



**CITY OF LAMARQUE
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR AGENDA
of
JUNE 1, 2022**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Marque Charter Review Committee will conduct a **Regular Meeting** on **June 1, 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. Regular Meeting Minutes 05.04.2022

Documents:

[05.04.2022 REGULAR CRC MINUTES.PDF](#)

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.I. Amendments

Discussion/ possible action regarding drafting proposed Charter Amendments

Documents:

[REQUESTED AMENDMENT SECTIONS.DOCX](#)

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 May 27, 2022, before 5:00 p.m.

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**LA MARQUE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 2022**

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

James Osteen- Chairman
Valry Allen- Member (5:02)
Christopher Lane- Member
Antinell Martin- Member
Re'chard Loftis- Alternate
David Pennington- Alternate

ABSENT:

Sally Austin- Vice Chair

City Officials:

Gus Knebel City Attorney
Kierra Nance City Clerk

3. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

** There was no citizen participation.

4. MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes 04.06.2022
- b. Special Meeting Minutes 04.27.2022

** Member Martin made a motion to approve all submitted minutes with a correction to the 04.06.2022 minutes correcting the omission of sections 2.02 and 3.04 for review. Member Allen seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/ possible action regarding Article XI

** Member Allen made a motion to review Sections 11.02 and 11.04 at a future meeting. Member Lane seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Discussion/ possible action regarding Article XII
** Member Martin made a motion to review Sections 12.06, 12.11, and 12.12 to be discussed a future meeting. Member Allen seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- c. Discussion/ possible action regarding Article XIII
** Member Martin made a motion to review Section 13.02, 13.06, 13.07, 13.12, and 13.15 at a future meeting. Member Allen seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- d. Discussion/ possible action regarding Article XIV
** Member Allen made a motion to review Sections 14.01 and 14.02 at a future meeting. Member Martin seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- e. Discussion/ possible action regarding Article XV
** No action taken.
- f. Discussion/ possible action regarding establishing review procedures
After a brief discussion it was the pleasure of the committee to review Articles I-XV at each subsequent meeting beginning May 18, 2022, scheduling staff to attend as needed, giving notice to staff of their requested presence no later than three days prior to the meeting.
** Member Allen made a motion to approve the review process as discussed. Member Lane seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- g. Discussion/ possible action regarding future agenda item requests
** No action taken.

(5) ADJOURNMENT

** Member Allen made a motion to adjourn. Member Lane seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

** Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

James Osteen, Chairperson

Kierra K. Nance
City Clerk

CHARTER CHANGES REQUEST

1.08 (Allen)

1.10 (Osteen)

2.02 (Osteen)

2.09 (Austin)

2.12 (Osteen)

2.17 (Staff)

Every ordinance shall be introduced in writing in the form in which it is to be finally passed. After passage on first reading, it shall be posted on the website for the City of La Marque, together with a notice of the time and place it will be given a public hearing and be considered for final passage. Such posting shall be at least one week prior to the time set for the public hearing.

2.19 (Staff)

After such hearing, the city council may finally pass such ordinance without amendment. If it shall make an amendment which constitutes a change of substance, it shall not finally pass the ordinance until it shall have caused the amended sections to be posted on the website for the City of La Marque together with a notice of the time and place such amended ordinance will be further considered. Such posting shall be at least three days prior to the time set for the public hearing. At the time so posted or at any time and place to which such meeting shall be adjourned, the amended ordinance shall be read in full upon request, and a public hearing thereon shall be held. After such hearing, the city council may finally pass such amended ordinance, or again amend it subject to the same conditions. The second passage of any ordinance pursuant to this charter shall be final, and no further passage shall be required. The second passage of an ordinance and all amendments must take place within 120 days of first reading.

2.20 (Staff)

Omission

2.24 (Staff) **New

Proposal: clearly exempt ordinances authorized to be approved on a single reading under state law from the detailed procedures in the charter

Justification: would remove a conflict between the charter and state law as it relates to public securities ordinances and bond election ordinances

3.01 (Martin)

3.03 (Osteen)

3.04 (Staff)

Omission

3.05 (Osteen)

4.03 (Lane)

4.05(Staff)

Proposal: Election by Plurality

Justification: each election cycle that has more than 2 candidates in a particular race costs the city an average of \$18000 due to the requirement of a runoff if the “winning” candidate receives less than 50% +1 of the vote.

5.04 (Martin)

5.07 (Martin)

5.09 (Lane)

5.12 (Lane)

5.13 (Austin)

5.14 (Lane)

5.15 (Lane)

5.18 (Osteen)

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____.

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8.21 (Allen)

8.23 (Allen)

10.03 (Committee)

10.04 (Committee)

10.06 (Committee)

11.02 (Committee)

11.04 (Committee)

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**