

**NOTICE OF LA MARQUE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE AND IN-PERSON**

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the La Marque City Council will conduct a Special Meeting on Friday, September 24, 2021 beginning at 11:00 A.M. In accordance with Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Government Code a quorum of the La Marque City Council and the Mayor intend to be and will be physically present at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas. This location will be open to the public and the meeting will be broadcast at this location and via YouTube.

This Notice, the meeting agenda, and the agenda packet can be found online at:

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

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

ONCE YOU ARE CONNECTED, YOU MUST ENTER THE FOLLOWING:

Meeting ID: 92493940502

Press *6 to mute or unmute your phone line. You may also connect to the meeting on your smartphone, tablet or computer by going to the following internet address:

<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 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting start time.



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

Mayor - Keith Bell

Kimberley Yancy - District A

Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Compian - District B

Councilmember Michael Carlson - District C

Councilmember Casey McAuliffe - District D

ORDINANCE NO. O-2021-0018

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-0021

**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
of
September 24, 2021**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a **Special Meeting/Public Hearing on September 24, 2021**, beginning at **11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas as well as via videoconference hosted through (ZOOM).** In accordance with Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Government Code a quorum of the La Marque City Council and the Mayor intend to be and will be physically present at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas. This location will be open to the public and the meeting will be broadcast at this location and via YouTube. The council will meet for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

(2) ROLL CALL

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(4) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION (Limited to three minutes per person)

Comments from the public will be heard at this time. Any person with city-related business who has signed up may speak to Council on a specific agenda item (limited to three (3) minutes) should give the Mayor your name and the item you wish to speak about. In compliance with Texas Open Meeting Act, the City may not deliberate on comments. Personal attacks will not be allowed, and personnel matters should be addressed to the City Manager during normal business hours. **Press *6 to mute or unmute if you are participating by telephone, press the unmute button if attending via zoom on a smartphone, tablet or computer, or stand if attending in person, and the Mayor will call on you in turn.**

(5) PUBLIC HEARING (S)

- a. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0016**, levying ad valorem taxes for use and operation of the municipal government of the City of La Marque, Texas for the 2021 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

(6) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0016**, levying ad valorem taxes for use and operation of the municipal government of the City of La Marque, Texas for the 2021 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 SECOND AND FINAL READING (This item was rescheduled from September 13th, and 20th to meet public hearing deadlines and posting obligations)**

(7) EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council for the City of La Marque, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development)

(8) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requests by Mayor and Council Members for items to be placed on future City Council agendas and announcements on city events/community interests TEX. GOV'T CODE §551.415. (b), "items of community interest" includes:

- (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence;*
- (2) information regarding holiday schedules;*
- (3) an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutary recognition for purposes of this subdivision;*
- (4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body;*
- (5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality or county; and*
- (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality or county that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.*

(9) 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 20, 2021, before 5:30 p.m.

Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FORM

Meeting Date: September 24, 2021
Prepared by: Suzy Kou
Department: Finance

Agenda item: 6a
Reviewed by: _____

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2021-0016**, levying ad valorem taxes for use and operation of the municipal government of the City of La Marque, Texas for the 2021 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 SECOND AND FINAL 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**
- 2021 tax information:

	2021-22	2020-21
Proposed Tax Rate:	\$0.550764/100	\$0.550764/100
No-New-Revenue Tax Rate:	\$0.470871/100	\$0.489402/100
Voter-Approval Tax Rate:	\$0.477076/100	\$0.555469/100
De Minimis Rate:	\$0.636064/100	\$0.738064/100

HISTORY:

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION:

- **September 7, 2021**- Tax Rate adoption on First Reading
- **September 24, 2021**- Tax Rate adoption on Second and Final Reading

SIGNIFICANT ACTION DATES:

- **August 9, 2021** - Set dates and time for public hearings on proposed Tax Rate
- **August 16, 2021** - First public hearing on proposed Tax Rate for tax year 2021
- **August 23, 2021** - Second public hearing on proposed Tax Rate for tax year 2021
- **September 7, 2021** - Adoption of Tax Rate 2021 on First Reading
- **September 13, 2021** - Second and Final Reading was scheduled but due to impending TS this meeting was rescheduled until September 20, 2021.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FORM

- **September 17, 2021** - Due to posting requirement, this public hearing and second reading of the tax rate ordinance was rescheduled to September 24, 2021

ACTION:

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| ☒ Ordinance | ☐ Resolution |
| ☐ Special Presentation | ☐ Proclamation |
| ☐ Finance Report | ☐ Public Hearing |
| ☐ Other | |
| ☒ 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 Items #	
Other Funding	

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION: Motion to adopt Ordinance No. **O-2021-0016**, levying ad valorem taxes for use and operation of the municipal government of the City of La Marque, Texas for the 2021 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 SECOND AND FINAL READING**

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

FISCAL IMPACT: See 2021-22 budget for details.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2021-0016

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS FOR THE 2021 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 2021-2022 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 0.390574 on each \$100.00 taxable valuation of property; and
2. For the interest and sinking fund, 0.160190 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 by the City Council of the City of La Marque on the First reading on this 7th day of September 2021, at a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas, there being a quorum present, by 5 **AYES** and 0 **NAYES** and approved by the Mayor on the date above set.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of La Marque on the Second and Final reading on this the 24th day of September 2021, 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.

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Tax Adoption

CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS

Keith Bell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robin Eldridge, TRMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Interim City Attorney