



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR AGENDA
of
September 23, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a **Regular Meeting** on **September 23, 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 ((<http://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. Proclamation - Higher Up Texas
 - 4.II. Proclamation - Brittany Richard
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. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input on:

6.I. Ordinance No. O-2024-0016

Amending the City of La Marque American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocations

6.II. Ordinance No. O-2024-0017

Making appropriations for the support of the City of La Marque for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025 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 2024-25 fiscal year

6.III. Ordinance No. O-2024-0018

Levying Ad Valorem taxes for use and operation of the municipal government of the City of La Marque, Texas for the 2024 tax year; Providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and, providing when taxes shall become due and when the same shall become delinquent if not paid

6.IV. Ordinance No. O-2024-0019

Amending Section 32 of the City of La Marque Texas's Code of Ordinances; making various findings; and providing for an effective date

6.V. Ordinance No. O-2024-0020

Sanitation Residential Rate Increase effective October 1, 2024

7. OLD BUSINESS

Items presented to the Council for discussion and possible action:

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THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL READING

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THIS ITEM WAS TABLED SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

7.V. Ordinance No. O-2024-0020

Sanitation Residential Rate Increase effective October 1, 2024

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7.VI. TML Board of Trustees Election

Casting votes for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election

7.VII. TML Region 14 Board Director Ballot

Casting votes for Texas Municipal League (TML) Region 14 Board of Directors

7.VIII. Forensic Audit

Considering the commission and timeline requirements for a Citywide Forensic Audit

8. NEW BUSINESS

Items presented to the Council for discussion and possible action:

8.I. Resolution No. R-2024-0047

Approving grant funding for LMPD to conduct investigative and law enforcement actions working under the scope and direction of the "Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force"

8.II. Resolution No. R-2024-0048

Submitting an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program

8.III. Construction Bid Award

Awarding a Construction Bid for the Westwood Stormwater Improvement Project - Phase 2, submitted by JBDEE Construction, LLC in the amount of \$256,145.00

8.IV. Grant Award

Accepting a Grant Award from the National Recreational and Parks Association in the amount of \$20,000

8.V. Interlocal Agency Agreement

Approving the La Marque Fire Department's participation in the Gulf Coast Fire Fighters Contract from 2025 - 2028

8.VI. Purchasing : Tasers

Approving utilizing SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant funds to purchase 50 Axon Taser 7 devices for equipping police officers

8.VII. Purchasing : Flock Cameras

Using the SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant to Purchase Flock Cameras

8.VIII. Purchasing : Zero Turn Mowers

Purchasing two (2) John Deere Z930M/60 ZTrak (zero-turn) mowers from King Ranch Ag & Turf, a local Buyboard & Sourcewell vendor, for the Parks Department utilizing the Parks User Fee in the amount of \$22,189.86

8.IX. Purchasing : Dome Climber

Approving the purchase of a Game Time Dome Climber from Cunningham Recreation to be installed at Westlawn Park utilizing the Parks User Fee fund in the amount of \$2,277.56

8.X. Purchasing : Pickleball Court Windscreens

Approving the purchase and installation of windscreens from McKenna Contracting, Inc. to wrap around the fencing of the pickleball courts at Mac McGaffey Highland Bayou Park utilizing the Parks User Fee fund in the amount of \$4,600.00

8.XI. Galveston County Appraisal District (GCAD) Board of Directors Nominations
Nominating the 2025 Board of Directors for GCAD

8.XII. Notice of Tyco and BASF PFAS Settlement Opt Out Deadlines

Ratifying the decision to withdraw from the TYCO and BASF proposed class settlements for polyfluoroalkyl substances contaminations

9. 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

9.I. Development Services Director Position Posting

9.II. August 2024 Court Stats

9.III. August 2024 Public Works Statistics

9.IV. Authorization to Use Grant Funds : District D Water Lines

9.V. Items for the Good of the Order

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 Matter)

For the purpose of hearing a complaint or charge against an officer or employee:
Mayor

10.II. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matter)

For the purpose of hearing a complaint or charge against an officer or employee:
Councilmember District A

10.III. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matter)

For the purpose of hearing a complaint or charge against an officer or employee:
Councilmember District C

10.IV. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matter)

For the purpose of hearing a complaint or charge against an officer or employee:
City Clerk

10.V. Notice of Tyco and BASF PFAS Settlement Opt Out Deadlines

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11. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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12. REQUESTS & 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

13. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on September 20, 2024 by 2:00 p.m.

Kasey Lott
Deputy City Clerk