osteen approached the podium, "I'd like to bring something to yawl's attention, on that ordinance yawl tabled, so you all will be aware of what's going on here. The first reading was on April 10, 2017, is that nor right? Okay, you've got a hundred a twenty days to approve this ordinance, because today is a hundred and twenty days."

Mayor Hocking said, "So we are going to have to start over. I discussed that with the City Clerk, so we are starting over."

(5) **PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive public input regarding Ordinance No. O-2017-009, Repealing Sec. 44-2; Curfew for Minors, Chapter 44, of the Code of Ordinances, City of La Marque, Texas; and in its place adopting a new Sec. 44-2; establishing a curfew for any person under the age of seventeen years during certain hours.

See above. (Tabled)

(6) **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. O-2017-009, repealing Sec. 44-2; Curfew for Minors, Chapter 44, of the Code of Ordinances, City of La Marque, Texas; and in its place adopting a new Sec. 44-2; establishing a curfew for any person under the age of seventeen during certain hours. **THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL READING**

See above. (Tabled)

(7) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding Ordinance No. O-2017-0013, repealing Sec. 62-51; Maximum limits in school zones generally, and Sec. 62-108; Designated, and Sec. 62-139; Parking prohibited on certain streets during school hours; and in its place adopting a new Sec. 62-51; Maximum limits in school zones generally, and Sec. 62-108; Designated, and Sec. 62-139; Parking prohibited on certain streets during school hours Chapter 62, of the Code of Ordinances, City of La Marque, Texas. **THIS IS THE FIRST READING.**

Mayor Hocking asked the Chief if there was a time constraint on this item.

Police Chief Jackson approached the podium, "The school district brought it to our attention with the request that it be expedited due to the fact that school is starting this



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month. As far as having the number of required meetings, public hearings, in order to pass the ordinance, that is why it was presented tonight."

Mayor Hocking clarified with the City Clerk the time frame as to when a second reading could be done, and as long as it is posted within seven days before the second reading was reiterated.

Mayor Hocking asked Mr. Pennington if he thought that there would be a problem if it was discussed as a first reading on the 14th of August, which is a regular meeting and then the second reading during one of our required budget meetings, which there are many of them. To which Mr. Pennington responded that it should take place at a regular meeting and Mayor said what would be the purpose after school started, it would mute the issue.

For clarification the ordinance changes the time frames that school zones can be established, signage would have to be put out and whether something would have to post ahead of time showing the changes.

Chief Jackson added, I delivered letters to everyone on Mc Arthur Street, I was only able to speak to a hand full of persons who were at home at the time, The ones that I spoke with were in opposition to making Mc Arthur a one-way street, and I strongly encouraged them to come and address Council to let you all know how they felt about it, and I don't see any residents of McArthur here tonight.'

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell spoke up and said that the street was within his district and said, "Here is the bigger question, Ms. Buttler have you had the opportunity to meet with the new superintendent? Has he scheduled an appointment with you? Have you met with the school board President or any school board member? Do we know anything about the properties that Texas City Independent School District inherited from La Marque Independent School District that are in our City limits? Do we know anything at all? Have they outreached to this City about anything since they have taken over"

City Manager Carol Buttler responded, "As far as I know, they demolished the schools. The last I heard, I talked to the former superintendent, she said at that time, they didn't have any future plans in the works yet. I have spoken to the maintenance supervisor."

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell suggested to extend a hand to them again so we can collaborate and hopefully form a partnership that will prevent the City from having to crunch time with citizens that need time to understand what is happening and a Mayor that is trying to lead his Council to take action it was suggested to have more communication with them. Maybe some type of joint event to get to know who they are, what their plans are as it relates to our City.

Chief Jackson mentioned that he had told the representative who brought this up to him, that he needed to attend this Council meeting, since they are the ones requesting this.



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- ** Councilmember Michetich mad a motion to table this item.
- ** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. Discussion/ possible action calling the First Public Hearing for the proposed FY 2017-2018 Tax Rate to be held on Monday, August 14, 2017 and the Second Public Hearing for the 2017-2018 Tax Rate to be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

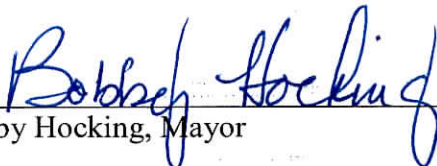
- ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to approve the public hearing dates mentioned.
- ** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- c. Discussion/possible action calling the First Public Hearing for the proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget to be held on Monday, August 21, 2017 and the Second Public Hearing for the 2017-2018 Budget to be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

- ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to approve the public hearing dates mentioned.
- ** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(8) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:14 p.m.
Councilmember Lane seconded. **MEETING ADJOURNED**



Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carol Buttler for Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk