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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
RETREAT
MINUTES
OF
JUNE 4, 2018**

Minutes of the City Council Retreat held on **Monday, June 4, 2018** at 4:00 p.m. at the Crowder Family Retreat Camp at 8911 Paula Lane, Dickinson, Texas 77539, concerning the following agenda items:

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hocking called the Council Retreat to order at 4:11 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Bobby Hocking	Mayor
Keith Bell	Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilmember District A
Chris Lane	Councilmember, District B
Robert Michetich	Councilmember, District C
Casey Mc Auliffe	Councilwoman, District D

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Carol Buttler	City Manager
Robin Eldridge	City Clerk

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss City Manager long/short term goals/planning

City Manager gave a report of her present and future projects, including:

- Reported that the Public Information Officer Colleen Merritt wished to distribute a News Letter/insert for water bill to reiterate some of the issues concerning solid waste pickup schedules and criteria, and asked if Council had any concerns.
- Reviewed the Goodman Corporation (14) projects that were recently discussed in a Council meeting.
- Travel policy for employees will be on the June agenda
- Meeting with departments on each of their budgets
- New Fire Station (9) additional employees
- Asked for direction on how to proceed with the Strategic Plan
- GCWA rates increasing
- Workshop- two member committee to discuss MUDS
- At present time, water conservation level at 2, wished to remain at 2 for the time being
- LED street lighting will not be implemented by TNMP until 2019
- Streamlining process for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone



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- Blight reduction has been successful by identifying all areas and strategy during budget process
- Looking into a Development Ordinance/Zoning Development guidelines (to schedule joint meetings along with EDC)
- Following the PIO (Colleen) advice for a Communication Plan
- Building “B”- Public Services current and near future plan
- Briefly discussed whether an acre adjacent could be used for a Recreation Center if the college was still planning on utilizing the complete “A” building
- Compensation Plan- completed
- Lemonade Day- Councilmember Lane implemented in La Marque-done
- Security cameras are up and running at the park
- AMI meters implemented
- Fire/Police Department wellness program- off to a good start

Further discussion with Mayor and City Council included:

- Splash Parks for all pocket parks (beginning with MLK)
- A master plan to overhaul Mahan Park (organized)
- Communication/Exploration Task force to totally revamp all of the parks
- Questions about Bobby Beach Park (has a title search been conducted?) Will this Park ever become the City’s?
- Concrete walking trail instead of what Dow provided (Highland Bayou Park)- should be a walk around the lake and not into marshy areas like the current “trail”
- Future Grocery Store (EDC) working on this
- Expanding tax base
- Impact fees (\$5,000? per house)
- Asked about feedback from TCISD
- Appraisal District – to properly appraise (possible increase in the appraisal amounts not a tax increase for citizens)- Linebarger- a Resolution is needed
- ABC buildings, Omega Bay to be storm ready
- Are local businesses involved in the wellness program?
- Relationships with Boards and Commissions (changes needed in procedures for appointing members)- incentives maybe to provide dinners

Mayor Hocking took item number 6, (Dinner) out of order at this time and the meeting broke for dinner at 7:03 p.m.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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



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(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) – Mayor and Councilmembers Evaluation of City Manager

Mayor Hocking closed the Council Retreat and went into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Hocking reconvened the Council Retreat at 11:06 p.m.

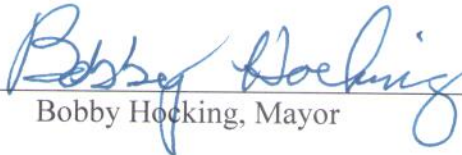
5. ACTION TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discussion/possible action regarding City Managers tenure

Councilmember Michetich made a motion based on City Council's individual evaluations discussed in the closed meeting to continue to support the City Manager's work through the remainder of her tenure until retirement, which is December 31, 2019.

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

It was the consensus of City Council to adjourn the Council Retreat at 11:07 p.m.



Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk