



**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR  
MINUTES  
of  
MAY 17, 2021**

City Council Regular Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, May 17, 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 8:42 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) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION (Limited to three minutes per person)**

No one spoke

**(4) MINUTES**

- a. Workshop Minutes of April 12, 2021
- b. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021

\*\* Councilmember Mc Auliffe made a motion to approve both of the meeting minutes of April 17, 2021.

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

**(5) PUBLIC HEARING (S)**

- a. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0004**, amending City Code Section 2.9, "Establishing a Policy for Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees"

Mayor Bell closed the regular meeting at 8:43 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Bell closed the Public Hearing at 8:44 p.m.

- b. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input 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

Mayor Bell opened the Public Hearing at 8:44 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Bell closed the Public Hearing 8:44 p.m.

- c. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input 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

Mayor Bell opened the Public Hearing at 8:45 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Bell closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**(6) 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"

\*\* Mayor Pro-Tem Compian made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2021-0004 on the second and final reading.

\*\* Councilmember Carlson seconded. MOTION CARRIED 3 to 1 (with Councilmember Mc Auliffe voting no)

- b. 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

\*\* Councilmember Mc Auliffe made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2021-0006 on the second and final reading.

\*\* Mayor Pro-Tem Compian seconded.

Mayor Pro-Tem Compian asked if the neighbors were notified and if any had objections, to which Ms. Purnell responded that once their questions were answered they did not wish to submit anything in objection in writing. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- c. 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

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

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

## **(7) NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding award of and authorization for City Manager to execute a contract with Crescent Electric to complete LMEDC project for streetscape improvements at Laurel & 1<sup>st</sup> Street

\*\* Mayor Pro-Tem Compian made a motion to award and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Crescent Electric to complete LMEDC project for streetscape improvements at Laurel & 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

\*\* Councilmember Carlson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding Consents for PID 1, Painted Meadows, Sections 3, 4, and 5

\*\* Councilmember Mc Auliffe made a motion to approve the Consents for PID 1, Painted Meadows, Sections, 3,4 and 5.

\*\* Mayor Pro-Tem Compian seconded.

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0008**, amending Chapter 71, "Zoning," of the City Code of Ordinances by repealing the Thoroughfare Overlay Zoning District and adopting two new commercial zoning districts entitled (C-3) Corridor Commercial and (C-4) Interstate Commercial, and adopting zoning regulations applicable to these districts

Councilmember Carlson stepped out of the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Mayor Bell asked about the time frame to work with anticipated second reading of the ordinance being June 21, 2021. It was the consensus of Council to table this item to a workshop setting as well as item d.

Councilmember Carlson returned to the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

\*\* Mayor Pro-Tem Compian made a motion to table both c and d items until they can be discussed, and citizens will have a chance to comment on these items. A Special meeting will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and these two items will be on that meeting. It was suggested to review the Zoning Ordinance and or submit an annual report to Council.

\*\* Councilmember Carlson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

d. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting of Ordinance No. **O-2021-0009**, amending the City's zoning map, master plan and comprehensive plan by adopting an amended and updated official zoning map of the City of La Marque, to serve as the "Master Plan" pursuant to City Charter and "Official Zoning Map" pursuant to City Code Chapter 71, "Zoning"

Please see above motion.

e. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0010**, establishing the method of calculation of the increment for TIRZ 2 as the "taxable value approach" pursuant to Section 311.012 of the Texas Tax Code

\*\* Councilmember Mc Auliffe made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2021-0010 on the first reading.

\*\* Mayor Pro-Tem seconded.

Mayor Bell stated for the citizens that this TIRZ effects Omega Bay and is to help the residents of Omega Bay with the issues of their private streets and maintenance of their streets. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

f. Discussion/possible action regarding cancelling the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for June 14, 2021, and scheduling a Special Meeting for June 21, 2021

\*\* Councilmember Mc Auliffe made a motion to cancel the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for June 14, 2021, and schedule a Special Meeting for June 21, 2021

\*\* Councilmember Carlson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

g. Discussion/possible action regarding designating the presiding Municipal Judge as recommended by the City Manager, subject to execution of a Contract for Professional Judicial Services (Presiding Judge); and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with the person designated by Council as presiding Municipal Judge

\*\* Mayor Pro-Tem Compian made a motion to table this item until Council has a chance to look over the three applicants resumes and or meet with each one of them.

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

**(8) APPOINTMENTS**

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

\*\* Councilmember Mc Auliffe appointed Shelia Brown as an Alternate to the Board of Adjustments.

Also said that she and Larry Walker keep missing each-others calls and asked that he please reach out to her and asked for him to submit an application.

Mayor Bell thanked Councilmember Mc Auliffe for publicly reaching out to Mr. Walker.

The appointment stood as nominated.

**(9) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Carlson asked to move District C monies that are appropriated to his district currently available in the 2020 - 2021 budget to the Police Department (3-5 items for their immediate needs).

Mayor Pro-Tem Compian asked that citizens to please go beyond the social media, asking them to reach out to their Councilmember for any questions and concerns and also encouraged citizens to get their COVID vaccine.

Councilmember Mc Auliffe is looking excited and looking forward to working with a new Council.

Mayor Bell asked that the city move forward with the Safe City Initiative meeting involving the school districts, and superintendents, entities and other staff members. Asked for a workshop on speed control measures (speed bumps and speed humps). Reminded all of the Run-off election and asked that all members of the community to reach out if they have any issues and or concerns to either himself or any member of the current Council. Then reminded all that City Councils are living organizations, with their own priorities, and their own way of going about their business, and this is a new Council coming together, getting to know each other, and working together. He sent condolences to the Texas City Independent School District, its' students, and faculty, from a recent tragedy involving a Principal in the TCISD.

City Manager reported that he is working to get all of the persons together for a meeting to move forward with the Safe City Initiative.

Reported on the Hurricane Huddle event upcoming Saturday, from 8-11, which involves teaching citizens to be better prepared for a hurricane, and that there will be activities for children and food at the event.

**(10) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session.

**(11) ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* Councilmember Mc Auliffe made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.
- \*\* Mayor Pro-Tem Compian seconded. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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