



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MINUTES
of
March 27, 2023**

Minutes of a Special Meeting held in the Council Chambers at 1109-B Bayou Road La Marque, Texas as well as via videoconference hosted through Zoom on March 27, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM :

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All members of Council were present.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bell gave the invocation and City Manager Garcia led the pledge.

4. PRESENTATION

Councilmember McAuliffe presented both proclamations, with the Sexual Assault Awareness Month's proclamation being received by the Resource and Crisis Center of Galveston County.

Cecily Henderson of the Resource and Crisis Center shared a brief anecdote of a recent survivor that the center assisted, shared its resources, and some of the statistics from the last year.

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Re'Chard Loftis (309 Johnson), requested that the City's street signs be replaced and shared that the Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission is willing to support and even financially contribute to starting the replacement program. He also shared his frustrations with trash cans being left on the side of the road for extended periods of time.

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.I. Resolution No. R-2023-0021

Public Works Director Rick Sailer gave a brief overview of the additions included in the Change Order.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian requested a status update of the project, and also identified that even with the Change Orders the City still has not met the anticipated funding amount allocated by the Economic Development Corporation, who has funded the City's share of this project.

Councilmember McAuliffe thanked Director Sailler for the supporting documents explaining the "sharrow", and questioned the City's ability to include signage for this designation. Director Sailler clarified that although not apart of this particular project the Public Works Department is looking to add signage at a later date. Mayor Bell asked for the police department to be apart of the conversation and also the residents on Walker Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2023-0021. Councilmember Carlson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6.II. Resolution No. R-2023-0022

Director Sailler gave a brief synopsis of this item.

Councilmember Carlson questioned if a recirculating valve would be a more economical choice, and Director Sailler assured him that the mixer would be the more economical choice.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian reminded everyone that the particular tank in question was once an area of concern for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and questioned the useful life of a water tank. Public Works Director Sailler estimated approximately 70-80 years, with repainting and maintenance every 20-25 years.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2023-0022. Councilmember Carlson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT

No action was taken on this item.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I. Items For The Good Of The Order

Mayor Pro Tem Compian gave an update as it has been a particularly busy week, seeing an increase in fires, particularly in mobile homes, asking the public to please be aware and take a "quick look" at the outside unit before turning on AC. He also shared a story of an apartment fire in League City that was started by a burning candle. He shared that through his work on the Transportation Advisory Committee, he discovered that nearly 90% of the projects are committed to Harris County. He is dedicated to changing this dynamic and bringing more ideas and projects relating to smaller communities. He shared a message from a resident thanking the Fire and EMS staff for their speedy and accurate service on a call over the weekend.

Councilmember Carlson appreciated the hard work of the Fire Department for Community Service this week and gave kudos and appreciation to the officer who received commendations for her service last week.

Councilmember McAuliffe is looking forward to all the good work to be done for the remainder of her term, and thank you to staff.

Councilmember Yancy stated that it is an amazing season leading into Passover and Holy Week. There are a lot of activities in Districts A and B. Saturday, April 8, Anchor Real Estate 3701 Texas Ave will be an Easter Egg Hunt, Redeeming Ministries Easter Egg Hunt, and Big Crawfish Bash is this upcoming Saturday in Texas City. Thanked Cesar for the hard work of his and his staff. Meals on Wheels only has 80 city residents, and La Marque has a large elderly population, so if anyone is in need of food please get in touch with Meals on Wheels.

Mayor Bell spoke regarding the pain and trauma of sexual assault. Sharing that it does not end at the assault but begins there and affects not only the victim but their family and friends, he honors RCC and CASA for the work that they do. He honors the success of women in general for their hard work in history, especially in our own city, with the amazing women in leadership in both government and the community. He requested a loose outline to review and shape the La Marque 2050 plan. He closed by suggesting that he and the members of the Council rotate and attend the Friday morning "Coffee with Friends" group that meets in the Community Room on Fridays and invited the public to attend Coffee with the Council, which will potentially begin at 10:30 a.m on Fridays.

8.II. Upcoming Events

City Manager announced a food drive partnership with the Salvation Army and more information will be forthcoming.

He also announced Press Run 2.0 hosted by Galveston Daily News on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Rainbow Park in Texas City with proceeds benefiting literacy programs in conjunction with Texas City Independent School District.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mayor Bell recessed the meeting at 6:54 p.m.*

9.I. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

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10. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mayor closed the Executive Session and reconvened the Special Meeting at 9:29 p.m.*

10.I. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

Mayor Pro Tem requested that the City's Manager's authorization to use a city vehicle to attend city-related business be reviewed on a future agenda.

No action was taken.

10.II. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to direct the City Manager to convene the city's legal staff, city manager's office, police department, and court staff to create policies and procedures for municipal court. Councilmember Carlson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Carlson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.*

Keith Bell
Mayor

Kierra K. Nance, TRMC
City Clerk