



**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
MINUTES  
of  
MARCH 8, 2021**

City Council Workshop Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, March 8, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference (ZOOM) with the following members present:

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bell called the Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Keith Bell	Mayor
Joe Compian	Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilmember- District B
Robert Michetich	Councilmember- District C
Casey Mc Auliffe	Councilwoman- District D

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Charles “Tink” Jackson	City Manager
Robin Eldridge	City Clerk
Derra Purnell	City Attorney

**(3) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

1. Olan Norman reported a drainage problem he, along with several of his neighbors are having and have had for several years, his address is 2921 Ashley. He is asking for any permanent help that the city can provide for he and his neighbors.

**(4) NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion relating to adopting Resolution No. **R-2021-0007**, ordering the General Election to be held May 1, 2021, to elect one (1) Mayor; (1) Councilmember for District “A”; and one (1) Councilmember for District “C”, each for a three (3) year term

After a brief explanation by City Manager Mr. Jackson, Mayor Pro-Tem Compian asked for clarification as it pertains to portions of the City Charter and Texas Secretary of State Office when a runoff is called between the two candidates that did not receive 50.1 % of the votes, and one candidate withdraws within the time

allowed, that the person that is left shall be able to be sworn in at the next Council meeting. Ms. Purnell, the City Attorney explained that the wording couldn't be changed to reflect this on the Resolution. It was further discussed Mayor Pro-Tem Compian was going to ask for clarity in writing from the Secretary of State's Office on this subject and forward this information to the City Clerk and City Attorney and then it will be clarified with all of Council.

- b. Discussion relating to adopting Resolution No. **R-2021-0008**, designating the official mailing address and e-mail address for public information requests

After a brief explanation, further discussion included input from Mayor Pro-Tem Compian concerning the addition of a supplement that would include a FAQ's page, how to submit a request, what will be a charge if any, and add the Texas Public Information Act Handbook to the website and a link to the Attorney General's Office website. A question also was asked as far as if a person is requesting information, how if they chose not to use the form, could they request information. It was stated that the request must be in writing and either given in person, emailed or mailed. Point of information from the City Manager was that there was currently information on the Public Information Act and other information in relation to these requests the city's website, and that the discussed information will be added to the page.

- c. Discussion relating to adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0004**, amending City Code Section 2.9, "Establishing a Policy for Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees", and assigning the Mayor to the La Marque Economic Development Corporation Board as an ex-officio non-voting member **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

After a brief explanation, it was determined that the ordinance still requires more work and more clarity in the following areas: whether a person would have to be a registered voter; discrepancies found in the different membership requirements for different boards, residency requirements; a clearer description of what is considered "residency", asking for written documentation of an applicants' "intents"; alternates to Boards and Commissions; absences (excused and non-excused) of members to meetings and restrictions on numbers of missed meetings; the possibility of members to attend via ZOOM, although still requiring a quorum at one place for the meeting to be conducted (as per City Attorney); it was further suggested to table until these issues are discussed further.

- d. Discussion relating to adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0005**, prescribing the type of notice to be given for public hearings on large scale updates and corrections to the City's Zoning Map **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

After a brief explanation, there was no further discussion.

- e. Discussion relating to the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance report for calendar year 2020. This is presented in compliance with La Marque Code of Ordinances, Section 44-2, Curfew for Minors, Subsection (i), Reporting

Chief Jackson gave an overview of the reports in the packet, and it was decided to bring this item back to City Council at the following meeting, since one of the Councilmembers was unable to retrieve this information.

- f. Discussion relating to TIRZ 2 status report  
Finance Director Suzy Kou provided the Report that was obtained from the Galveston County Tax Assessor- Collector Cheryl Johnson. A meeting between Ms. Johnson and Ms. Kou and Councilmember Michetich can provide more details to this report and clarification to a few of the concerns that Councilmember Michetich had.
- g. Discussion relating to emergency expenditures for costs involved in emergency sanitary sewer rehabilitation caused by winter storm Uri, in the amount of \$253,321.25, and report of in-process repairs on the wastewater treatment plant and various water lines.

After a brief explanation given by Public Works Director Mr. Cary, it was mentioned that ratification of the expenses will be coming before Council as soon as the final numbers are in.

Councilmember Michetich said he has heard all good things praising Public Works crews for their hard work and continued work during this storm.

**(5) ADJOURNMENT**

It was the consensus of Council to adjourn the Workshop at 8:07 p.m.

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