



1111 Bayou
La Marque, Texas 77568
409.938.9202

**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OF
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

Special City Council Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, September 18, 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 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) PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input regarding Ordinance No. **O-2017-0016**, making appropriations for the support of the City of La Marque for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018 appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the annual budget for the City of La Marque for 2017-2018 fiscal year.
- b. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input regarding Ordinance No. **O-2017-0017**, levying ad valorem taxes for use and operation of the municipal government of the City of La Marque, Texas for the 2017 tax year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid.

Mayor Hocking closed the Special Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.
No one spoke on item a.

A member of the audience asked a basic question about the ad valorem taxes wording (Item b).

Mayor closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:02 p.m.



1111 Bayou
La Marque, Texas 77568
409.938.9202

(4) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance number **O-2017-0016**, making appropriations for the support of the City of La Marque for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018 appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the annual budget for the City of La Marque for 2017-2018 fiscal year. **THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL READING**

** Councilmember Lane made a motion to adopt Ordinance number O-2017-0016.
** Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance number **O-2017-0017**, levying ad valorem taxes for use and operation of the municipal government of the City of La Marque, Texas for the 2017 tax year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid. **THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL READING**

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to adopt Ordinance number O-2017-0017.
** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AYES: Mc Auliffe, Michetich, Lane, Bell and Hocking **NAYS:** None

(5) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action authorizing the City Manager to execute the annual contract with the County of Galveston Commissioners' Court for the provision of fire protection services to unincorporated areas of Galveston County commencing upon execution, and expiring September 30, 2018, in return for payment in the amount of twenty two thousand five hundred dollars and no cents (\$22,500.00).

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute the annual contract with the County of Galveston Commissioners' Court for the provision of fire protection services to unincorporated areas of Galveston County commencing upon execution, and expiring September 30, 2018, in return for payment in the amount of twenty two thousand five hundred dollars and no cents (\$22,500.00).

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

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Resolution No. **R-2017-0023** accepting the 2017 City of La Marque Investment Policy for investment of municipal funds per Public Funds Investment Act.

** Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2017-0023.
** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



1111 Bayou
La Marque, Texas 77568
409.938.9202

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding Ordinance No. **O-2017-0020**, amending the FY 2016-17 Budget for grants, special (restricted) revenues and related expenditures by increasing (decreasing) certain revenues and increasing (decreasing) certain expenditures to individual budget accounts in certain funds as set forth in attached Exhibit "A". **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

** Councilmember Lane made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2017-0020.
** Councilmember Michetich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- d. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2017-0021**, amending the entire Article II of Chapter 35, Garbage, Rubbish and Rubble, to rename the Clean City Commission as "Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission," to restate its purpose, and to provide for additional officer positions. **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2017-0021.
** Councilmember McAuliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(6) EXECUTIVE SESSION (Requests and Announcement allowed to speak at this time)

The City Council for the City of La Marque, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development)

1. Section 551.074- (Personnel Matters) Discuss contract of the Alternate Municipal Court Judge for the City of La Marque

Mayor Hocking closed the Special Meeting and convened into the Executive Session #1 at 6:19 p.m.

Mayor Hocking reconvened the Special meeting at 6:31 p.m. (See Action Item #1 below)

Mayor Hocking then recused himself from the second part of the Executive Session, due to a conflict of having been a Pastor and a current member of the property at 6:32 p.m.

2. Section 551-072-(Deliberations about Real Property) Discuss negotiations relating to Contract for proposed City facilities

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell closed the Special meeting and convened into Executive Session #2 at 6:34 p.m.

(7) ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION



1111 Bayou
La Marque, Texas 77568
409.938.9202

1. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Resolution No. **R-2017-0024**, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Contract re-appointing Carlton Getty as Alternate Municipal Court Judge

Councilmember Michetich made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2017-0024, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Contract re-appointing Carlton Getty as Alternate Municipal Court Judge in the amount of \$400.00 per docket.

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

2. Discussion/possible action authorizing City Manager to complete negotiations and approve funding for the lease of the property proposed for City facilities

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell reconvened the Special Meeting at 8:09 P.M.

Councilmember Michetich made a motion to authorize the City Manager to continue negotiations with the property in question. Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(8) REQUEST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Item taken before convening into the Session)

Shanna Lopez of Waste Management- introduced the new bins to the members of the attendance. The new solid waste contract begins on October 2, 2017. They started on the same date as the meeting switching out the commercial dumpsters from the previous contract holder. Republic Waste will continue to maintain services until the end of the month. Monday and Thursday residential pickups will begin first, then go on to the Tuesday and Friday customers. This week and next week everyone will be getting two new carts, one for recycling and one for trash. Republic will begin picking up their carts next week. A brochure will be inside of a plastic envelope in the "trash cart". It has all the information and pickup for recycling and trash. There are new maps as well. The one change is that recycling day will be on garbage day. If you have Monday- Thursday for garbage pickup days, your recycling day will be on Monday. If you have Tuesday- Friday garbage pickup days, your recycling day will be on Friday, and that is every other week. Another new service will be hazardous waste pickup and Ms. Lopez explained the process from the sheet. She also advised that the citizens hold on to the form, it provides all the services and details of each, but it will be available on the website and copies will be available at City Hall as well. "If for some reason you still have a Republic cart on the first week of October, they will be making another round through the City to pick up the carts left, so please leave those out." She suggested there be four to five feet in between each cart so that the truck doesn't knock them over, but, by placing one cart on each side of the driveway would also work.

Mayor Hocking announced that the City had just started the debris pickup on Saturday, "FEMA threw us for a loop in a few ways, but, we worked that out and the reason we waited to start, unlike some other cities who began to tap into their reserves. We decided



1111 Bayou
La Marque, Texas 77568
409.938.9202

it would be best to have all our ducks in a row, so that we would get reimbursed by FEMA.

Ben Davis of TLC Engineering, a debris monitoring and hauling debris company. "Today we have removed over a thousand cubic yards of debris. We will be making three passes throughout the City. We are making the first pass now, and we will post online when the next pass will be. It will be a process, but we will make sure that Crowder Gulf goes through the hauling process."

It was said that a few different landfills will be used and that some of the rates for those landfills will vary.

(9) ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
Councilmember Mc Auliffe seconded. **MEETING ADJOURNED**




Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:


Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk