

**NOTICE OF LA MARQUE  
CITY COUNCIL  
BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the La Marque City Council will conduct a **Special Meeting/ Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 beginning at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas as well as via teleconference (ZOOM)** in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19. This Notice, the meeting agenda, and the agenda packet can be found online at:

<https://ci.la-marque.tx.us/AgendaCenter>

**THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO CITY HALL DURING THE MEETING.**

The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided below and as permitted by the Mayor during the meeting. A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

THE PUBLIC TOLL-FREE DIAL-IN NUMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING IS:

**1 (346) 248-7799**

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**Meeting ID: 92493940502**

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<https://zoom.us/j/92493940502>

Once you are on the website, you may need to enter the following:

Meeting ID: 924 9394 0502

If you require accommodation to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk at 409-938-9259 or [cityclerk@cityoflamarque.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityoflamarque.org) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting start time.



**1111 Bayou Road  
La Marque, Texas  
409-938-9202**

**Mayor Bobby Hocking**

**Mayor Pro- Tem Keith Bell- District A**

**Councilmember Chris Lane- District B**

**Councilmember Robert Michetich- District C**

**Councilmember Casey Mc Auliffe- District D**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-0014**

**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA  
of  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a Special Called Meeting/Public Hearing on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. **in the Council Chambers at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas as well as via teleconference (ZOOM)** for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

**(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**(2) ROLL CALL**

**(3) PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Conduct **FIRST** Public Hearing to hear public input regarding the FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget – Finance Director S. Kou

**(4) NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2020-0012**, making appropriations for the support of the City of La Marque for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the annual budget for the City of La Marque for 2020-21 fiscal year – Finance Director S. Kou ***THIS IS THE FIRST READING***
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2020-0013**, levying ad valorem taxes for use and operation of the municipal government of the City of La Marque, Texas for the 2020 tax year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid – Finance Director S. Kou ***THIS IS THE FIRST READING***

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2020-0014**, amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges of the Code of Ordinances, City of La Marque, Texas by amending prescribed solid waste collection charges – Finance Director S. Kou ***THIS IS THE FIRST READING***

**(5) ADJOURNMENT**

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on or before September 4, 2020 by 5:30 p.m.

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Robin Eldridge, TRMC  
City Clerk

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• • • • • interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Clerk's office at (409) 938-  
• • • • • 9259, or Fax (409) 935-0401, or e-mail [cityclerk@cityoflamarque.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityoflamarque.org) for further information.  
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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FORM

Meeting Date: September 8, 2020

Prepared by: Suzy Kou

Agenda item: 4a

Reviewed by: Charlene Warren/

Charles Jackson

Department: Finance

**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:** Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2020-0012**, making appropriations for the support of the City of La Marque for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the annual budget for the City of La Marque for 2020-21 fiscal year **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

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### **ATTACHMENTS FOR REFERENCE**

1. Ordinance
2. City Manager's Proposed Budget Amendments

### **STAFF BRIEFING:**

- Per City Charter, Council must adopt annual budget no later than September 27<sup>th</sup> each year
- Should Council fail to adopt the budget by such date, the budget as submitted by City Manager shall be deemed to have been finally adopted by City Council
- As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, windstorm insurance estimates in proposed budget are still pending quotes received. Delay is due to Marco and Laura impact in Louisiana and part of Texas

### **HISTORY:** N/A

### **TARGET IMPLEMENTATION:**

**September 8, 2020**- Budget adoption on First Reading

**September 15, 2020**- Budget adoption on Second and Final Reading

### **SIGNIFICANT ACTION DATES:**

**July 20, 2020** - City Manager proposed fiscal year 2020-21 budget

**July 27, 28, 30, 2020** - Council workshops to discuss budget amendments to City Manager's proposal

**September 8, 2020** - First public hearing on 2020-21 Proposed Budget

**September 15, 2020** - Second public hearing on 2020-21 Proposed Budget

**September 8, 2020** - Budget adoption fiscal year 2020-21 First Reading

**September 15, 2020** - Budget adoption fiscal year 2020-21 Second and Final Reading



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FORM

### ACTION:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Presentation                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Proclamation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Report                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                                                                                               |                                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark if this item does not conflict with any Resolution, Ordinance or City Charter, policies, procedures |                                         |

### Cost Details:

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Budgeted              |  |
| Actual Bid            |  |
| Estimated Expenditure |  |
| Acct. Name(s)         |  |
| Line Item #           |  |
| Other Funding         |  |

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION:** Motion to adopt Ordinance **O-2020-0012**, making appropriations for the support of the City of La Marque for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the annual budget for the City of La Marque for 2020-21 fiscal year **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

**FISCAL IMPACT:** See 2020-21 budget for details.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-0012**

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 APPROPRIATING MONEY TO A SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL DUE ON THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE FOR 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the budget, appended here as Exhibit "A", for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 was duly presented to the City Council by the City Manager and a public hearing was ordered by the City Council and a public notice of said hearing was caused to be given by the City Council and said notice was published in the Galveston County Daily News and said public hearing was held according to said notice and City Charter requirements; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE:**

**SECTION 1.** That the appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 be fixed and determined for said terms in accordance with the expenditures shown in the City's fiscal year 2020-21 budget, a copy of which is appended hereto as Exhibit "A"

**SECTION 2.** That the budget, as shown in words and figures in Exhibit "A", is hereby approved in all respects and adopted as the City's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

**SECTION 3.** That there is hereby appropriated the amount shown in said budget necessary to provide for a sinking fund for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonded debt of said City.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of La Marque on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 on the First Reading.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of La Marque on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 for the Second and Final reading.

**CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bobby Hocking, Mayor

Ordinance No. O-2020-0012  
Adoption of 2020-2021 Budget

**ATTEST:**

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Robin Eldridge, TRMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Derra Purnell, City Attorney



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FORM

Meeting Date: September 8, 2020

Prepared by: Suzy Kou

Agenda item: 4b

Reviewed by: Charlene Warren/

Charles Jackson

Department: Finance

**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:** Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2020-0013**, levying ad valorem taxes for use and operation of the municipal government of the City of La Marque, Texas for the 2020 tax year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

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### **ATTACHMENTS FOR REFERENCE**

1. Ordinance

### **STAFF BRIEFING:**

- In order to meet statutory requirements for budget and state property Tax Code, the proposed ordinance is attached
- **NO CHANGE TO TAX RATE**
- 2020 tax information:

|                          | 2020-21        | 2019-20        |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Proposed Tax Rate:       | \$0.550764/100 | \$0.550764/100 |
| No-New-Revenue Tax Rate: | \$0.489402/100 | \$0.464697/100 |
| Voter-Approval Tax Rate: | \$0.555469/100 | \$0.553554/100 |
| De Minimis Rate:         | \$0.738064/100 | N/A            |

### **HISTORY: N/A**

### **TARGET IMPLEMENTATION:**

**September 8, 2020** - Tax Rate adoption on First Reading

**September 15, 2020** - Tax Rate adoption on Second and Final Reading

### **SIGNIFICANT ACTION DATES:**

**August 10, 2020** - Set dates and time for public hearings on proposed Tax Rate

**August 17, 2020** - First public hearing on proposed Tax Rate for tax year 2020

**September 15, 2020** - Second public hearing on proposed Tax Rate for year 2020

**September 8, 2020** - Adoption of Tax Rate 2020 on First Reading

**September 15, 2020** - Adoption of Tax Rate 2020 on Second and Final Reading



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FORM

### ACTION:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Presentation                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Proclamation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Report                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                                                                                               |                                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark if this item does not conflict with any Resolution, Ordinance or City Charter, policies, procedures |                                         |

### Cost Details:

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Budgeted              |  |
| Actual Bid            |  |
| Estimated Expenditure |  |
| Acct. Name(s)         |  |
| Line Item #           |  |
| Other Funding         |  |

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION:** Motion to adopt Ordinance **O-2020-0013**, levying ad valorem taxes for use and operation of the municipal government of the City of La Marque, Texas for the 2020 tax year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

"I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.550764 which is effectively a 12.54 percent increase in the tax rate."

**\*\* VOTE TAKEN BY ROLL CALL \*\***

**FISCAL IMPACT:** See 2020-21 budget for details.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-0013**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS FOR THE 2020 TAX YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND, PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE;**

**SECTION 1.** That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected, for use and operation of the municipal government of the City of La Marque and to provide an Interest and Sinking Fund for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, upon all property, real, personal and mixed within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation here set forth:

1. For the maintenance and operation of the general government 0.469935 on each \$100.00 taxable valuation of property; and
2. For the interest and sinking fund, 0.080829 on each \$100.00 taxable valuation of property.

For a total tax rate of 0.550764 on each \$100.00 taxable valuation of property tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth above.

**SECTION 2.** All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the assessor and collector for the City of La Marque is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City of La Marque and shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest and, the interest penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the general fund of the City of La Marque. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from date of delinquency at the rate as prescribed by state law.

**SECTION 3.** That this ordinance shall take effect after the second reading.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on the First reading on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020, at a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas, there being a quorum present, by \_\_\_\_ **AYES** and \_\_\_\_ **NAYES** and approved by the Mayor on the date above set.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** on the Second and Final reading on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020, at a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas, there being a quorum present by \_\_\_\_ **AYES** and \_\_\_\_ **NAYES** and approved by the Mayor on the date above set.

**CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS**

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Bobby Hocking, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Robin Eldridge, TRMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Derra Purnell, City Attorney



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FORM

Meeting Date: September 8, 2020

Prepared by: Suzy Kou

Agenda item: 4c

Reviewed by: Charlene Warren/

Charles Jackson

Department: Finance - Utility Billing

**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:** Discussion/possible action regarding Ordinance No. **O-2020-0014**, amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges of the Code of Ordinances, City of La Marque, Texas by amending prescribed solid waste collection charges **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

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### ATTACHMENTS FOR REFERENCE

1. Ordinance

### STAFF BRIEFING:

- **July 27, 2017**- Council approved contract with Waste Management to perform solid waste services effective October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2024 with renewal option
- Per contract terms, fees shall be increased by 3% each year until the end of contract term

**HISTORY:** N/A

**TARGET IMPLEMENTATION:** October 1, 2020

### SIGNIFICANT ACTION DATES:

**September 8, 2020** - Ordinance approval First Reading

**September 15, 2020** - Ordinance approval Second and Final Reading

### ACTION:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Presentation                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Proclamation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Report                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                                                                                               |                                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark if this item does not conflict with any Resolution, Ordinance or City Charter, policies, procedures |                                         |

### Cost Details:

|                       |                                         |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Budgeted              | \$2,805,284                             |
| Actual Bid            |                                         |
| Estimated Expenditure |                                         |
| Acct. Name(s)         | Various Sanitation expenditure accounts |
| Line Item #           | Various                                 |
| Other Funding         | Fund Balance                            |

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION:** Motion to adopt Ordinance No. **O-2020-0014**, amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges of the Code of Ordinances, City of La Marque, Texas by amending prescribed solid waste collection charges **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FORM

**FISCAL IMPACT:** 3% increase per contract terms.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-0014**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A, SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS BY AMENDING PRESCRIBED SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS CHARGES.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Solid Waste Collection Charges, of the La Marque Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

**APPENDIX A: SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES**

**Solid Waste Collection Charges**

There are hereby levied the following charges, to be collected from the owner occupying any premises located or from the occupant or person in possession or control of any premises located on an established garbage and rubbish route within the city, for the removal and disposition of garbage and rubbish;

- (1) Residential Rates Per Month per Residential Service Unit (not including sales tax)
  - (a) Twice a week Residential Collection Rate- \$23.82.
  - (b) Every other week Recycling Collection- Included.
  - (c) Once a week Bulky Waste Collection- Included.
  - (d) At Your Door Household Hazardous Waste/Electronics Collection- Included.
  - (e) Residential Service Unit- Additional Cart- \$5.46 per Cart.
  - (f) Bulky Waste in excess of 5 cubic yards- \$163.91 per occurrence.
  - (g) Replacement Cart- \$76.49 per Cart.
- (2) Commercial Unit Collection Rates
  - (a) Castors per month- \$16.39
  - (b) Locking Device per month- \$38.24.
  - (c) Monthly Commercial Unit Rates

| Container Size/Type               | Weekly Collection Frequency |          |          |          |          |          |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
|                                   | 1                           | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5        | 6        | Extra P/U |
| Commercial Hand PU 96 Gal Cart    | N/A                         | \$48.46  | N/A      | N/A      | N/A      | N/A      | N/A       |
| Commercial Hand Extra Cart (Each) |                             | \$16.39  |          |          |          |          |           |
| 2yd FEL Container                 | \$93.06                     | \$146.92 | \$215.04 | \$246.90 | \$296.35 | \$350.23 | \$55.24   |
| 3yd FEL Container                 | \$100.88                    | \$192.65 | \$257.01 | \$272.06 | \$389.10 | \$451.96 | \$60.70   |
| 4yd FEL Container                 | \$128.70                    | \$211.33 | \$287.43 | \$357.75 | \$436.95 | \$511.60 | \$66.16   |
| 6yd FEL Container                 | \$168.46                    | \$256.40 | \$387.63 | \$505.71 | \$614.48 | \$715.89 | \$71.63   |
| 8yd FEL Container                 | \$219.65                    | \$323.63 | \$457.43 | \$592.31 | \$739.41 | \$900.29 | \$77.09   |

(d) Roll Off Bin (non-Temporary) and Compactor Rates

| Roll off Size/Type       | Container Rental Fee (Per Month) | Initial Delivery Fee (One-time) | Collection Fee (Per Haul) | Disposal Fee (Per Ton) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 10 CY Roll off           | \$136.59                         | \$163.91                        | \$244.77                  | \$33.87                |
| 20 CY Roll off           | \$136.59                         | \$163.91                        | \$244.77                  | \$33.87                |
| 30 CY Roll off           | \$136.59                         | \$163.91                        | \$244.77                  | \$33.87                |
| 40 CY Roll off           | \$136.59                         | \$163.91                        | \$244.77                  | \$33.87                |
| 30 CY Roll off Compactor | \$382.45                         | *                               | \$244.77                  | \$33.87                |
| 40 CY Roll off Compactor | \$382.45                         | *                               | \$244.77                  | \$33.87                |

**\* To be determined by Contractor and Customer**

**Section 2.** Effective Date: The effective date shall coincide with the first utility billing after October 1, 2020.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of La Marque on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 on the First Reading.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of La Marque on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 for the Second and Final reading.

**CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bobby Hocking, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robin Eldridge, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Derra Purnell, City Attorney