



**CITY OF LAMARQUE
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
SPECIAL AGENDA
of
JULY 20, 2022**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Marque Charter Review Committee will conduct a **Special Meeting** on **July 20, 2022**, beginning at 5:00 PM in the **Council Chambers** at **1109-B Bayou Road La Marque, Texas.**

The Committee will meet for the purposes of the following agenda:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Comments from the Public (at this time any person with Charter Review related business may speak to the Charter Review Committee, limited to three (3) minutes). In compliance with Texas Open Meetings Act, the Charter Review Committee may not deliberate on comments. Personal attacks will not be allowed.

4. MINUTES

4.I. 6.29.22 Draft Minutes

Draft minutes from Regular Charter Review Meeting held 6.29.2022

Documents:

[DRAFT 6.29.22 MINUTES.PDF](#)

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.I. Amendments

Discussion/ possible action regarding drafting proposed Charter Amendments

5.II. Proposed Amendments

Discussion/possible action regarding finalization of proposed amendments to present to Council

5.III. Future Agenda Items

Discussion/ possible action regarding future agenda item requests

6. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify that the above notice of the meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas

on or before Monday July 11, 2022, before 5:00 p.m.

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6/29/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Osteen called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

James Osteen, Chairman

Sally Austin, Vice Chair

Chris Lane, Member

Antinell Martin, Member

David Pennington, Acting Member

Absent:

Valry Allen, Member

Re'Chard Loftis, Alternate

3. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

There was no Citizens' Participation.

4. MINUTES

4.I. 06.15.2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chair Austin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Member Lane seconded the motion.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Acting member Pennington made a motion to leave Section 14.01 as written. Vice-Chair Austin seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice Chair made a motion to leave Section 14.02 as written. Acting member Pennington seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Acting Member Pennington made a motion to accept Proposed Amendment 1 as stated "In the event the City Manager is terminated "For Cause" the City Manager shall only be entitled to one month's severance pay and this provision shall control over any agreement to the contrary. A "For Cause" termination for purposes of this section shall 2.12 shall mean a determination by the city council in its sole discretion that the City Manager has (1) failed to adhere to the City's drug and alcohol policy as set out in the City's employee handbook as may be amended from time to time; (2) failed to perform his or her other duties or other obligations as required by the City Manager's agreement with the City, if any; (3) an accusation by any applicable law enforcement agency of City Manager's embezzlement or other criminal offense or final conviction of a criminal offense that is a Class B misdemeanor or above; or (4) City Manager's conviction of

any illegal act involving personal gain to him or her or a finding of a violation of the City Charter, other City purchasing rules, or the Code of Ethics of the State of Texas as may be amended from time to time. Every city manager of the City shall be subject to a six-month probationary period beginning on his or her date of hire during which time if terminated for any reason or no reason by the city council, the City Manager shall not be entitled to any severance pay." Committee Member Martin seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

*** Committee member Lane excused himself from the meeting at 6:49 p.m.*

Chairman Osteen made a motion to exclude proposed Section 2.24. Member Martin seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Member Martin made a motion to approve Proposed Amendment 2 (Section 3.05) as stated - "The city manager may recommend the creation of administrative departments to the city council for establishment by ordinance. The work of each department may be distributed among such divisions thereof as may be established by ordinance. The city manager may establish temporary divisions of a department upon approval by the city council. Acting member Pennington seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Acting member Pennington made a motion to approve Amendment 3 (Section 5.18) as stated- No recall petition shall be filed against a member of the city council within six months after he takes office nor in respect to an officer subjected to a recall election and not removed thereby, until at least six months after such election. Member Martin seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Upon further discussion, Chairman Osteen requested to revisit Section 5.13 - recall procedures. Acting member Pennington made a motion to review Section 5.13 at the next meeting. Vice-Chair Austin seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Section 7.01 was pulled from consideration by Chairman Osteen who initially proposed the review.

Acting member Pennington made a motion to leave 8.04(h) "prepare tax maps" as written. Vice-Chair Austin seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Acting member Pennington made a motion to approve Proposed Amendment 4 (Section 8.04)- as written. Member Martin seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice-Chair Austin made a motion to approve Proposed Amendment 5 (Section 8.07)- replacing agency with funds.

5.1. Future Agenda Items

6. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Austin made a motion to adjourn. Acting member Pennington seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

***Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.*