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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, September 11, 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 Regular 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- **ABSENT**

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 Pro-Tem Bell led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance

(4) PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

a. Proclamation - D'Feet Breast Cancer (October Breast Cancer Awareness)

Mayor Hocking and Councilmember Mc Auliffe presented Nikki Greenlee a proclamation for a D'Feet Breast Cancer event that will take place in October.

(5) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. Geraldine Sam thanked all of the churches, and volunteers as well as Public Works employees, Police Officers, Fire Department personnel, staff and EMS for all of their assistance throughout the storm. "We all came together as one. I just want to thank our City for stepping up to the plate."

Mayor Hocking read a letter that was recently mailed to the City from former citizens (Donald and Barbara Lampe of Maryland at the present time), which included a donation to the City of La Marque to help assist in any way to the citizens recovering from the storm.



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(6) CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Special City Council Minutes 7.17.2017
- b. Special City Council Minutes 7.27.2017
- c. Special City Council Minutes 8.7.2017
- d. Special Employee Benefits Trust Fund Minutes 8.14.2017
- e. Special City Council Minutes 8.28.2017
- f. Special City Council Minutes 8.29.2017
- g. Special City Council Minutes 9.5.17
- h. Special City Council Minutes 9.6.17
- i. Discussion/possible action regarding accepting the Quarterly Investment Reports for First and Second Quarter 2017.
- j. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Resolution No. **R-2017-0020** approving the Contract as Exhibit "A" for the appointment of Megan S. Jones and Ashley N. Joyner, as Municipal Court Prosecutor, authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract for an initial term September 1, 2017, through September 30, 2019, with a renewal option of an additional one (1) year.

Mayor Hocking pulled item h. and said a correction needed to be made to those minutes, that Mayor Pro-Tem Bell was present at the meeting on the 6th of September, 2017.

- ** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
** Mayor Pro- Tem Bell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(7) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting or denying Ordinance number **O-2017-0013**, amending 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;; by adding 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. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED FROM THE August 7, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2017-0013, with the exception of Section 62-108 that would Mc Arthur Street, a one-way Street. "We still do not want Mc Arthur a one-way street."

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

(8) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action to accept the Proposed Street Dedication Landing at Delany Cove, being 0.6 + Acres of Land out of the S.F. Austin League No. 4 survey, A-2 City of La Marque Galveston County, Texas being the continuation of Meadow Lake Village Drive, as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.



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

b. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2017-0019**, Amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges of the Code of Ordinances, City of La Marque, Texas by amending prescribed solid waste collection charges. **THIS IS FIRST READING**

** Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2017-0019.

** Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked about the cost of a replacement cart of \$70.00 per cart in the ordinance, he asked what the parameters were and how could a person tell how a cart gets damaged. He asked that of course that every benefit of benevolent be given to the customer, in these cases. Then asked about theft of carts, and was told that those just will be replaced, at no charge.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell read, "Section 4.6.2 reads, "Additional carts are available for residential customers at an additional charge to be paid by the customer, in the event a cart shall be lost, stolen or missing , the contractor agrees to replace such lost stolen or missing cart with a new cart at a rate of \$70.00 to the customer. If a person happens to be the victim of a theft, and we call, we are saying that we will replace the cart at no charge"

City Manager added, "We will make sure that it is written as a side note, that those will be replaced at no charge to the customer." **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(9) AWARD OF BID(S)/CONTRACTS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding award of Bid **LM #10-18** to Parrish & Parrish Tractor Service for Lawn Care Maintenance of City Facilities and Parks in the amount of \$73,500.00.

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to award Bid **LM #10-18** to Parrish & Parrish Tractor Service for Lawn Care Maintenance of City Facilities and Parks in the amount of \$73,500.00.

** Councilmember Michetich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. Discussion/possible action regarding authorizing an additional and final one (1) year renewal of existing contract for EMS Medical Supplies and Medications with Bound Tree Medical in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for a period of one (1) year beginning



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November 15, 2017, through November 14, 2018, as provided for in the initial contract award October 26, 2015.

- ** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to authorize an additional and final one (1) year renewal of existing contract for EMS Medical Supplies and Medications with Bound Tree Medical in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for a period of one (1) year beginning November 15, 2017, through November 14, 2018, as provided for in the initial contract award October 26, 2015.
- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- c. Discussion/possible action regarding the award of a contract to Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, an authorized Pierce vendor through the BuyBoard, for Fire Apparatus Maintenance and Repair Services in the amount of \$35,000.00 for one (1) year from date of award.
- ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to award of a contract to Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, an authorized Pierce vendor through the BuyBoard, for Fire Apparatus Maintenance and Repair Services in the amount of \$35,000.00 for one (1) year from date of award.
- ** Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- d. Discussion/possible action regarding award of **RFP #17-02 “Debris Monitoring Services”** to TLC Engineering as the successful proposer for debris monitoring related to Hurricane Harvey.
- ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to award **RFP #17-02 “Debris Monitoring Services”** to TLC Engineering as the successful proposer for debris monitoring related to Hurricane Harvey, and added agenda item “e” together with the caveat to allow the City Manager to negotiate both of those contracts for our City.

Councilmember Michetich explained that the City of La Marque as well as the cities in Galveston County and many in Harris County were pro-active last year, in securing contracts with storm debris removal, but due to recent changes made by FEMA, it forced all the cities to go out for emergency bids that forced all the cities to secure their own storm debris removal and monitoring company instead of piggy-backing off of each other or together. The Mayor added, that the City would begin picking up its own brush the following morning, which will help until the carpet and cabinets and other can be picked up after the 18th.

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



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- e. Discussion/possible action regarding the award of **RFP #17-03 “Disaster Debris Clearance and Removal”** due to Hurricane Harvey to the most qualified vendor who meets specifications required by the City. **Please see above.**

(10) APPOINTMENTS/NOMINATIONS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding Resolution No. **R-2017-0021**, approving the Commissioners’ Court of Galveston County nomination of member for appointment to the United Board of Health.

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2017-0021.

** Councilmember Michetich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding Resolution No. **R-2017-0023**, nominating members (s) to appear on the Ballot of the Board of Directors of the Galveston Central Appraisal District for two year terms beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2017-0022. The correct number being 0022, with the nomination of Bruce Clawson

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

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

** Councilmember Mc Auliffe, appointed Abby Cash to the Building Standards Commission. There were no other appointments.

(11) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Mc Auliffe read into the minutes, “La Marque will not stand for bigotry, hatred and violence. Our City denounces the vitriol and terrorism espoused by the KKK, Neo-Nazis, white nationalists and all other white supremacist groups. Our state does not abide their hate, and our beloved City of La Marque is no different. We are proud of the diversity within our city, and wish to make it clear that hate and racism have no place in La Marque.”

Mayor Hocking announced that the city staff met with a FEMA representative for the southern portion of Galveston County. Reported said that representatives will be arriving soon for governmental assistance, individual and public assistance to and conduct meetings in the community room with various times to conduct meetings to assist families with registration for FEMA. We have phone numbers at the library also. FEMA says “FEMA stands strong with Texas and has not abandoned Texas for Florida. Only representatives who live in Florida departed for home and replacement staff is being deployed to Texas.” This information will be made available on the website and copies are at City Hall. He then drew attention to the new Waste Management carts and the new La Marque banner at the back of the room.



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Councilmember Mc Auliffe announced that she will be conducting a town hall meeting in Martin Luther King Park in the Lee Addition area of La Marque, next Wednesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. and encouraged all to come and meet her.

Councilmember Michetich reported that although it has been a tough couple of weeks, he was glad to see everyone there. "We had far less damage than a lot of other people. This doesn't help anyone who got water in their home, whether it is one inch or four foot, it is about the same amount of damage. My prayers go out to everybody. We all have friends and family that were impacted by this storm, and my heart goes out to each of you. I know the donations centers are still open and that need doesn't go away."

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell announced, "It may not be understood, but, I need know that throughout this process, that our Mayor has been extremely diligent. He has driven the streets personally, driven them alone, with the Police Chief and called as many folks as he could he has check on as many people as he could. I wanted you to know as a Councilmember, who has experienced and as a citizen, you are not going to find a finer Mayor through this process and through the process of this storm that we just survived, then Mayor Bobby Hocking. He is a great leader for our community, he has proven that time and time again and he doesn't always get the credit that he deserves, and won't ask you for it, so I am here to say tonight, Mayor, as co-Councilmember, as a resident of this City, and as your fiend I want to thank you for your leadership through this time, because without you, I don't know that it would have went as well for us as a City, without your leadership, diligence and care and I just want to personally thank you for everything you have done throughout this time."

Mayor Hocking thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Bell. "Hunkering down in that Emergency Operations Center is a very intense situation, and we are thankful that God blessed La Marque with as little damage as we've had, but once again, if it is your home, both of my neighbors were flooded, I got about a half an inch in the front bedroom and utility room. I doesn't matter whether you got an inch or four feet, its water and it is still a hassle. I thank you for the kind words. I want to congratulate the staff, Police, Fire, the City Manager, I don't know if her cot is still in her office, but she stayed here 24-7. I just can't say enough about how the staff handled this event. We rescued about thirty families, the right of the worst part of the storm. We had them in the community center, and the human spirit I observed from all different walks of life, and you saw peoples best rise up."

(12) EXECUTIVE SESSION

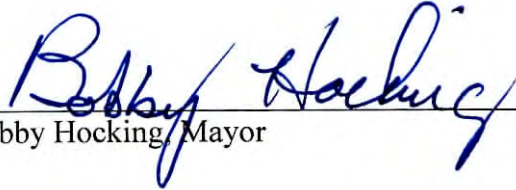
There was no Executive Session

(13) ADJOURNMENT

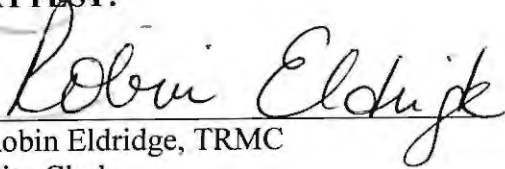
Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 6:49 p.m.
Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**



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Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:


Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk