

6/13/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All members of Council were present, in addition to staff members including City Manager Cesar Garcia, City Attorney Gus Knebel, and City Clerk Kierra Nance.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Yancy gave the invocation and Councilman Carlson led the pledge.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.I. Proclamation

Mayor Bell presented a Proclamation for Juneteenth. La Marque Juneteenth Committee representative Delon Delafosse accepted the proclamation.

4.II. Certified Public Management Class 2022

The Council and City Manager recognized the (5) employees who completed the CPM Program and they each gave a brief summary of their Capstone project required for graduation.

Alex Getty - Creating Partnerships between Economic Development Corporation and City Staff

Amy Miller - The Intersection of Public Libraries and Social Services

Patty Rees - How to Manage a Hybrid Workforce

Barbara Weidman- Incentive Planning for Fire Department Personnel

Rosemary Bell- Social Media in the Government Sector

4.III. 2022 Summer Interns

Introduction of youth residents selected to participate in the La Marque Summer Internship Program:

Da' Naiyah Nelson (LMHS) - Finance

Bre'Naysia Spurlock (TCHS) - Administration

Chaniya Richardson (HHS)- Fire

Jada Wolf (TCHS)- Development Services

Amaurie Captain (LMHS)- Police

Cymone Swain (LMHS)- Building Maintenance

Christian Stone (LMHS)- Fire Administration

Anthony Wev (LMHS)- Public Works Administration

Zion Thomas (LMHS)- Public Works

Leslie Zuniga (LMHS)- Court

Xavier Thomas (LMHS)- Building Maintenance

Israel Alvarez (LMHS)- Fire

Roddrick Woods (LMHS)- Library

Arriyon Vincent (HHS)- Building Maintenance

*\*\*McKinsey Criss (SFHS) - City Clerk's Office was unable to attend.*

#### 4.IV. Workforce Solutions

Graig Harrington of Workforce Solutions gave a brief presentation on the benefits of partnering with Workforce Solutions.

#### 4.V. Southeast Texas Housing Authority

City Representative Georgia Barzilay and Housing Director Rhonda Mitchell gave a brief description of what the organization offers focusing on multi-family rental projects and single-family home purchasing assistance.

### 5. PUBLIC SAFETY

#### 5.I. Public Safety Building Update

Alec Luong gave a summary of the work that the Public Safety Building Committee has done since its inception and presented the final two conceptual site plans that the committee was given to choose from. The Committee collectively chose Option 2.

Both Mayor Pro Tem Compian and Councilman Carlson asked clarifying questions regarding the building options and Councilwoman McAuliffe acknowledged the length of the presentation but thanked the committee for their commitment to this process.

City Manager Garcia explained that the next steps for this project would be for Council to provide direction at a future meeting. The Council acknowledged that the community should continue to be involved in the process and additional meetings should be held to continue collaboration.

#### 5.II. LMPD Monthly Reports

Chief Aragon gave a brief presentation regarding the reports presented.

### 6. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Jennifer Earl (Executive Assistant to the City Manager) spoke on behalf of Ms. Lois Carelock sent an email requesting that kudos be given to the garden club.

Eva Livy (2808 Fannin St) - states that there are yield signs instead of stop signs at Lake Road, there are 13 in the area, a serious safety issue. States that she only found out about the Public Safety Building Committee two days before the last meeting, she enjoyed the meeting and considered it "the horse to the carriage". Ms. Livy states that although a lot of people don't understand why she does the things that she does but she does it to make the city a better place.

Richard Matthews (18 N Curlew)- Spoke requesting that the City Council allow him to work with City Manager to work towards obtaining funding for the Highland Bayou Watershed project as TCEQ has declared it as a hazard.

Carol Johnson (2808 Fannin St)- Shared her concerns regarding financing a new public safety building when budgets just got approved in May.

Robert Michetich (24 N Curlew)- Spoke regarding an issue from the HOA, relating to the driveway ordinance exception for Omega Bay that was not included in the agenda tonight.

Re'Chard Loftis (309 Johnson)- Shared his concerns with mowing contractor Parrish & Parrish. He states that he has identified at least (3) properties that Parrish & Parrish has records of mowing however the property has not been serviced. He is asking for more accountability for these contractors. He mentioned the residents of Bellview's displeasure with their continued road closure.

## 7. ORDINANCES

### 7.I. Ordinance No. O-2022-0005

Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2022-0005. Councilmember Carlson seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 7.II. Ordinance No. O-2022-0006

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2022-0006. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

During the discussion, Councilmember McAuliffe stated that while she has no issues with regulating spending she wants to ensure that this does not cause an undue burden on the business of the City. Mayor Bell requested that a review of this ordinance be held at the beginning of the next calendar year.

Mayor Pro-Tem clarified that this does not affect emergency situations.

## 8. RESOLUTIONS- CONSENT

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve items 8.I to 8.III as written. Councilmember Yancy seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 8.I. Resolution No. R-2022-0029

### 8.II. Resolution No. R-2022-0030

### 8.III. Resolution No. R-2022-0032

### 8.IV. Resolution No. R-2022-0033

\*\*Removed from consideration by City Manager Garcia

9. APPOINTMENTS

9.I. Boards And Commissions

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to appoint Elise Wagner to the Parks Board. Councilmember Yancy seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.I. Economic Development Corporation

Councilmember Carlson questioned the range of costs provided with the backup documentation. EDC Director Getty clarified that they are simply estimates and clarified that the remodel is budgeted through the Economic Development Corporation's fund balance.

Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to approve the exterior remodel of 1130 1st Street and 418 Laurel. Councilmember Yancy seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.II. Draft Budget Calendar

Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to approve the draft budget calendar. Councilmember Carlson seconded the motion.

Councilmember McAuliffe asked that Council be given a list of only the dates that require attendance.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.III. Upcoming Events

City Manager Garcia gave a brief synopsis of future events in the City.

- 10.III.i. Police Collective Bargaining Negotiations - 6/15
- 10.III.ii. District A Leading The Way Community Meeting - 6/15
- 10.III.iii. City Closure (Juneteenth Observation) - 6/20
- 10.III.iv. Fire Collective Bargaining Negotiations - 6/28
- 10.III.v. Red, White, & Blue On The Bayou - 7/2
- 10.III.vi. City Closure (Independence Day) - 7/4

10.IV. Items For The Good Of The Order

Councilmember Carlson requested future agenda items to discuss Omega Bay's lighting request as well as the concrete variance issue in Omega Bay.

Councilman Carlson thanked the Public Safety Building Committee for all of their hard work. He also thanked the staff for the amazing work that they do, especially the automation of the new agendas. He gave thanks to all that attended the Juneteenth event and asked everyone to be safe with July 4th coming up.

Councilmember Yancy requested future agenda items to discuss the District A Community

Engagement Center, Bellview Park and reopening of the street, the Parrish & Parrish concerns that were brought up in citizens' participation, an update from the City PIO, and a Friends of La Marque fund.

Councilmember Yancy announced her enjoyment of participating in Leadership Mainland, and the Delany Cove Bike Parade to be held on July 4th 10:30 -12:30 pm, and a donation of \$300 from the District A funds to this event. She also announced the District A Town Hall Wednesday, June 15, also that she is being awarded a Civil Rights award at the Galveston County Opera House on June 17, 2022. She spoke about some of the events happening in the City mentioning the City Reads events at the Library, the partnership with TWC, and the community town hall to discuss capital projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian requested a future agenda item to review the scope of work remaining with McLemore Luong.

Mayor Pro Tem congratulated Councilmember Yancy on her achievement, and God Bless to all.

Councilmember McAuliffe thanked the Public Safety Building Committee for their investment of time and announced Happy Pride Month.

Mayor Bell requested a review of the City Billboard ordinance and a date for the annual City Council Retreat (confirmed 7/5 by staff). Mayor Bell stated Happy Juneteenth to all, and also Happy Father's Day and Happy Pride Month. Mayor encouraged the community to come out to the Red White & Blue on the Bayou event on July 2.

Mayor explained that he took a short break from social media after the tragedy in Uvalde as it affected him in ways he was not expecting and took some time to spend with his family and he now feels revitalized and is back to business. Mayor Bell shared his condolences for the family of a young man who tragically took his life earlier this week. He announced that he will be attending the services for the young man and reinforced how important mental health is in our community.

## 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*\*\*Mayor Bell closed the Regular Meeting and entered into Executive Session at 8:37.*

*\*\*Mayor Bell closed the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:54 p.m.*

11.I. Section 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney)

11.II. 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney)

## 12. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No actions were taken from Executive Session.

12.I. Section 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney)

12.II. 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney)

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Yancy made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.*

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