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**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
OF  
January 14, 2019**

workshop City Council Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, January 14, 2019, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hocking called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Bobby Hocking	Mayor
Keith Bell	Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilmember District A
Chris Lane	Councilmember, District B
Robert Michetich	Councilmember, District C
Casey Mc Auliffe	Councilwoman, District D

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Charlene Warren	Interim City Manager
Robin Eldridge	City Clerk

**(3) NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Presentation/discussion given by Clark Condon Associates, Inc. providing architectural designs associated with the proposed improvements for the La Marque I-45 corridor and intersection enhancements and provide direction to City Manager.

Jason Miller, Principal and Partner of Clark Condon and Associates approached the podium and began a power point presentation for which they have been contracted to provide options for architectural designs and intersection enhancements for the La Marque I-45 corridor in conjunction with the TxDOT expansion. The areas discussed were:

- Site Analysis (existing conditions)
- Programming (what TxDOT is providing and what they can do on top of that)
- Corridor Aesthetics (how they can be changed)
- Branding options (translation of our logo and brandings to mesh in with their ideas)
- Budgeting (overall big picture)- partnerships for landscaping

Clark Condon and Associates have provided the same type of services for Texas City, Stafford, Pearland, Sugarland and other areas.



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There are six major intersections that the City will need to take advantage of through the TxDOT improvement, with focus on the north end and south end of the City along that corridor. Several new wayfinding signs have already been identified by TxDOT. It is suggested that there be more wayfinding signage traveling from the south on I-45. It was suggested that on a few of the signs that list Texas City first, that they would list La Marque first. Any changes from 1764 going north has already been let, so any changes proposed would be considered a change order to their contract at this time. Everything south of 1764 is in the design phase. The goal is to get suggestions and plans submitted early, so that TxDOT can incorporate those plans into the construction phase. They are improving the corridor and using what they call the "green-ribbon standard" TxDOT has three different regions: anything going north on I-10 is what they call their "vertical scheme" (based on the Piney Woods); everything going west is based on the Katy-Perry, more "horizontal schemes"; then everything south of Beltway 8 is what they all the "wave scheme" (based on the Gulf- water). They are applying their blue color and waves already. They are redoing the signals, creating detention ponds, illuminating street sings. "We want to have this overlay that will draw attention to La Marque." The discussion continued with enhancing planting along the corridor, using a different color for traffic signals, utilizing the logo for the City, and he showed and described areas of opportunity in branding and identity enhancements. "The first opportunity to make this your own, is at the 1764 intersection, while Texas City is utilizing their flyover intersection to do that." Paving scheme and colors, under bridge lighting, two-foot wide curbs are their standards, which is a benefit, but wouldn't eliminate any damages due to any larger trucks jumping curbs, options for sound walls, MSC panels and enhanced signals were further discussed. Suggestion of concrete instead of crushed- based concrete under the pavers and the costs associated with this was discussed. By using their technique, we can pick out colors at no cost. The key will be to give TXDOT our plans and ideas early. The deadline to submit some of the colors and schemes is by January 30<sup>th</sup>. Utilizing the La Marque logo and colors and usage of stars was discussed in detail. Incorporating more native landscaping was suggested to set La Marque aside from other cities, and costs associated with the differences discussed. One half to one percent of the road budget is set aside for landscaping. They usually install what they want, so that there is less maintenance, or that the city will enter into a maintenance agreement with them. Economic Development benefits from the beautifully landscaped and maintained landscaping in cities.

Continued coordination through the Public Information Officer Colleen Merritt for recommendations of the enhancements along the I-45 corridor will be taking place within the next few weeks and months. Direction to the Interim City Manager was to continue the discussions and moving forward.



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- b. Presentation/discussion given by ADICO Consulting Engineers regarding proposed upsizing/improvement of the waterline and sanitary sewer system for the I-45 expansion project and provide direction to City Manager.

Randy Liska of Adico Consulting Engineers approached the podium and began by saying that the design engineer for TxDOT has asked for information regarding the city's utility crossings along the I-45 expansion areas within the City limits. TxDOT is paying for the modifying of these crossings, as long as there are no upsizing or modifications required.

"There are three areas that we are looking at to modify what is currently there. In the first area, there is a 24-inch sanitary force main that crosses under I-45 at Bayou Road, which carries the sewage that is being pumped from the 6<sup>th</sup> Street lift station to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. We are recommending that an additional crossing be placed in the same area as the 24-inch pipe, so that if there is any maintenance required, to that 24-inch pipe, the system could be kept up and running, while the maintenance repairs are being conducted on the other pipe. Then there are two areas on the water line, one at Cedar Drive, an eight-inch crossing under I-45 which has an eight-inch and a six-inch line coming into it on the east side and a ten-inch line coming into it on the west side. We are recommending that the eight-inch be upsized to a twelve-inch for capacity as well as providing system stability in that area. The second area is at FM 519, there is an eight-inch and fourteen-inch at the east side of I-45 going under I-45 we are asking that those two be combined to a 16-inch pipe, which would reduce maintenance as well as provide additional capacity and stability for the system. This will also reduce the amount of pipes underneath I-45 that you have to maintain."

It was asked what would be TxDOT's role, and it was said to be the city's costs, but the state may to pay for a trade out at the last modification. It was asked if the Council could have more information and to continue this discussion at the February meeting. A meeting with TxDOT is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month, for additional information.

(4) **ADJOURNMENT**

It was the consensus of Council to adjourn the Workshop 5:28 p.m. WORKSHOP  
ADJOURNED.

  
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Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Robin Eldridge, TRMC  
City Clerk