

8/29/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All members of Council were present.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Compian gave the invocation and Councilman Carlson led the pledge.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Eva Livy (2808 Fannin), spoke regarding the abundance of yield signs that are in the city, called the council's attention to an accident that happened at Oaklawn and Lake Rd over the weekend, and the yield sign needs to be replaced. Leaving yield signs in places where stop signs should be is dangerous.

James Osteen (2012 Jeridona), spoke regarding the Galveston County Fire Service Contract. He shared concerns regarding the language in the contract specifying "City Commission" should be "City Council". He asked that it be corrected.

Joseph Lowry (2503 Cedar Dr.), spoke to alleged accusations of racism made against him, shared penal codes regarding perjury and suppression, and shared disdain with Galveston Daily News' reporting.

Carlton Mayeaux (1716 Rosalee), shared concerns regarding the alleged harassment of a certain demographic of city officials, he sees many positive things happening in the community and asked what recourse is there for citizens to take if the behavior considers.

Bo Hunter (2613 Lake Park Dr.), stated he has been a resident for 54 years and has seen many changes and shared his protest of the recall. He thinks La Marque is doing a fantastic job of bringing industry and homes into the city. He states that the recall is unfair and no one can give a legitimate reason for the recall. All the citizens of La Marque need to work together, if something isn't broke, don't fix it.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

***Mayor Bell recessed the Special Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:33*

5.I. Ordinance No. O-2022-0010

There was no public participation.

6. ORDINANCES

***Mayor Bell closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:34 p.m.*

6.I. Ordinance No. O-2022-0010

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2022-0010. Councilmember McAuliffe seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. RESOLUTIONS- CONSENT

7.I. Resolution No. R-2022-0061

City Manager Garcia gave a brief overview of the project and potential grant funding connected to this contract and resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian requested that City Manager look to collaborate with College of the Mainland to potentially work to support this program. City Manager responded with additional entities that are being asked to share their support for this project.

Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2022-0061. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.II. Resolution No. R-2022-0062

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2022-0062. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED WITH 4 AYES AND 1 NAY.

Councilmember Yancy shared her continued heartburn with proposing a rate established due to an error.

AYES: Kimberley Yancy, Joe Compian, Michael Carlson, Casey McAuliffe

NAY: Keith Bell

7.III. Resolution No. R-2022-0063

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2022-0063 directing City Manager and City Attorney to work to have the language corrected to state City Council instead of City Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian clarified concerns regarding the amounts dispersed in the contract, questioning if the payments were the same as the other members of the contract, to which, at this time it is known to be the same for all paid fire departments in the county.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I. Items For The Good Of The Order

Mayor Pro Tem Compian requested that a Proclamation be read honoring the passing of an esteemed community member, Lucille Monych, Mayor Bell obliged the request, followed by a moment of silence in her honor.

Mayor Pro Tem again shared his condolences to the loved ones of Mayor Sam and also acknowledged a mobile celebration for a local veteran to be held on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Councilmember Carlson gave his thoughts and prayers regarding the multitude of passings in the community. He announced that the La Marque Girls Association is looking for participants. He thanked Omega Bay for their support and shared his enthusiasm that the Canal Zone Ordinance was passed tonight.

Councilmember McAuliffe shared her remembrances of former Mayor Geraldine Sam and celebrated in

the fact that she was a good woman.

Councilmember Yancy shared that for those interested in Boys Baseball, Bobby Beach will begin registrations in October. She does not want to only talk about the negatives, there are many amazing things happening in La Marque everyday. Thanked the City's Public Relations team and Clear Life Media for focusing on the positives within the community.

Mayor Bell acknowledged the blackberry festival that was held last weekend, a positive day even though it was rained out. Mayor Sam's public services will begin Saturday, September 3 at 9:00 a.m. at the La Marque High School. He wished everyone a Happy Labor Day, especially the staff of the City of La Marque.

City Manager thanked the community for the outpouring of support and interest in becoming city volunteers. He reminded the community that Exit 12 is potentially dangerous due to the amount of rain and construction, please be careful. He also spoke to the mosquito problem and identified that it is not a La Marque problem but a county problem. Mayor Pro Tem clarified that the issues arising at Exit 12 are not those caused by the City.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

10. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Carlson seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

***Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.*