



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR AGENDA
of
May 13, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a **Regular Meeting** on **MAY 13, 2024**, beginning at **6:00 PM** in the **Council Chambers** at **1109-B Bayou Road La Marque, Texas as well as via videoconference hosted through Zoom (councilzoom.cityoflamarque.org)**. In accordance with Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Local Government Code the presiding officer and a quorum of the La Marque City Council 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, on Channel 16, and via YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6G8ypjyEDo>).

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. PRESENTATIONS
 - 4.I. Oath of Office - Keith Bell, Mayor
 - 4.II. Oath of Office - Kimberley Yancy, Council District A
 - 4.III. Oath of Office - Joseph Lowry, Council District C
 - 4.IV. Proclamation - National Police Week (May 12-18)
 - 4.V. Proclamation - Public Works Week (May 19th - 25th)
 - 4.VI. Presentation - Community Policing Officer of the Year
 - 4.VII. Proclamation - National Cities, Towns and Villages Month
5. 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 (limited to three (3) minutes). If wishing to speak give the Mayor or presiding officer your full legal 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.*

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.I. Proposed Ordinance

Adopting a Code of Ethics for Elected and Appointed Officials

6.II. Proposed Ordinance

Adopting the 2024 Drought Contingency Plan for the City of La Marque, Texas

6.III. Appointing Associate Judge

Appointing an Associate Judge

This item was tabled on April 8, 2024

6.IV. Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP

Consideration, discussion and possible action to adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of La Marque making certain findings as required by law and finding Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as being fully qualified as special counsel to perform all legal services for collection of unpaid utility receivables pursuant to Texas Government Code §2254.1036.

6.V. Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP

Consideration and approval of a Professional Collection Services Agreement with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, as being fully qualified as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect unpaid utility receivables as provided in Government Code §2254.1036 as well as Article 103.0031 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and authorizing the City Mayor to execute said Agreement.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Items presented to the Council for discussion and possible action:

7.I. Proposed Resolution

Canvassing the election returns and declaring the results of the May 4, 2024, General Election, pursuant to the Election Code

7.II. Proposed Resolution

Authorizing application submission Bureau of Justice Assistance FY24 Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program (O-BJA-2024-172045)

7.III. Proposed Resolution

Authorizing application submission BJA FY24 Office of Justice Programs

Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Site-Based (O-
BJA-2024-172063)

7.IV. Proposed Resolution

Adopting a resolution authorizing application submission for Office of Community
Oriented Policing Services, FY24 Cops Hiring Program (CHP)

7.V. Proposed Resolution

Denying CenterPoint Energy Houston's Requested Increase to Its Electric
Transmission and Distribution Rates and Charges in the City of La Marque, Texas

7.VI. Lease Agreement

Establishing an agreement between the City of La Marque and Ignite Community
School Mainland for the use of space for summer camp activities

7.VII. Memorandum of Understanding

Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Richard A. Kirsten VFW Post
8248

7.VIII. Boards and Commissions

Reviewing the appointment, attendance, and participation of Boards and
Commissions Members

7.IX. Budget Calendar

Approving the proposed budget calendar for City Council budget meetings and
public hearings

7.X. Cancellation of Meeting

Cancellation of the May 27, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting due to the Memorial
Day holiday

7.XI. Reschedule of Meeting

Rescheduling June 10, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting to June 3, 2024

8. CITY MANAGER REPORT

*a submitted report to update Council and Community on the standard operations of
the City, report can be acknowledged as whole or discussed at the pleasure of Council.*

8.I. March 2024 Municipal Court Statistics

8.II. March 2024 Quarterly Investment Report

8.III. April 2024 Sales Tax Revenue Report

8.IV. Letter of Intent - Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Livable Centers
planning studies

8.V. Vital Water Line Replacement Projects Grant Award

8.VI. Community Events/Items for the Good of the Order

9. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requests by Mayor and Council Members of 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" include: (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

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council for the City of La Marque, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by 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 551.087 (Economic Development)

10.I. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

Discussion relating to Associate Judge position

11. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on MAY 10, 2024 at 2:00pm.

Kasey Lott
Deputy City Clerk