



**LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2021**

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Crowder called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Ron Crowder - President

Gene Smith - Secretary

Tracie Steans (10:03 a.m.)

Cleveland Lane

Bobby Hocking

City Officials:

Keith Bell Mayor

Alex Getty EDC Director

Suzy Kou Finance Director

Colleen Martin Public Relations Specialist

Kierra Nance Deputy City Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular meeting of July 20, 2021

Board member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2021. Board member Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Presentation of the monthly financial report
Finance Report stood as presented.

5. PRESENTATION

a. Mike Matranga; The Garrison

Proposing a 25,000 sq ft upscale indoor firearms training and retail facility with a coffee shop and barber shop.

b. Alexandria Beatty; La Marque Farmer's Market
Proposing a revamp of Market on 3

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss/possible action regarding the request received from Mike Matranga (The Garrison)
This item was tabled.
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding a farmer's market
Board member Smith made a motion to have EDC Director assist Ms. Beatty in planning her venture. Board member Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Discussion/possible action regarding the request from Art of Coffee dated August 3, 2021
After discussion Chairman Crowder requested the rent reduction request be granted provided that the drive thru window is utilized for a minimum of 8 hours a day in an effort to increase traffic. Board member Smith made a motion to accept Chairman's request. Board member Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

8. DISCUSSION

- a. Director's Report - report may include information regarding past, present or future projects

Executive Director provided his report.

- b. Public Relations Report - report to include an overview of efforts as it pertains to public relations

The Public Relations provided her report.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Section 551.072 of the Government Code - deliberations about real property - land acquisition and or sale
- b. Section 551.071 of the Government Code - consultation with attorney

Chairman Crowder closed the regular meeting and entered Executive Session at 11:42 a.m. and returned from Executive Session at 11:58 a.m.

10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Consider land acquisition and or sale
- b. Consider action to be taken regarding consultation with attorney

Board member Smith made a motion to agree to enter into a contract to sell 5+- acres to Mike Matranga for The Garrison development for \$653,400. Board member Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board member Lane made a motion to agree to enter into a contract to sell 1.5+- acres to The Overland Group for \$261,360. Board member Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Regarding the property that could become available next to the central fire station, Mayor Bell mentioned that Council is typically supportive of green space/park space.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

This unofficial copy of the minutes from the above meeting are posted for convenience only. Executed or certified copies of the minutes can be requested by contacting the City Clerk.
