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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
March 12, 2018**

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, March 12, 2018, 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

Councilmember, District C

Councilwoman, District D

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Carol Buttler

Ellis Ortego

Patti Rees

City Manager

City Attorney

for City Clerk

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hocking led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance

(4) PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS

a. Presentation/Proclamation – Lemonade Day

Gina Spagnola, President and CEO of the Galveston County Regional Chamber of Commerce, “This is our seventh year of Lemonade Day. We are just beyond excited at the call that Councilmember Lane made to us, with his interest in bringing “Lemonade Day” to La Marque.” Lemonade Day is on the first Sunday in May and it teaches youth how to start, own and operate their very own business - a lemonade stand.

Mayor Hocking presented Ms. Spagnola with a proclamation and she introduced a few of the first registrations and a few of the children that have been participating in Lemonade Day for several years (Shawn Dillon, Dasia Moore, Kylee Wilson and Kaelen Wilson).

(5) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

There were none

(6) CONSENT AGENDA

a. Regular City Council Meeting minutes of February 12, 2018



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- b Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Resolution No. **R-2018-008**, approving the aerial spraying of mosquitos by Galveston County Mosquito Control District, as required on a yearly basis by the Federal Aviation Administration.

** Councilmember Lane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(7) PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2018-02** establishing the levy of a Public Improvement District (PID #1) assessment for Painted Meadows, Section 5, in the amount of \$1,550.00 per house, annually for 20 years.

Mayor Hocking closed the Regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Hocking closed the Public Hearing and opened the Regular meeting at 6:11 p.m.

(8) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2018-002**, establishing the levy of a Public Improvement District (PID #1) assessment for Painted Meadows, Section 5, in the amount of \$1,550.00 per house, annually for 20 years. **THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL READING**

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2018-002.
** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(9) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Resolution No. **R-2018-009**, amending Resolution No. R-2018-001, ordering the City of La Marque General Election to be held on May 5, 2018.

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2018-009.
** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding preparing a resolution to establish a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone within the City of La Marque and providing further direction to the City Manager.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell spoke of a study by Marsh Darcy partnership that was done several years ago in the inner area of the City, primarily the area that Lake Road area serves. Out of that study it was recommended that the city was recommended to create a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone allowing the use of any available tax revenue to be reinvested into a particular neighborhood, and also possibly waive certain fees to inspire builders to come in.



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plan for the area that Lake Road serves. We have suffered from an inability to attract builders to certain areas of town, due to the age of those areas and the aged infrastructure in those areas. By creating the empowerment zone, an initial investment, will allow us to recoup many times over those initial fees we lose by waiving certain fees. It will also allow us to abate sales taxes and property taxes in those areas that we may be able to attract viable commercial opportunities to that part of our town. ”

Discussion continued, and it was recommended to have a joint workshop with the Economic Development Corporation in order to discuss all areas in the city and what types of businesses the City would like to attract as well as neighborhoods that will benefit all generations, cross cultural differences and it was the consensus of council to move forward with the creation of an Empowerment Zone. Also mentioned was extending the areas territorially (eastern zone) to reach Bayou Road, in efforts to tie into the Downtown Revitalization efforts. This zone will be the beginning of many neighborhood empowerment zones throughout the City, and just the beginning of our revitalization efforts. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell added, “While we are starting in one of the most neglected parts of our City, it is just the beginning focal point until it reaches every part of our City that has been neglected.”

It was directed that the City Manager come up with a plan and bring it back before City Council that they can work with.

(10) APPOINTMENTS

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

Mayor Pro-Tem appointed Maggie Manuel to the Building Standards Commission, and appointed Nancy Vidotto to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an Alternate and also reappointed Ellen Hanley to the Cemetery Board.

Mayor Hocking moved Abby Cash from Alternate to a member on the Parks Board. There is no discussion on nominations or appointments so the appointments stood as stated.

(11) EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session

(12) REQUEST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Mc Auliffe spoke about the aerial spraying of mosquito resolution that was approved earlier on the agenda, clarified that the City continues to hold the County responsible and accountable for following all of the MSDS guidelines and product safety rules while spraying the chemicals; announced her April 4, 2018 recycling how-to workshop and District “D” second Town Hall meeting. Showed her enthusiasm for Councilmember Lane bringing Lemonade Day to La Marque.



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Councilmember Michetich congratulated all of the young persons that were in attendance for Lemonade Day and encouraged them to participate in all that they can in relation to their dreams in becoming an entrepreneur.

Councilmember Lane thanked all staff for helping to make Lemonade Day kickoff day possible. Encouraged interested individuals to go by City Hall or the Library to pick up an application to participate in Lemonade Day.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell said that he has never been a part of such a diverse Council and said that it was a blessing to see them all take leadership in so many different areas of the life of their City. Then he expressed his gratitude for everything that Councilmember Lane has done since on the Council for children. He then thanked the young participants that are in attendance for stepping up and promoting things that they are interested in. Then reminded all to keep an extra eye on all children through Spring Break to ensure their safety.

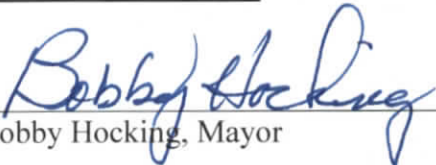
Mayor Hocking encouraged all to see the young girl and buy a tee shirt from her as he did. Then he showed and read a thank you note from Ms. Vera Bell Gary, whom was presented a proclamation in February for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Mayor then reported on Evoni Williams, a waitress working at the Waffle House in La Marque for her act of kindness that has received worldwide attention. Encouraged all to be kind to one another.

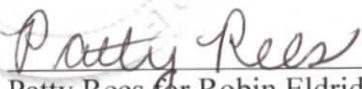
(13) ADJOURNMENT

** Councilmember Lane made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:37 p.m.

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. **MEETING ADJOURNED**


Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:


Patty Rees for Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk

