



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR
MINUTES
of
APRIL 12, 2021**

City Council Regular Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, April 12, 2021, beginning immediately following the City Council Workshop that began at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:56 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Charles "Tink" Jackson	City Manager
Derra Purnell	City Attorney
Robin Eldridge	City Clerk

(3) PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- a. Proclamation - Child Abuse and Prevention Awareness Month
- b. Proclamation - Fair Housing Month
- c. Proclamation - Telecommunicators Month

Mayor Bell read aloud each of the above proclamations for each of their meanings and significance.

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Workshop Minutes of March 8, 2021
- b. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2021
- c. Special Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2021
- d. Special Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2021

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to approve the minutes listed above as written. Mayor Pro-Tem Compian seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(5) PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input regarding 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

Mayor Bell closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 9:02 p.m.
No one spoke.

Mayor Bell closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:03 p.m.

(6) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding 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 SECOND AND FINAL READING**

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-02021-0005 on the second and final reading.

** Councilmember Michetich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding 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 TABLED FROM 3.8.2021**

Mayor Bell stated that Council has approved to table this item so that each member can provide additions and deletions to the existing draft to the City Manager, Mr. Jackson by Friday close of business, 12:00 p.m. noon., and that it will come back before City Council for a vote

** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to table this item, Ordinance No. O-2021-0004 on the first reading.

** Mayor Po-Tem Compian seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(7) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0006**, changing the zoning district from (R-1) Single-Family Residential to (R-2) Two Family Residential Lots 13 & 14 Wentzel Addition, Abstract 150, located near the end of Briar Lane, La Marque, Texas **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2021-0006 on the first reading.

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

b. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. O-2021-0007, amending the fiscal year 2019-20 Budget for various funds' expenditures by decreasing various funds' fund balances and increasing certain expenditures to individual budget accounts in various funds and increasing certain revenues in various funds as set forth in Exhibit A THIS IS THE FIRST READING

** Mayor Pro-Tem Compian made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2021-0007 on the first reading.

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded.

Clarification was given to Mayor Pro-Tem Compian that the Disaster Fund Balance was the name of the line item. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Discussion/possible action regarding a request for sponsorship of Bigass Crawfish Bash for 2021

** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to sponsor the Bigass Crawfish Bash for 2021.

** Mayor Pro-Tem Compian seconded.

Mayor Bell stated for citizens that all will come from HOT Tax (Hotel/Motel Tax) and that they have included a safety plan (COVID management) since Bayou Fest not held last year, funds are available through HOT Tax. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Discussion/possible action regarding ratifying the City Manager's approval of expenditures to Android Construction, LLC for costs involved in emergency distribution system (water) rehabilitation caused by Winter Storm Uri, in the amount of \$202,106.28

City Manager Mr. Jackson stated that these expenditures were used for repairs on all broken water lines- (contractors)- Android- water supply and Texas Pride - sewer) - part of which, a percentage can be reimbursed through FEMA

** Mayor Pro-Tem Compian made a motion to ratify the City Manager's approval of expenditures to Android Construction, LLC for costs involved in emergency distribution system (water) rehabilitation caused by Winter Storm Uri, in the amount of \$202,106.28

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. Discussion/possible action regarding the potential expansion of the SBA HUBZone in La Marque, Texas

** Mayor Pro-Tem Compian made a motion to move forward in the potential expansion of the SBA HUBZone request from the Economic Development Corporation

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

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

** Councilmember Michetich nominated David Pennington for the Chairperson of the Board of Adjustments and deferred any other appointments from District "C" for the newly elected person to that District.

** Mayor Bell appointed Joye Blackburn as alternate to the Building Standards Commission

Compian seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

g. Discussion/possible action regarding cancelling the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for May 10, 2021 and scheduling a Special Meeting for May 17, 2021

Mayor Bell explained the canvassing time frame following the May election. Since Mayor Pro-Tem Compian (District B) and re-elected Councilwoman Mc Auliffe (District D) from the November 2020 election were sworn in via ZOOM meetings, it would be nice to swear in the newly elected officials from the May election and the previous November election in a ceremonial setting. The 10th of May is also the Galveston County Mayors and Councilmembers Association meeting, since most of Council will consist of three new members it will be nice to begin developing relationships with other members of the GCMCA.

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to approve cancelling the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for May 10, 2021 and scheduling a Special Meeting for May 17, 2021

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

h. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Resolution No. **R-2021-0009**, to deny Texas-New Mexico Power's electric rate increase request for the maximum period allowed by law

** Mayor Pro-Tem Compian made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2021-0009.

** Councilmember Michetich seconded.

It was clarified that this resolution alone expressing opposition will not guarantee there will be no rate increase. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(8) **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session

(9) **REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Compian thanked the homeowners on Partridge street between Garrett and Fleming Streets for the great homeowners meeting. Encouraged all to express their opinions and or provide input on some of the bills that are being brought before legislation.

Councilmember Michetich thanked Mr. Joseph Lowry (Six Brothers Concrete Pumping) for all his acts of kindness and community support by providing food and water and helping families with supplies during winter storm Uri. Although his name was incorrect in the recognition given to him by the La Marque Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission he wanted to publicly apologize and assured Mr. Lowry that it would be corrected. Then stated that there would be changes after this election, and he expressed his support for Mayor Bell.

Councilwoman Mc Auliffe - reminded all the upcoming Beautify the Bayou event taking place the following Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Bell thanked all that helped with the past Saturday shredding event. He thanked Mr. Lowry for his contribution and helping during the previous winter storm. Council did award a certificate to him as well. "We will make this right," and apologized to Mr. Lowry. Then reminded all, "As citizens you have an opportunity to express your opinion by exercising your right to vote."

Mr. Jackson reported that staff had by now all been given the opportunity to receive the COVID vaccine and that several are between their first and second vaccines. A report and update on the covid policy would be provided at the following meeting. Meetings and ceremonies may be able to be conducted in person in May, maybe a hybrid version.

Reported that a Mobile vaccination clinic is set for tomorrow beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Abundant Life Church and encouraged interested persons to sign up on-line or show up and fill out the paperwork then. There is potential to vaccinate 1000 persons.

(10) **ADJOURNMENT**

** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

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

This unofficial copy of the minutes from the above meeting are posted for convenience only. Executed or certified copies of the minutes can be requested by contacting the City Clerk."
