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La Marque, Texas  
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**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
of  
APRIL 11, 2022**

Minutes of a City Council Special Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 1109 Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas as well as via teleconference - ZOOM and via YouTube. The council will meet for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

**(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Compian called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Keith Bell	Mayor
Kimberley Yancy	Councilmember District A
Joe Compian	Mayor-Pro-Tem District B
Michael Carlson	Councilmember District C
Casey Mc Auliffe	Councilmember District D (4101 Main La Marque, TX 77568)

**STAFF:**

Cesar Garcia	City Manger
Gus Knebel	Consulting City Attorney
Kierra Nance	City Clerk

**(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Richard Scott (LMPD Chaplain) gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Compian led the pledge.

**(4) PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATION**

- a. Proclamation- National Library Week  
Councilman Carlson presented Library Director with the proclamation for National Library Week.
- b. Proclamation- Child Abuse Awareness Month  
Councilmember Yancy presented The Children's Center and the Advocacy Center for the Children of Galveston County with a proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness Month.

- c. Proclamation- April Fair Housing Month  
Mayor Pro Tem Compian read the proclamation for Fair Housing Month.
- d. Recap - Day in the Life Event  
The City showed a short recap video of the “Day in the Life Event”. Councilmember Yancy shared her experience stating that she had an amazing day in Code Compliance, discovering the relationships that are being built.

Councilmember McAuliffe shared that she spent her day in our City parks having a “swell” time with Mr. Roy, she stated that it is good to remember that there are people behind everything that happens in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian recalled how during COVID the only point of contact with the City was the single drive through window at Utility Billing. He thanked the team for their patience and shared his experience with them.

Mayor Bell shared his experience working with Public Works and learning just how labor-intensive repairing water leaks can be, and the city has an average of 2 to 3 repairs per day, emphasizing that this department is in need of “people power”.

- e. Redistricting Update- Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP  
Bob Heath gave a presentation identifying where the City of La Marque stands in terms of redistricting needs. District B is overpopulated, while Districts C and D are underpopulated, the ideal district size is 4611 citizens.

**(5) PUBLIC SAFETY**

- a. Court-2022 Warrant Resolution Report- City Marshall R. Washington  
City Marshall Washington explained that the Warrant Resolution event is a partnership with surrounding agencies and cities to discuss options to resolve warrants. This year the department was able to clear over 293 warrants collecting over \$75,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian urged the community to work with staff to resolve any outstanding warrants.

- b. Police- Department Diversity Report  
Chief Aragon gave a presentation describing department demographics and current recruitment efforts.
- c. Police- Monthly Reports  
Chief Aragon presented 3 reports: Diversity Report, Crime Report, and a District Report.

Discussions relating to report clarification, the effects of the “War on Crime” on police, community support of the department, average cost of reported

crimes, and questions relating to how the elderly are being targeted in these events ensued.

Councilmember Yancy announced that there will be a Crimestoppers meeting the upcoming Wednesday at noon at Kelley's for any citizens that would like to attend, also acknowledged that the city has the lowest reward for information in the area.

**(6) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION (Limited to three minutes per person)**

Robert Michetich (24 N Curlew), spoke regarding item 9c. suggesting that the penalty be removed.

Warren Robicheaux (Volunteer), many citizens are appreciative when the community service teams come to clean up the neighborhood.

David Danbrelle (Federal Marshall) has never heard of one investigator working for a city nor two officers patrolling a community, the city should "rethink that one". Also served members of Council "some papers".

Re'Chard Loftis (309 Johnson), spoke on behalf of some of the Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission members, expressed displeasure with a decision made at a meeting. City Manager Garcia asked Mr. Loftis to address the commission prior to addressing the council.

**(7) MINUTES**

- a. Regular City Council Minutes 02.14.2022
- b. Special City Council Minutes 02.14.2022
- c. Regular City Council Minutes 03.14.2022

\*\* Councilmember Yancy made a motion to approve all minutes as submitted. Councilmember Carlson seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**(8) PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

\*\* *Mayor Pro Tem Compian recessed the Regular Meeting and entered into the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.*

- a. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input on adopting **Ordinance No. O-2022-0003**, establishing a Public Safety Building Committee, providing an effective date, and making other provisions related to the subject

There was no public participation.

\*\* *Mayor Pro Tem Compian closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular meeting at 7:40 p.m.*

**(9) ORDINANCES**

- a. **Ordinance No. O-2022-0003**, establishing a Public Safety Building Committee, providing an effective date, and making other provisions related to the subject

\*\* Councilmember Carlson made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. O-2022-0003**, establishing a Public Safety Building Committee, providing an effective date, and making other provisions related to the subject. Councilmember Yancy seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. **Ordinance No. O-2021-0018**, amending section 8-8 of the City Code allowing for the keeping of hens; providing a penalty; providing an effective date; and making other provisions related to the subject (Chickens)

\*\* Councilmember Yancy made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. O-2021-0018**, amending section 8-8 of the City Code allowing for the keeping of hens; providing a penalty; providing an effective date; and making other provisions related to the subject. Councilmember Carlson seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. **Ordinance No. O-2022-0004**, amending Chapter 29 of the City's Code of Ordinances; providing an effective date; providing a penalty; and making other findings and provisions related to the subject (Fireworks)

Councilmember Carlson asked questions relating to the ordinance's penalty which was clarified by the City Attorney.

\*\* Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. O-2022-0004**, amending Chapter 29 of the City's Code of Ordinances; providing an effective date; providing a penalty; and making other findings and provisions related to the subject. Councilmember Yancy seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### (10) RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT

- a. Resolution No. **R-2022-0007**, authorizing certain officers of the City to sign and endorse checks and drafts of the City of La Marque bank accounts effective April 12, 2022
- b. **Resolution No. R-2022-0008**, authorizing certain officers of the City as authorized representatives to administer and manage the City's investment accounts effective April 12, 2022
- c. **Resolution No. R-2022-0009**, authorizing certain officers of the City as authorized representatives to administer and manage the City's investment accounts effective April 12, 2022
- d. **Resolution No. R-2022-0010** ratification of TAPS Grant submission
- e. **Resolution No. R-2022-0011** ratification of AARP Grant submission
- f. **Resolution No. R-2022-0012** authorizing the purchase of GOVQA open records software purchase
- g. **Resolution No. R-2022-0013** authorizing the purchase of (15) sets of Fire Bunker Gear

- h. **Resolution No. R-2022-0014** authorizing Parrish & Parrish mowing service contract

\*\* Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as written. Councilmember Yancy seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**(11) APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Appointments/ Removals - Boards, Commissions, Committees

Public Safety Building Nominations Willimon Smith (Mayor), Jerimiah Narcisse (Dist. A), Lyndsay Gonzales (Dist. B), Sally Austin (Dist. C), Morris Martin, Jr. (Dis. D)

Mayor Bell nominated Dennis Davila and Jackie Pennington as alternates on the Public Safety Building Committee, Delon Delafosse to Building Standards.

Councilmember McAuliffe nominated Veverly Sumlin to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Alanah Brown to the Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission.

\*\* Councilmember Yancy made a motion to approve all appointments. Councilmember McAuliffe seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**(12) REPORTS**

- a. City Manager's Report

- i. 2015-2022 Strategic Planning Report Update

Staff require more time for this item and will bring it back to the council monthly, it seems that there is a strategic plan in lieu of a Comprehensive Plan.

ii. Emergency Preparation Supplies Sales Tax Holiday  
Informational item for the community, this event happens April 23-25, 2022.

iii. Work Zone Awareness Week  
This year's theme is "Work Zones are a sign to slow down"

iv. Library Report March 2022  
Library Director Amy Miller gave an annual Library Update.  
Councilmember Yancy requested that the library be an information station in times of crisis or need.

v. GLO Tier 1 Projects  
The City has presented (2) projects to the General Land Office for consideration, Project 1 is a marshland restoration project at Highland Bayou Park and Project 2 is a shoreline restoration project also at Highland Bayou Park.

- vi. Light Study Update

The City is serviced by two providers Texas New Mexico Power and CenterPoint. Texas New Mexico has 2 replacement programs, a ballast broken repair, which is free, and a bulb only replacement which is priced at \$104 per light. Texas New Mexico Power has approximately 700 lights in the city whereas CenterPoint has a much smaller coverage area, most of which is assumed to already have LED lighting.

vii. Review of Fee Schedule

The staff is beginning an internal study of their fees and could be bringing an updated fee schedule to the council in the future.

viii. Summer Internship

Summer Internship applications are now available for La Marque Residents between the ages of 16-19 attending a local high school. This year the City will be accepting 15 interns.

**(13) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council for the City of La Marque, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development)

There was no executive session.

**(14) NEW BUSINESS**

- a. New Business items for consideration on next agenda
- b. Redistricting Workshop

The Redistricting Workshop has been tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2022, in Council Chambers in the Council Chambers.

- c. Announcements of community events/programs

It was announced that Mayor Pro Tem Compian and Councilmember McAuliffe are amongst the top 20 finalists for the Galveston Daily News' Citizen of the Year Award.

Councilmember McAuliffe thanked staff for their hard work and welcomed new City Manager Cesar Garcia. She asked for "more planning, less reacting" and shared that she is proud to work alongside the council and staff. She also thanked Ms. Sumlin for her willingness to serve.

Councilmember Yancy is looking forward to future events and the Mayor's Hurricane Conference Recap. She thanked staff for working in what sometimes can feel like a "hostile environment, and thanked everyone for being done

before 9:00 p.m. She also announced that Anchor Real Estate is having an Easter Egg Hunt this upcoming Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Councilmember Carlson announced that it is Autism Awareness Month and asked everyone to be mindful during Child Abuse Awareness Month. He shared his congratulations to both Mayor Pro Tem Compian and Councilmember McAuliffe, and thanked staff, letting staff know that they are appreciated.

Mayor Bell reminded the community that there will be a hurricane season and planning is underway. He thanked Painted meadows for inviting him to their Easter Egg Hunt, calling it a testament to working together to move the city forward. He also announced that a prebudget workshop and tax forum will be held April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. He closed by thanking Mayor Pro Tem Compian for taking the lead tonight.

## (15) ADJOURNMENT

\*\* Councilmember Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Yancy seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

\*\* Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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