



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MINUTES
of
June 12, 2023**

Minutes of a **Regular Meeting** held in the **Council Chambers** at **1109-B Bayou Road La Marque, Texas as well as via videoconference hosted through Zoom** on **June 12, 2023**, beginning at **6:00 PM** :

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All members of the Council were present, with Councilmember Carlson arriving virtually at 6:05 p.m. from . 208 Washington St. Mosier, Oregon.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bell gave the invocation, and Councilmember Ross led the pledge of allegiance.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Bell, with the assistance of Councilwoman Yancy, presented the family of Mr. Alexander Pratt with a proclamation honoring his life and legacy.

Vera Gary of the 1867 Settlement received the Juneteenth Proclamation.

Kerry Chandler, a local member of the LGBT+ community, received the annual Pride Proclamation.

Councilwoman Yancy received a proclamation for her hard work and dedication to the Stop the Violence initiative.

City Manager Garcia introduced the 2023 Summer Internship Class.

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

- Re'Chard Loftis (309 Johnson) spoke regarding a budget request for Code Enforcement and Public Works. He believes that both departments really need bodies and dollars, meaning more people and more money in their pockets. We are losing good people.
- Robert Michetich (24 N Curlew) spoke regarding the recall for Councilmember Carlson, asking that he step down.

6. MINUTES

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem requested that an addition be made to the Retreat minutes to state that a special commitment to budget priorities was made, especially regarding the upcoming budget workshops. He also requested that an amendment be made that states that the Council agreed upon "the values that we uphold especially respectful disagreement in the community value the diversity in La Marque and pledge cooperation, trust, and mutual respect at the heart of all we do." The Council strives to find itself in win-win situations instead of win-lose scenarios.

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes with Mayor Pro Tem's addition of comments to the Retreat minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

***Mayor Bell recessed the Regular Meeting and entered into Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m.*

7.I. Ordinance No. O-2023-0004

Re'Chard Loftis (309 Johnson) spoke requesting clarity on what is being amended. It was clarified that this ordinance is to identify any anomalies that happened throughout the year.

8. ORDINANCES

***Mayor Bell closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:40 p.m.*

8.I. Ordinance No. O-2023-0004

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2023-0004 with the amended Attachment A. Councilmember Carlson seconded the motion.

After a brief discussion with the City Attorney it was determined that an additional Public Hearing would be required due to the substantial nature of the amendment. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.I. Resolution No. R-2023-0036

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2023-0036. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion.

Discussions regarding the timing of the election ensued, to be clarified that the dates were established in line with both the City Charter and Election Code. Deviations from these requirements would render the election results void per the Election Code.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.II. Resolution No. R-2023-0037

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2023-0037. Councilmember Yancy seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9.III. Resolution No. R-2023-0038

Discussions with Thomas Ault of Hunt Energy Network regarding the purpose of the battery plant, community benefits, and implications of system failure.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to table. Councilmember Ross seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9.IV. Resolution No. R-2023-0039

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2023-0039. Councilmember Ross seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9.V. Resolution No. R-2023-0040

Councilmember Yancy made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2023-0040. Councilmember Ross seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Stood as submitted.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.I. Request For Proposal

Councilmember Yancy made a motion to authorize the publication of a Request for Proposal for Disaster and/or Storm Recovery Services and amend the closing date to June 28, 2023. Councilmember Ross seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.II. Request For Proposal

Councilmember Yancy made a motion to authorize the publication of a Request for Proposal for Disaster Debris Monitoring and Consulting Services and amend the closing date to June 28, 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.III. Upcoming Events

No action was taken on this item.

11.IV. Items For The Good Of The Order

Councilmember Ross thanked staff for Juneteenth event and shared that he will be working with the City Manager to address issues with dumping in District D. He has been hearing lots of complaints about the chicken ordinance and requested that clarification be made to the public. He looks forward to a District D Cleanup hosted by Mandalyn Salazar on the first Saturday of the month.

Councilmember Yancy thanked staff and the community for an amazing Juneteenth Gala and requested a committee of half staff and half community for next year. She wished everyone a happy Juneteenth Season and encouraged citizens to be intentional this season as they celebrate Galveston County's history. She looked forward to the next edition of Inside La Marque, July 1st Event, and also the Soul Food festival being held on the same day. She encouraged the community to practice water safety. She requested a discussion relating to Bobby Beach, a vacant building list, and a date for a workshop with the EDC.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian gave a brief recap of his time at the TDEM Conference. He also shared his enjoyment of the Juneteenth Gala and shared information with the community regarding the Texas

Homeowner's Assistance Program, which is available through Chosen One's Ministries.

Mayor Bell welcomed this class of interns, congratulated the members of the La Marque Police Department who were recognized during the City Manager's Report, and again thanked staff for the Juneteenth Gala. He also wished a Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers in the community.

Councilmember Carlson thanked everyone on staff for their hard work.

City Manager Garcia apologized for any technical difficulties the community is having accessing Zoom links. The city is in the process of making adjustments to improve the user experience, but the meeting is available via youtube, and the correct link to the meeting is embedded into the agenda.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mayor Bell recessed the Regular Meeting and entered into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.*

12.I. Section 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney)

13. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mayor Bell closed the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:08 p.m.*

13.I. Section 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney)

No action was taken on this item.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Ross seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.*

Keith Bell

Mayor

Kierra K. Nance, TRMC

City Clerk