

6/15/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Osteen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All members were present with the exception of Committee Member Allen. Alternate Loftis was asked to sit in his place.

3. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Robert Michetich- Spoke to his displeasure of (3) staff recommendations that were covered at the previous meeting - Sections 2.14, 2.17, 4.05, and 14.01 in addition to the possibility of reinstating term limits.

4. MINUTES

4.I. 6.1.22 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Austin made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of June 1, 2022 adding that the Committee requested to revisit Section 3.05 at a later date. Committee member Lane seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.I. Amendments

All Sections in Article (6) were removed from consideration by the Committee.

Section 7.01 was asked to be revisited in the presence of the attorney.

No action was taken on Section 8.02.

Committee member Martin made a motion to draft proposition language for Section 8.04 to change all instances agencies to funds, and to rewrite subsection (h) to only include duties that are currently performed by the Finance Director. Acting Committee member Loftis seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Acting Committee member Loftis made a motion to rewrite Section 8.07 to change all instances of agencies to read funds. Vice-Chair Austin seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice-Chair Austin made a motion that Section 8.10 requested to be revisited at a later date. Acting Committee member Loftis seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Acting Committee member Loftis made a motion to draft proposed language for Section 8.17 to remove "shall not exceed three percent..." to "shall not reduce the General Fund fund balance to fall below 90 days of operating expenditures at year-end of that budget year". Committee member Lane seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action was taken on Section 8.18.

Acting Committee member Loftis made a motion to have legal review language that makes all changes to dates from 19__ to 20__. Committee member Lane seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action was taken on Section 8.21

No action was taken on Section 8.23

No action was taken on Section 10.03

No action was taken on Section 10.04

no action was taken on Section 10.06

Vice-Chair Austin made a motion requesting a legal interpretation and to revisit Section 11.02, she proposed a question directed at the City Attorney regarding the inclusion of bond and or tax referendums in this section. Acting Committee member Lane seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action was taken on Section 11.04

No action was taken on Section 12.06

No action was taken on Section 12.11

Vice-Chair Austin made a motion to amend Section 12.12 changing "30 years" to "up to 40 years" . Committee member Lane seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action was taken on Section 13.02.

Acting Committee member Loftis made a motion to review Section 13.06 regarding a typo in the headline "recommendation". Vice-Chair Austin seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Acting Committee member Loftis made a motion to remove section 13.12 from the Charter. Committee member Lane seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

After a brief discussion, Acting Committee Member Loftis made a motion to reconsider section 13.12 for discussion. Committee Member Lane seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Loftis made a motion to allow Section 13.12 to remain "for history's sake". Vice Chair Austin seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action was taken on Section 13.15.

Vice-Chair Austin made a motion to draft proposed language for Section 13.16 to say "and shall be appointed with approval of City Council" Acting Committee member Loftis seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Acting Committee member Loftis made a motion to review Section 14.01 at the next meeting with Chief Aragon. "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, and/or the most current Manpower Analysis, whichever is greater, budgetary conditions prevailing. 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" Committee member Lane seconded the

motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Acting Committee member Loftis made a motion to amend **Section 14.02** to say "In not less than thirty days prior to a charter election the city council shall cause the city clerk to make available a copy of this charter to each qualified voter of the City of La Marque as appears from the tax collector's roll for the year ending January 31 preceding said election." Vice-Chair Austin seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANNIMOUSLY.

5.II. Future Agenda Items

Chairman Osteen asked that City Clerk call Mr. Michetich when the City Attorney returns with clarification of section 2.24

Chairman Osteen asked if it is possible to create form language to change all dates from FROM 19____ TO 20__

The committee requested that the proposed language be brought to the next meeting for committee review.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Committee member Loftis made a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chair Austin seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.