



**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
MINUTES  
of  
FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

City Council Workshop Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, February 8, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference (ZOOM) with the following members present:

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bell called the Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Keith Bell	Mayor
Joe Compian	Councilmember, District B
Robert Michetich	Councilmember, District C
Casey Mc Auliffe	Councilwoman, District D

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Charles "Tink" Jackson	City Manager
Robin Eldridge	City Clerk
Derra Purnell	City Attorney

**(3) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

No one spoke

**(4) NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion relating to adopting Resolution No. **R-2021-0004**, approving the aerial spraying of mosquitoes by Galveston County Mosquito Control District, as required on a yearly basis by the Federal Aviation Administration

After City Manager explained, it was clarified that the County has their own system and schedule of aerial spraying, then there was no other discussion

- b. Discussion relating to adopting Resolution No. **R-2021-0005**, designating members of the City Council as Representative and Official Alternate to the General Assembly of the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the year 2021

After City Manager explained, they discussed among themselves who would be willing to serve. No other discussion.

- c. Discussion relating to adopting Resolution No. **R-2021-0006**, authorizing the submission of a grant application for the First Responder Resiliency Program to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

After explanation by the Assistant City Manager Jordan, he introduced Karen Mc Whorter, of the Family Services Center of Galveston who was available for any questions.

- the grant requires a 20% match from the City
- resources include four full-time counselors (rotating) available 24-hours
- begins October of 2022
- Specifically for first Responders and Peace Officers

- d. Discussion relating to ratifying the City Manager's approval of expenditures to Texas Pride Utilities for costs involved in emergency sanitary sewer rehabilitation in the amount of \$53,735.00

After a brief explanation provided by Public Works Director Mr. Cary, (this had been an ongoing problem for quite some time at that location)- issues were related to a long standing problem with a grease traps at one of the businesses in that area and lack of maintenance through the years - briefly discussed was what types of warranties did the City have on projects and contracts, it was said that it depends on what types of repairs but could be up to a minimum of fifty years on certain materials. A question was asked what the City could do to prevent something like this to happen again in the future, if a certain business or subdivision is putting extra stress or pressure, what is the cities stance? (Ordinances are in place, and the Capital Improvement Fund to repair those already worn out infrastructure);

- e. Discussion relating to approving a plat for Walgreens La Marque near 1832 FM 1765 with conditions: 1) that a corrected final plat is submitted to the City that includes the building setback lines for the C-1 General Commercial and Thoroughfare Overlay District zoning districts; 2) that a subordination agreement is submitted to the City; and 3) that original tax certificates are submitted to the City prior to filing of the plat

After a brief explanation provided by Development Services Mrs. Purnell, there was no other discussion.

- f. Discussion relating to adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0002**, amending the Delany Cove Planned Development District ("Delany Cove PDD") established by Ordinance No. O-2019-0026 by adding Section 14; and making other provisions related to the subject **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

After a brief explanation provided by Development Services Mrs. Purnell, Councilwoman Mc Auliffe would like to see the their plans for what kinds of trees they are going to plant.

- g. Discussion relating to adopting Ordinance No. O-2021-0003, amending the fiscal year 2020-21 Budget for 1764 Water Plant Pumps project by increasing various accounts expenditures and revenues as set forth in Exhibit A **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

City Manager Mr. Jackson gave an overview of the problems associated with water pressure in the area around the 1764 Water Plant. The water plant was built around 1990. Several subdivisions and other large developments have been constructed since then, and that plant is no longer capable of meeting the demand of water supply needs. This item falls under the ability to fund this from Impact Fees. City Engineer Dinh Ho, added information about the pump improvements to the booster pumps (below)

- h. Discussion relating to approving Precision Pumps System's quote for pump improvements to the booster pumps at the 1764 Water Plant, not to exceed \$225,000.00, and authorizing the City Manager to execute contract documents and/or purchase orders necessary to complete this purchase under the City's interlocal agreement with BuyBoard

This item was also discussed in conjunction with the item for budget amendment for this project (above).

- i. Discussion relating to award of bid for the Westwood Subdivision Drainage Improvement Project No. 19100-14 to Aranda Brothers Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of \$122,197.00

City Manager Mr. Jackson gave a brief overview of this bid award (In the 2019-2020 budget \$85,000 was approved for this item); it was put off until this year and the rest would come from the left- over monies in the 2005 CO bond series (drainage improvements) a little over \$120,000.00 in this CO.

Further discussion included Mr. Ho explaining that this development was constructed during the late seventies - early eighties, curb and gutter with no storm sewer drainage. The issue after assessing (2018), water ponds in two -three inches with no movement. There has been some minor repairs to alleviate some of the drainage (pavement panels).

- j. Discussion relating to giving direction to staff regarding a potential redraft of Ordinance No. O-2018-0019, which established procedures and criteria for appointing members to the Boards and Commissions

After a thorough discussion the following were some changes that Council would like to see included in the amended ordinance:

- Ex-officio member to the EDC to be Mayoral position
- Boards and Commissions application to include an affidavit requiring a resident statement sworn statement included on the application
- Any question of residency to make a complaint to City Council then will direct City Manager to investigate then bring back findings to City Council
- Equal number of alternates on each of the Boards and Commissions
- Term limits (a discussion for the next meeting) Yes or No
- Non-residents (having a limit on) and a verification in the reappointment of those in the ex-officio positions
- More definition in the residence requirements

Keeping a master list of membership and member ongoing- will be done in-house. Staff is working on a handbook for all Boards and Commissions.

**(5) ADJOURNMENT**

It was the consensus of Council to adjourn the Workshop at 8:20 p.m.

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