



**CITY OF LAMARQUE
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR AGENDA
of
JUNE 15, 2022**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Marque Charter Review Committee will conduct a **Regular Meeting** on **June 15, 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. 6.1.22 Regular Meeting Minutes

Documents:

[DRAFT CHARTER MINUTES 06.01.2022.PDF](#)

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.I. Amendments

Discussion/ possible action regarding drafting proposed Charter Amendments

Documents:

[REQUESTED AMENDMENT SECTIONS.PDF](#)

5.II. 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 Friday June 10, 2022, before 5:00 p.m.

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6/1/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Osteen called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All members were present with the exception of Member Lane and Member Allen.

3. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

There was no Citizens Participation.

4. MINUTES

4.1. Regular Meeting Minutes 05.04.2022

Member Martin made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 05.04.2022. Alternate Pennington seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Amendments

No action was taken on Section 1.08

No action was taken on Section 1.10

No action was taken on Section 2.02

No action was taken on Section 2.09

Committee member Martin made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an amendment to Section 2.12 stating that a for-cause termination only entitles a sitting City Manager to one month of severance pay and controls over a contractual agreement to the contrary, providing for a probationary period, and providing a definition of for-cause termination. Alternate Loftis seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action was taken on Section 2.17

No action was taken on Section 2.19

No action was taken on Section 2.20

City Attorney was asked to bring clear language in relation to Section 2.24.

No action taken on Section 3.01

No action taken on Section 3.03

No action taken on Section 3.04

No action taken on Section 4.03

No action taken on Section 4.05

No action taken on Section 5.04

No action taken on Section 5.07

No action taken on Section 5.09

No action taken on Section 5.12

No action taken on Section 5.13

No action taken on Section 5.14

No action taken on Section 5.15

Alternate Pennington made a motion to draft an amendment to Section 5.18 stating "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. " Chairman Osteen seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.II. Future Agenda Items

There were no additional requests.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Member Martin made a motion to adjourn. Alternate Loftis seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

CHARTER CHANGES REQUEST

2.12 (Osteen)

Legal to draft amendment language.

2.24 (Staff) **New

Legal to provide clarity.

3.05

To revisit.

5.18 (Osteen)

Legal to draft amendment.

6.02 (Allen)

6.04 (Allen)

6.05 (Lane)

6.09 (Allen)

6.12 (Allen)

6.13 (Allen)

6.15 (Allen)

6.16 (Allen)

6.23 (Allen)

6.25 (Allen)

6.26 (Allen)

7.01 (Osteen)

8.02 (Allen)

8.04 (Staff)

Proposal: h. Permits and license, court, UB, ad valorem taxes, and Library used to be all under Finance Director due to cash collections. We contract with Galveston County Tax Office to collect property taxes for us. We currently have no special assessments to collect. Permits and licenses is under Development Services. Library is under City Manager.

Justification: These were changed prior to 2012

8.07 (Staff)

Proposal: replace “agencies” with “funds”

8.10 (Allen)

8.17 (Staff)

Proposal: to coincide with our fund balance policy to ensure sufficient cash to operate until taxes begin to roll in.

Justification: with hurricane threats every year, the current language will limit our ability to do what is necessary to ensure public health and safety for our community.

8.18 (Allen)

8.19 (Staff)

Proposal: Review Dates

Justification: The language references years that begin with 19__.

8.20 (Staff)

Proposal: Review Dates

Justification: The language references years that begin with 19__.

8.21 (Allen)

8.23 (Allen)

10.03 (Lane)

10.04 (Lane)

10.06 (Allen)

11.02 (Austin)

11.04 (Austin)

12.06 (Committee)

12.11 (Committee)

12.12 (Committee)

13.02 (Committee)

13.06 (Committee)

13.07 (Committee)

13.12 (Committee)

13.15 (Committee)

13.16 (Committee)

14.01 (Staff)

A public referendum of the qualified voters of the city shall be required before the city may reduce the number of full-time sworn certified police officers to less than the average “officers per thousand population rate” for the state of Texas, as published by the Texas Department of Public Safety for the prior calendar year. The city shall not reduce the wages or benefits of full-time sworn police officers or lower the hiring standards to comply with this article.

14.02 (Committee)

****Language Change to include feminine pronouns**

****Addition of Parks Department**

****Clarification of Days**