



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
of
April 29, 2021**

Minutes of Special Meeting of City Council via telephone/video conference hosted through Zoom as provided in the attached notice on Tuesday, April 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference (ZOOM), with the following members present:

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

(2) ROLL CALL

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

OTHER STAFF

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

(3) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

There was no one.

(4) OLD BUSINESS

- a. 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 - Mayor K. Bell **THIS IS THE FIRST READING (TABLED FROM MEETINGS HELD ON 3.8.2021 AND 4.12.2021)**

Mayor Bell explained that this item has been reviewed by all with each Councilmember having their input, then turned it over the City Attorney.

City Attorney Derra Purnell explained the color coordination of each of the sections and their meanings outlined in their packets. She drew attention to the “clean” copy of the ordinance that it reads now with the changes that have been submitted so far.

Referring to the redlined ordinance - page three showed all various sections of residency Subsection D on page 2 is the clean copy all of what was previously had been discussed and implemented into the clean copy in their packets.

Language changes were asked for in Section D - a question arose about the part in the ordinance pertaining to a person who has previously been convicted of a felony.

Mayor Pro-Tem Compian expressed his concerns on the wording in this section, that basically illuminates the possibility of a person rehabilitating themselves, after being convicted of a felony, and that person would not be allowed to be on a Board or Commission. It was the consensus of Council to omit this wording.

Ms. Purnell continued to read the clean version of the ordinance and it was stated that the section as it relates to the Planning and Zoning Commission applicants having to own property within the City referencing section 71.24 (mentioned in a previous Ordinance) and in relation to Chapter 211 of the Local Government Code would require the change by ordinance separate from this process.

The addition of an applicant having to be a resident of the City for at least twelve months prior to the submission of their application was discussed and agreed upon. Further reading of the clean version consisted of where an application shall be submitted prior to being appointed or reappointed to a committee and shall swear under penalty of perjury on their application that they are a resident of the City and must provide two (2) forms of proof of residency at the time the application is submitted, this would include for new and reappointment of members.

The question was asked what the significance would be to use a date at all. Non-resident committee members as of the date of adoption of the ordinance may serve out their current term but may not be appointed to an additional term unless approved as a non-resident non-voting member. A date as of when a person would be grandfathered in or not was discussed. It was agreed to use the date of January 14, 2019 in the situation where a member is currently serving on more than one Board or Commission would be allowed to complete current terms for each board served.

Further discussion included non-resident non-voting members qualifications and those appointed in this member criteria to come back for re-appointment on an annual basis. Term limits were discussed, and the decision was made to do away with term limits with the exception of the Economic Development Corporation

Board members. The members of EDC would have a two-term limit. One term is for six years.

Absences were discussed and it was agreed that four absences within a twelve-month period shall cause removal of the Member as a regular member and that member should become an alternate further, the first alternate on the committee shall automatically replace the committee member removed for absences. Ex-officio members can be reappointed and moved around among Council.

A copy of the clean version of the proposed ordinance after all members of Council had made their changes is enclosed as attachment "A".

** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2021-0004 on the First Reading subject to the changes (provided in the clean version as read by Ms. Purnell) and assigning the Mayor to the Economic Development Corporation as an ex-officio non-member.

** Mayor Pro-Tem Compian seconded. **MOTION CARRIED WITH A THREE TO ONE VOTE**, with Councilmember Mc Auliffe voting against Ordinance O-2021-0004.

(5) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Michetich expressed his concerns pertaining to speed bumps. Requested that the newly elected person for District C, use the money allocated for the past few years in his district which is allowed during the budget process for each Councilmember to use as he/she sees necessary. He would like for it to be given to the Police Department for equipment and other. He asked that the board members to be provided meals and or desserts each quarter, or something to show our appreciation for them, since they are strictly volunteers. Ended by stating that his six years on Council has been an honor and very rewarding. He thanked all of his fellow members of Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem thanked Mr. Michetich for his friendship and service on Council. Thanked Officer Turner for dealing with persons illegally riding dirt bikes and stated that this would be followed up on and dealt with.

Mayor Bell asked on the next regular agenda, the traffic study as it relates to traffic lighting for the Delany Cove residents and off of Hallam Street. (Amazon construction); and the discussion about speed bumps and what the Council wants the requirements to be and provide staff with direction. Also provide an update for the coordinated meeting (Safe City Initiative) with the school districts and other entities. Reported that the May election is going to be held the following weekend. Encouraged all to go out and vote. Announced that he had been discussing with the City Manager, to have a separate swearing in ceremony after the election. Thanked Councilmember Michetich for his service to the community and said that it was an honor to serve on Council with him. "You were the only Councilperson in District C that was able to provide relief to Omega Bay. You are an important part of the leadership in moving this City forward."

Then Mayor Bell thanked Ms. Purnell for finalizing the ordinance and making all of the changes that Council had requested.

(6) EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session

(7) ADJOURNMENT

** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

** Councilmember Mc Auliffe 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.
