



**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR AGENDA  
of  
December 2, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the Public Safety Building Committee of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a **Regular Meeting** on **DECEMBER 2, 2024**, beginning at **5:00 PM** in the **Council Chambers** at **1109-B Bayou Road La Marque, Texas as well as via video-conference hosted through Zoom (bczoom.cityoflamarque.org)**. In accordance with Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Local Government Code the presiding officer and a quorum of the Committee intend to be and will be physically present at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas. This location will be open to the public.

The Committee will meet for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. 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 the Committee (limited to three (3) minutes). If wishing to speak give the Chair 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 presiding officer will call on you in turn.*

4. NEW BUSINESS  
*Items presented to the Committee for discussion and possible action:*
  - 4.I. Electing a Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
  - 4.II. Scheduling subsequent meeting dates
  - 4.III. Reviewing the assessments of the 2022 Public Safety Building Committee

4.IV. Requesting items to be added to future agendas

5. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Requests by the Committee of items to be placed on future 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 Committee (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*

6. ADJOURNMENT

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on November 26, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

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Kierra K. Nance, TRMC  
City Clerk



June 13, 2022

**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION – PROGRESS UPDATE**

**MCLEMORE LUONG**

# Agenda

- 1) Review of Public Safety Building Committee Meetings to Date
  - April 20, 2022 Meeting Review – Assessment
  - May 11, 2022 Meeting Review – Programming
  - June 8, 2022 Meeting Review – Building Site Plans
- 2) Present two site plan/floor plan options
- 3) Review of Public Safety Building Committee Inputs



# Public Safety Building Committee Recap

## April 20, 2022 – Review of Existing Police Station and Facility Assessment Report

### Meeting Location: Police Station, Roll Call Room Housekeeping Summary Review

- Committee members briefed on Open Meetings Act and Meeting Procedures
- Committee agreed to meet every other Wednesday, starting May 11, 2022 at 5:00 PM
- Reviewed the goals of the committee – To provide consensus recommendations to council on the following items:
  - Location / Cost / Program / Size / Schedule / Aesthetic

### Technical Summary Review

- Reviewed the staff interviews, existing facility data sheets, and staff projection methodology
- Gave committee a detailed tour of the Police Station, accompanied by Police Staff for questions
- Reviewed the Facility Assessment Report in detail

MSLEMORE LƯƠNG		A.M.D.G.	
Project Name	City of La Marque Public Safety Building	Room Name	Lieutenant Sergeant Forest Gandy's Office
Client Name	City of La Marque	Room Number	N/A
Building Name	Police Department	Department	CC
Building Address	431 Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas 77568		
Project Phase	Existing Conditions Assessment		
Prepared By Client	Detective Matthew Cypert		
Prepared by M.L.A.	Alec Luong		

General	
General Room Description	Lieutenant Gandy's
Functional Relationships	
Space Data	Area (SF)
Description of Activities	Office to work and
Special Access Notes	Has outside door to

Environments	
Lighting	Type: Ambient
HVAC	Type: Stand
Acoustics	Type: None
Safety	Ballistic: None
Blinds	Type: None

Services	
Electrical	Type: 120V
Data	Notes: No
Security	CCTV: No
Plumbing	Sink: No
Fire Systems	Type: Alarm

Finishes	
Floor	Vinyl
Doors	Type: Full P
Windows	Type: Door

Equipment / Millwork	
AV	TV
Office	EQ1: Comp
Appliance	API: Refrig
Furniture	Desk: Single
Boards	Type: Dry E
Millwork	Base: No
Countertop	Type: Notes

MSLEMORE LƯƠNG

expected to continue to grow at a rate of 2.5% annually as residential development continues to provide suburban housing in the city.

**§1.2 Community Demographics**

The US Census 2019 ACS 5-Year Survey shows the City of La Marque having a population of 18,861 with a median household income of \$53,964. Since 2010, the population has grown from 14,568 to the current total, with an average annual growth rate of 2.06%.

Year	Population	Growth	Annual Growth Rate
2022	18,861	514	2.80%
2021	18,347	514	2.88%
2020	17,833	514	2.87%
2019	17,319	514	2.98%
2018	16,805	56	0.33%
2017	16,759	360	2.20%
2016	16,379	564	3.70%
2015	15,795	236	1.70%
2014	15,409	219	1.50%
2013	15,140	216	1.45%
2012	14,924	251	1.71%
2011	14,673	105	0.72%
2010	14,568	860	6.20%

Figure 1-1 La Marque Population by Year\*

The City of La Marque is a diverse community, with roughly equal representation of White, Hispanic, and African American populations within the city. The following breakdown of population by race is provided.

Figure 1-2 La Marque Population by Race

\* Note: 2021 and 2022 data are projected

8 | City of La Marque Police and Municipal Courts Facility Assessment Report



# Public Safety Building Committee Recap

## May 11, 2022 – Review of Proposed Public Safety Building Program

Meeting Location: Council Chambers  
Housekeeping Summary Review

- No items to review

### Technical Summary Review

- Detailed review of the proposed Program Documents provided by MLA
  - Reviewed program on a department by department basis
  - Reviewed methodology to determine square footage requirements
  - Reviewed “wants” vs “needs”
  - Reviewed benchmark stations sizes and square footage requirements for future expansion
- Detailed discussion on combined program benefits to including courts and utilizing shared spaces for civic events

MSLEMORE LUONG		A.M.D.G. 2/16/2022	
Project Name	City of La Marque Public Safety Building		
Client Name	City of La Marque		
Building Name	Police Department		
Building Address	431 Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas 77568		
Project Phase	Program Based on Bellare, Webster, League City, and Texas City Stations		
Prepared By Client			
Prepared by MLA	Alec Luong		
Departments	Comments	Number	Area
Community			
Community Room	Multi-Purpose		
Conference	legal use		
Elevator	Public Elevator		
Entrance Vestibule	Secure entry		
Men's Restroom	Men's public		
Public Lobby	Main entry		
Women's Restroom	Second floor		
Community Total			
Courts			
Clerk Workroom	Front of house		
Court Records	High density many file boxes		
Court Room	Court Room bench, with		
Courts Breakroom	Breakroom		
Judge's Office	Judge's Office		
Jury Deliberation Restroom	Dedicated		
Jury Room	Jury meeting		
Office	Shared court		
Prosecutor Office	Prosecutor's		
Staff Restroom	Single use		
Courts Total			
Police			
Administration Conference	Conference		
Chief Office	Chief Office		
Chief Storage	Private storage		
Clerk Workroom	Front of house		
Copy Room	Printer / Cop		
Dispatch	Dispatch work		
Dispatch Admin Office	Dispatch admin		
Dispatch Breakroom	Dispatch break		
Dispatch Restroom	breakroom		
DMARC	Main terminal		
IT Office	Dedicated IT		
Men's Locker Room	Men's locker		
Men's Restroom	Men's restro		
Men's Shower	Men's Showe		
Police Breakroom	Police break		
Department	Comments	Number	Area
Police Records	High density storage for police records. Need to determine how many file boxes of records are required.	1	178
Police Secretary	Front reception desk secretary	1	138
Server Room	Main Server room for police building	1	258
Tactical Training	Specialty training room for simulated exercises	1	480
Training Room	Training room for up to 30 people	1	680
Visitor Restroom	Single use restroom for Police Admin and Visitors	1	66
Women's Locker Room	Women's locker room with 28 lockers	1	238
Women's Restroom	Women's restroom	1	138
Women's Shower	Women's Shower with 2 showers	1	78
Admin Services Div. Lt. Office	Admin Lt Office	1	138
Patrol Services Div. Lt. Office	Compliance Officer Office	1	128
Assistant Chief Office	Assistant Chief Office	1	148
Fitness	Fitness area for police employees	1	680
CID Offices	CID Officer Offices	7	128
Evidence Drop	Evidence processing, tagging work area	1	188
Evidence Lab	Evidence lab area with specialty equipment. Full list of equipment to be provided.	1	208
Evidence Office	Evidence processing tech office space. To be included in evidence storage room	1	188
Evidence Storage	for staff	1	488
Interview Room	Hard / Soft interview room	1	188
Major Case Workroom	Workroom with locked door for major case	1	128
Narcotics Storage	Storage for narcotics, both cold and room temperature, with dedicated est	1	188
Investigative Services Div. Lt. Office	CID Lt. Office	1	138
AFIS Room	AFIS machine with wall for photographs	1	78
Booking Area	Detention area with three workstations	1	458
DWI Room	DWI Administration area with camera recording station	1	138
Holding Cell	Detention cell with masonry bench	2	58
Inmate Restroom	Inmate restroom detention cell	1	68
Isolation Cell	Specialty isolation cell with in ground toilet and padded walls	1	38
Jail Staff Restroom	Jail Staff Restroom	1	68
Jail Supply	refrigerator	1	258
Jailer Office	Jailers office with two shared workstations	1	158
Juvenile Processing	Juvenile processing area	1	188
Men's ADA Detention Cell	ADA Jail Detention cell with two masonry beds each	1	118
Men's Detention Cell	Jail detention cell with two masonry beds each	5	188
Men's Shower Cell	ADA Shower Cell	1	68
Security Vestibule	Secure vestibule with gun lockers	2	38
Women's ADA Detention Cell	ADA Jail Detention cell with two masonry beds each	1	118
Women's Detention Cell	Jail detention cell with two masonry beds each	2	188
Women's Shower Cell	ADA Shower Cell	1	68
Armory	Armory for gun cleaning, parts and supply storage	1	188
Beverage Bar	Coffee / water bar area for patrol	1	28



# Public Safety Building Committee Recap

June 8, 2022 – Review of Proposed Site Plan Options

Meeting Location: Community Room  
Housekeeping Summary Review

- No items to review

Technical Summary Review

- Review of two site plan options and associated pro and cons (will be reviewed with Council this evening)
- Discussed input requirements needed from the Committee to present to Council at the June 13 meeting



# Site Plan Option Review

## Two Site Plan Options and Blocking Diagrams for Review

### Summary

- Two site plan options developed for review by the Public Safety Building Committee and City Council
- Site plan options are high level exercises to confirm general adjacencies, site layout, and square footages

### Similarities

- Both site plan options are approximately 28,000 gross square feet
- Both site plan options contain police, courts, and civic spaces
- Both site plan options are two story buildings, with the possibility of future second floor expansion

### Differences

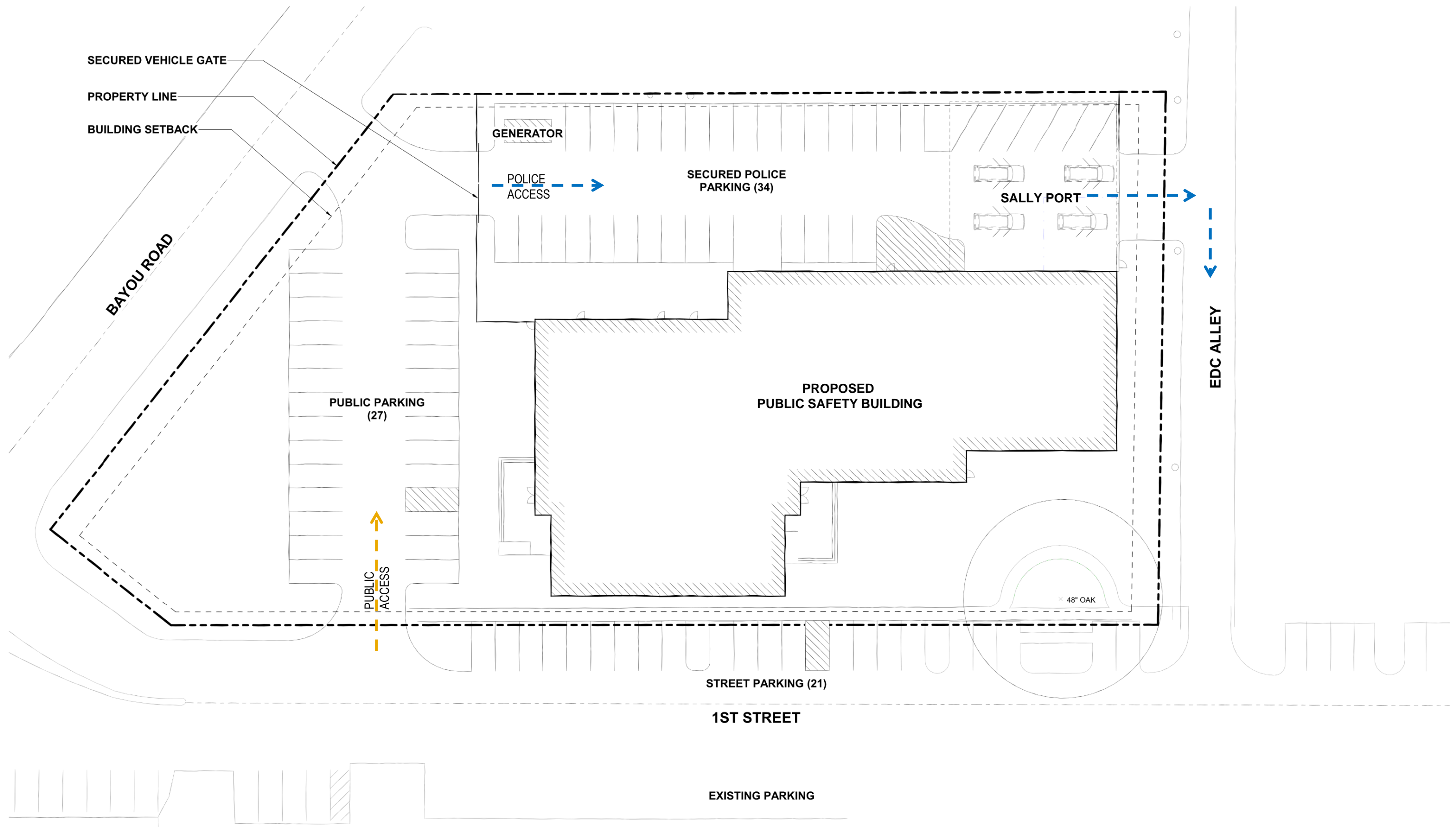
- Site plans offer different approaches to the EDC alleyway
- Have different entrance experiences for police and courts
- Site plans offer different relationships to the public right of way





# Site Plan Options

## Option 1 – Site Plan Diagram





# Site Plan Options

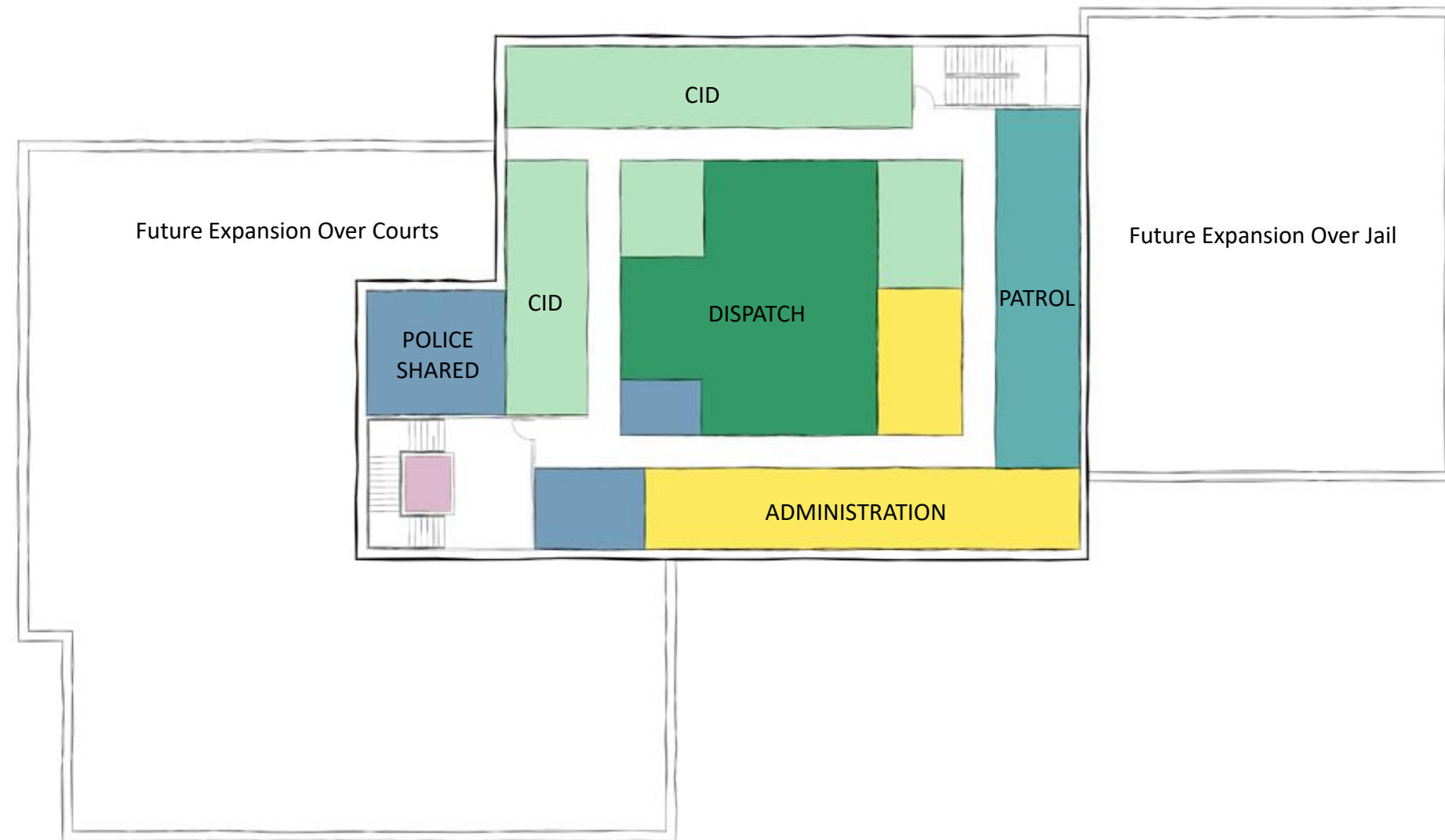
## Option 1 – First Floor Blocking Diagram





# Site Plan Options

## Option 1 – Second Floor Blocking Diagram



### DEPARTMENT LEGEND

- ADMINISTRATION
- CID/ EVIDENCE
- COMMUNITY
- COURTS
- DISPATCH
- JAIL
- PATROL
- RECORDS
- POLICE SHARED
- SUPPORT

LEVEL 1: 19,388 GSF  
 LEVEL 2: 8,070 GSF  
 TOTAL: 27,458 GSF



# Site Plan Options

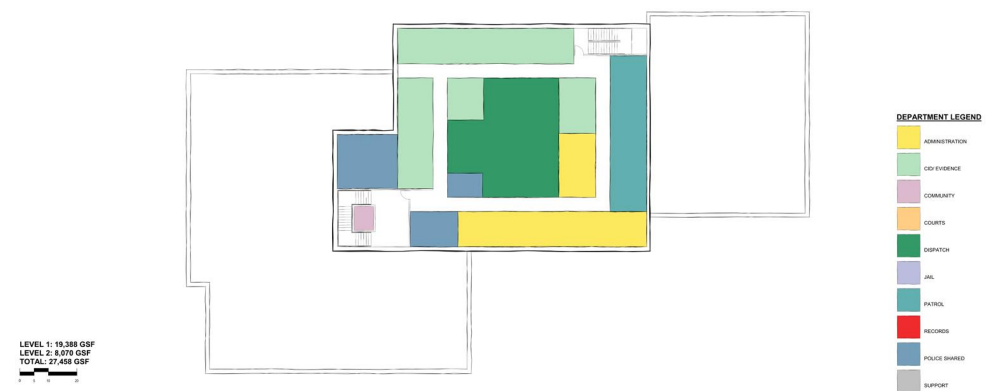
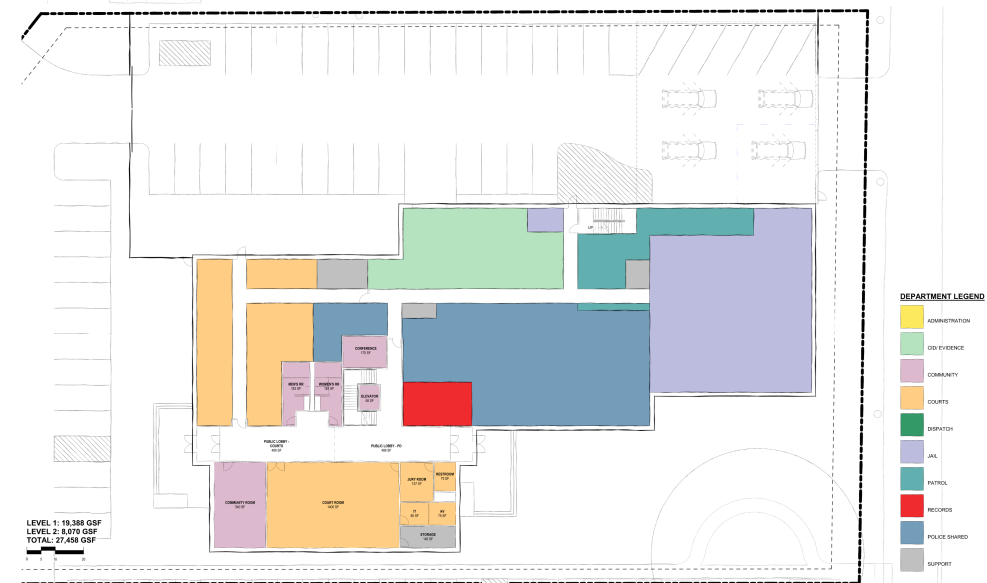
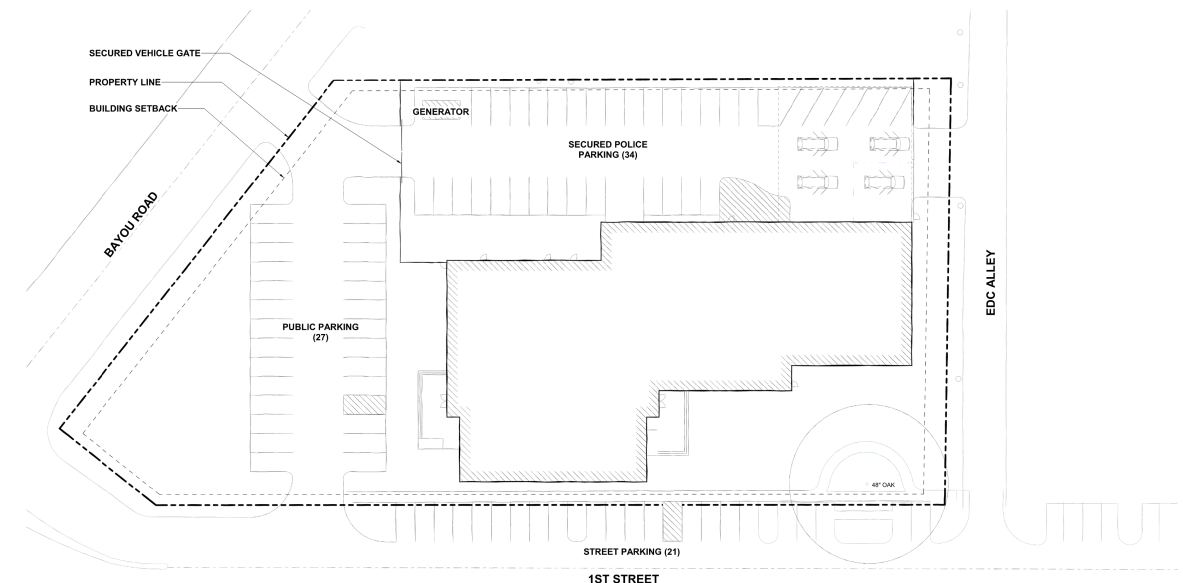
## Options 1 - Review

### Summary

- Staff parking lot is secured and provides privacy on all sides
- Has two separate public entry vestibules, one for Courts and one for the Police Department, that serve as panic rooms
- Includes a Community Room separate from the Court room for public use

### Cons

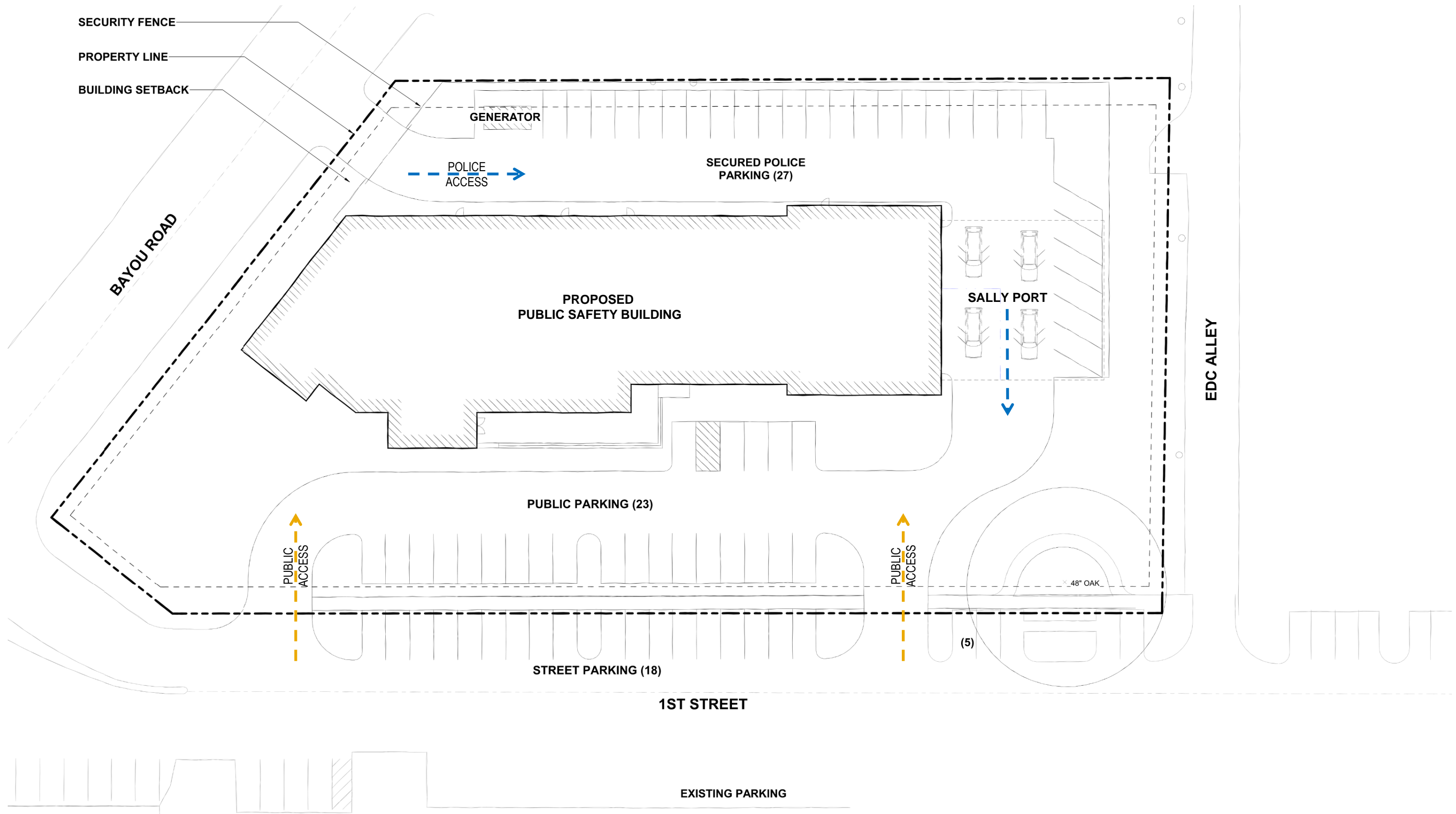
- Will utilize the EDC alley
- Unused space at the Bayou and 1<sup>st</sup> Street corner
- No direct views from the lobby to the street





# Site Plan Options

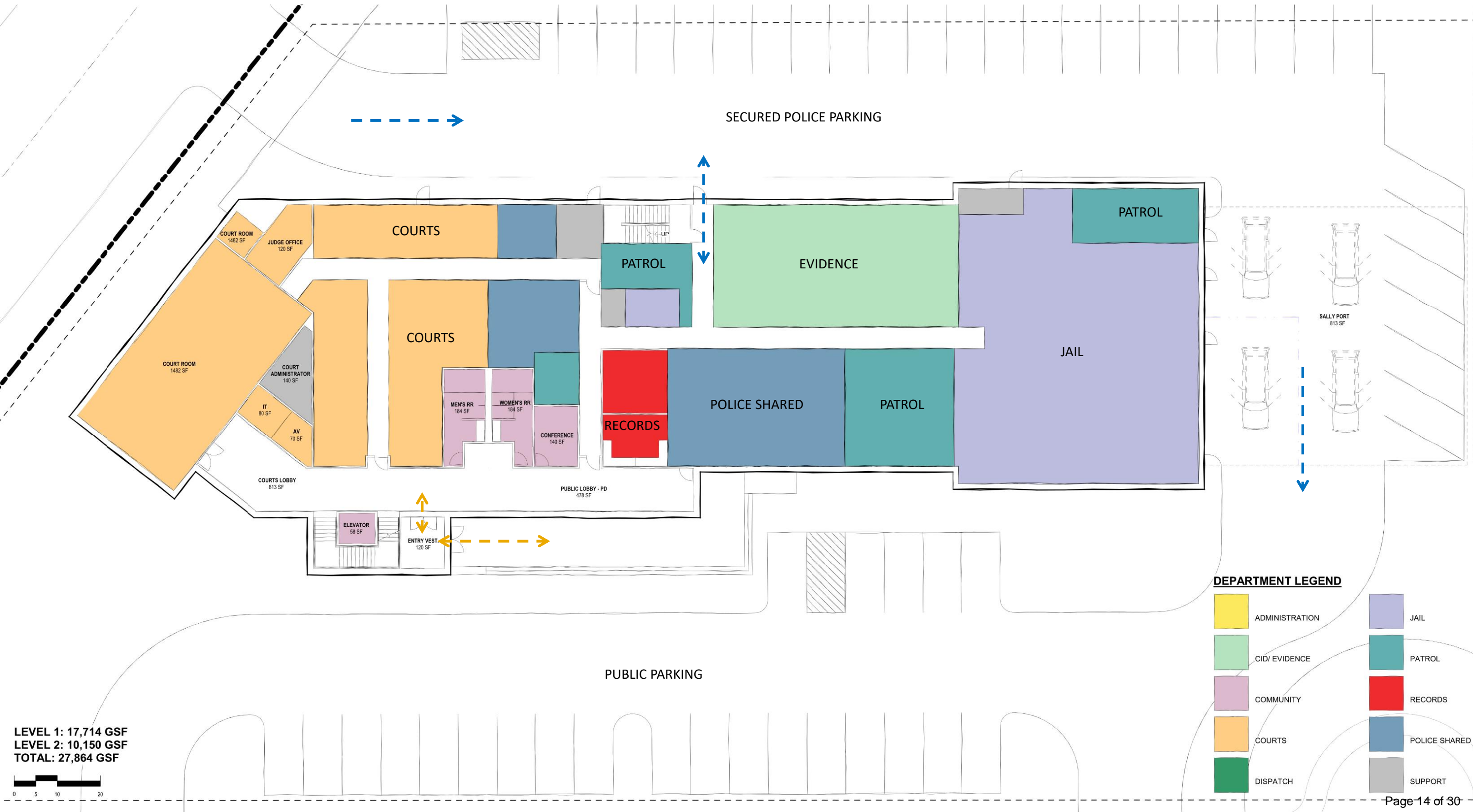
## Option 2 – Site Plan Diagram















# Site Plan Options

## Option 2 – First Floor Blocking Diagram



### DEPARTMENT LEGEND

	ADMINISTRATION		JAIL
	CID/ EVIDENCE		PATROL
	COMMUNITY		RECORDS
	COURTS		POLICE SHARED
	DISPATCH		SUPPORT

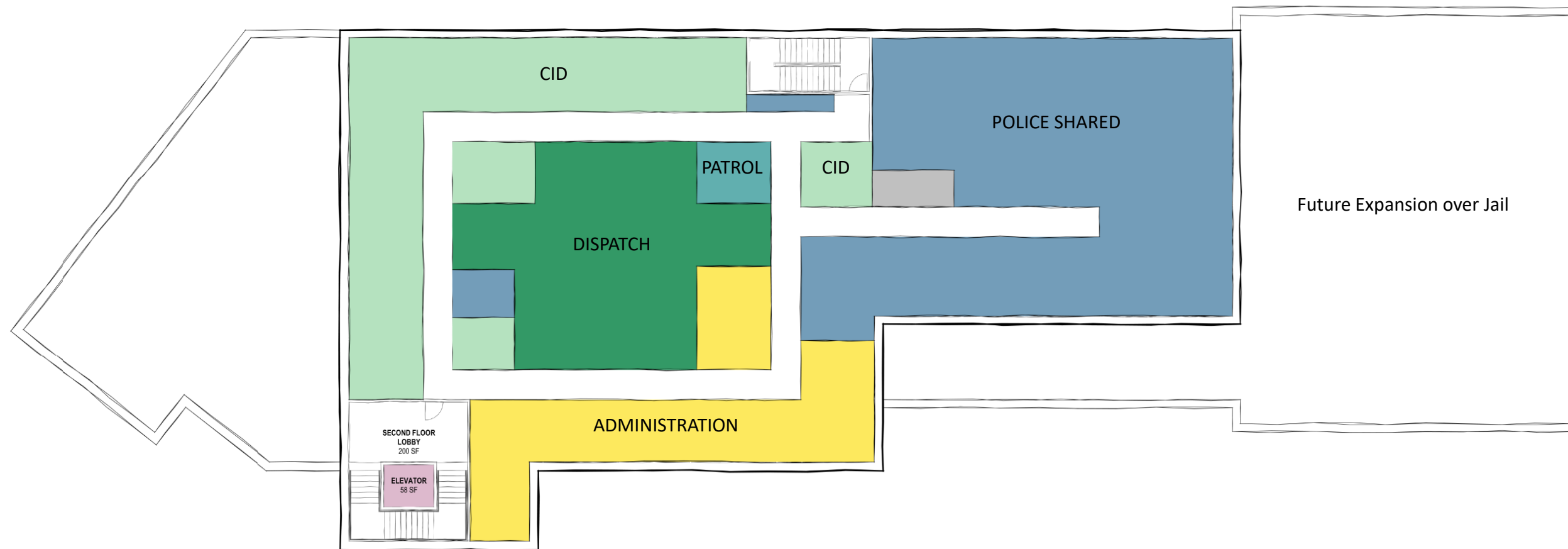
LEVEL 1: 17,714 GSF  
 LEVEL 2: 10,150 GSF  
 TOTAL: 27,864 GSF















# Site Plan Options

## Option 2 – Second Floor Blocking Diagram



### DEPARTMENT LEGEND

	ADMINISTRATION		JAIL
	CID/ EVIDENCE		PATROL
	COMMUNITY		RECORDS
	COURTS		POLICE SHARED
	DISPATCH		SUPPORT

LEVEL 1: 17,714 GSF  
 LEVEL 2: 10,150 GSF  
 TOTAL: 27,864 GSF



# Site Plan Options

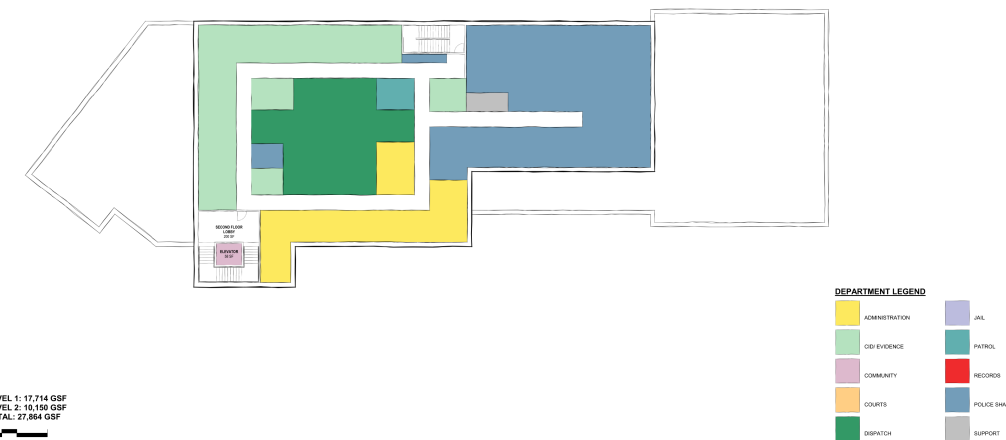
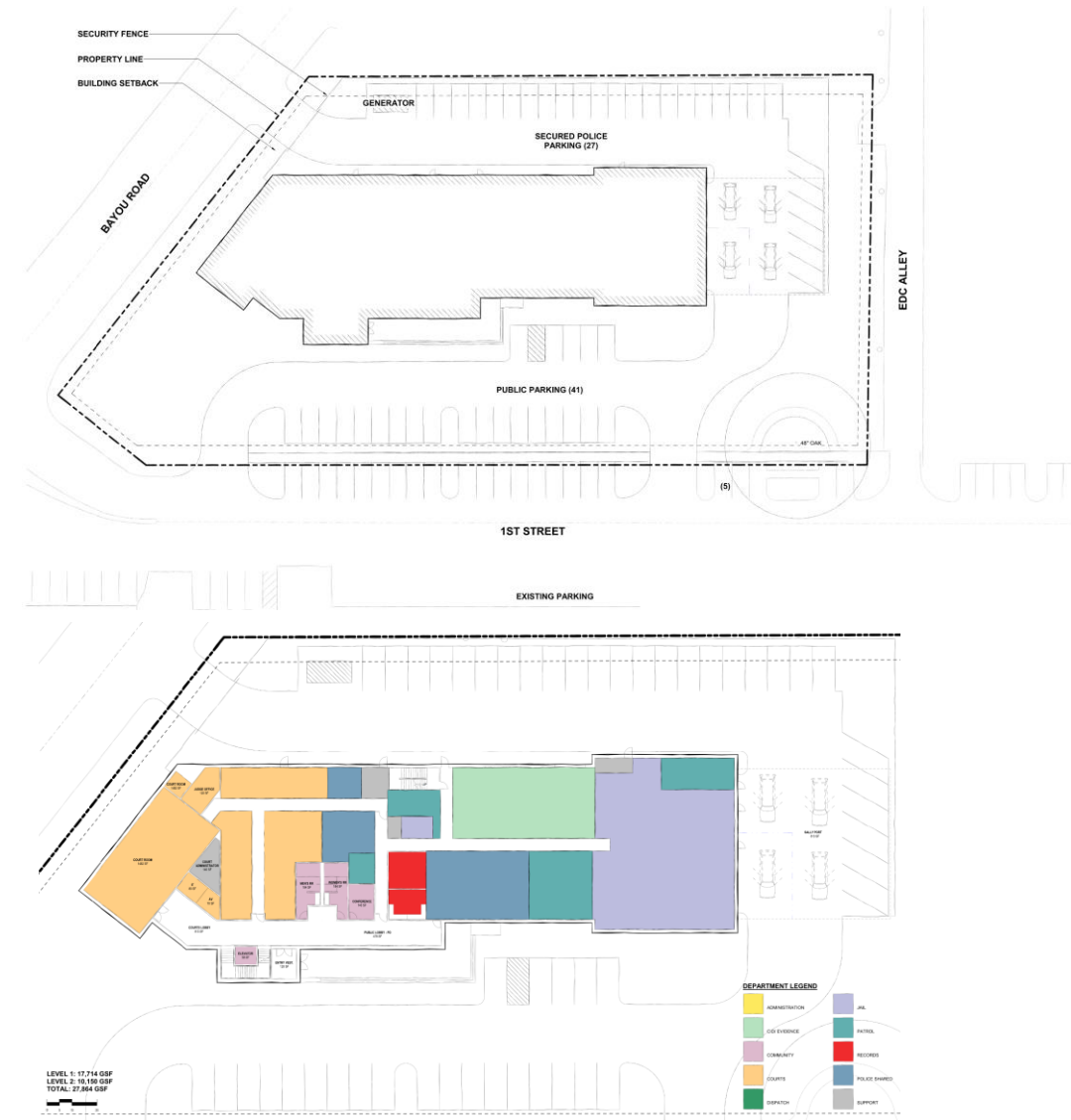
## Options 2 - Review

### Pros

- Staff parking lot is secured and provides privacy on all sides
- Does not require use of the EDC alley for access
- Public parking is consolidated on the south side
- Lobby has direct visual connection to 1<sup>st</sup> Street
- Most efficient use of the site at the Bayou and 1<sup>st</sup> Street corner
- Court Room is a flex space that can be utilized by the community outside of Court hours of operation
- Police training/briefing room is accessible from the Lobby

### Cons

- One main lobby, with two entrances
- Police exit through facility parking lot to 1<sup>st</sup> Street
- Marginally fewer parking spaces on site



# Public Safety Building Committee Inputs

## Consensus Recommendations to Move Forward

### Items for the Public Safety Committee to Provide Input On

- Confirm site selection and location for the project or provide direction to assess other site locations
- Confirm the findings of the Facility Assessment Report
- Confirm the Building Program Square Footages or provide direction
- Confirm the program will include Court and Community program elements
- Confirm selection of preferred site plan and blocking diagram option for further development
- Confirm acceptance of cost estimates provided for the general scope of the project

### Next Steps:

- City Council to provide direction on further development of the project



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**CITY OF LA  
MARQUE CITY  
COUNCIL  
REGULAR MINUTES  
of  
JULY 11, 2022**

City Council Regular Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 1109-B Bayou Road:

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Keith Bell, Mayor

Kimberely Yancy, Councilmember District A

Joe Compian, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember District B

Michael Carlson, Councilmember District C

Casey McAuliffe, Councilmember District D

**3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Reverend Eligh Johnson gave the invocation and Councilmember McAuliffe led the Pledge.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**4.1. Proclamation - Parks Month**

Chairman Michael Bock, Bo Hunter, and Larry Walker accepted the Parks Month Proclamation on behalf of the Parks Board. Chairman Bock gave a brief update on current Parks Board activities. CenterPoint Energy - LED Street Lighting

**4.2. Centerpoint Energy - LED Street Lighting**

Bryan Giang, Service Consultant for CenterPoint Energy gave a brief presentation relating to the LED Replacement Project for the City of La Marque.

Councilman Carlson had questions regarding current kw rates and the effects of environmental damage (i.e. heat) to LED lights. Mr. Yang stated that he did not have

the current cost available at this time and then explained that the lights can be damaged from being overheated and may affect the lifespan of the light, which is currently projected at 8 to 10 years. He also mentioned that part of the conversion plan includes monthly maintenance to prevent as many of these environmental issues as possible.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian asked about the process for citizens to have LED street lights installed on their own. Mr. Yang was unable to provide a specific number as there are elements that would affect the overall rate.

City Manager Garcia explained that a three-phase process is being prepared. Phase I is to replace all existing lights to LEDs, Phase II is to install new poles throughout the City as needed, and Phase III focused on neighborhood roads.

#### 4.3.GCWA Presentation to address revisions to prior approved contract

David Davis, Assistant General Manager, Gulf Coast Water Authority is back to correct O&M information given during the last presentation which equates to a 23% increase. He stated that surrounding cities such as League City and Galveston had a significant drop in water usage. This information was not available when the original ordinance was put in place, and therefore, it affected our rate. He noted that the City has one of the lowest rates in the state of Texas, but the change will increase to approximately \$0.72 per month per household. He stated that rate changes were inevitable, and the GCWA will provide an expected rate analysis to the City before October 1, 2022. Mr. Davis also mentioned that due to grant funding, the taxpayers will not be paying for the desperately needed water facility upgrades.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian asked for the process of notifying cities of rate changes. Mr. Davis stated there is no protocol to inform cities of these types of changes.

Councilmember Carlson asked if the council needs to take action since this is a change to the original ordinance. City Attorney Gus Knebel stated that in the best interests of the City of La Marque and for clarity among Councilmembers and the public, this item is listed on tonight's agenda with the revision.

## 5. PUBLIC SAFETY

Alec Luong accompanied the Public Safety Building Committee to give an update on their activities over the last few months. This presentation covered the discussion of a P3 development, and the committee's deliberation regarding the best course of action.

Chief Smith spoke on behalf of the Committee and reiterated that after further review, they stand beside their initial decision and continue to support proposed option 2. After prompting from the Council to understand the reasoning behind their decision, he stated that there were just too many moving parts to the P3 development and identified that "the longer we wait, the more it is going to cost." They understand that this building is very much needed and should continue to hold the Municipal Courts.

Councilmember McAuliffe asked for clarity on how this option was deemed the best fit. Chief Smith stated that the committee felt that taking a smaller bite on the project is attainable and the best course of action.

Sally Austin then spoke for the group stating that this has been a work in progress for years. The City of La Marque needs a Public Safety Building that provides a safe environment and the necessary equipment for the officers to do their jobs effectively. She noted that the chosen option will allow for a long-term building with the potential to add on as needed.

Councilmember Carlson asked about the expected cost of this project. Chief Smith clarified that it would cost approximately \$15.4 million.

Robert Michetich (24 N Curlew) shared his issue with neither of the plans being publicly posted, and also neither has adequate parking. He also shared his support for a bond election.

Tykisha Murphy (2604 Cedar)- Recommended an online survey akin to that which is being used for the ARPA Survey.

Mayor Bell stated that this would all be taken into consideration and placed on a future meeting's agenda for discussion. He also agreed to the need for transparency and this would take some time before putting a plan into action.

## **6. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Marvin Johnson (3121 Mar Ann Dr.) requested rent control in the City.

Tykisha Murphy (2604 Cedar) expressed concern regarding lack of information regarding recall petition processes.

Danny Barnes (26 N Flamingo) spoke regarding the Omega Bay concrete ordinance, and asked that a temporary variance be issued to the (3) community members currently waiting.

Georgia Sharp (12 N Omega St) spoke regarding the Omega Bay ordinance, which was tabled in June and is not on the agenda for tonight's meeting. She also stated that she and other neighbors are receiving certified letters and believe it is excessive government spending for sending them.

Eva Livy (2808 Fannin) spoke to concerns relating to receiving multiple notifications for the City Council agenda on Friday and receiving an updated agenda (documents) on Monday.

Mike Bock (106 Longridge Dr) spoke to the updated Schedule of Fees, feels that some of the new fees are excessive, specifically the new \$200 tent fee among other fees that are significantly higher than our surrounding cities.

Jose Ramos Dias (2512 Stonewall) spoke to concerns relating to his ditch, it has been full for the last 17 months.

Mary Limones (2709 John St) spoke to item 13, the Back to School Bash being held by LULAC at the La Marque Public Library on August 6, 2022, giving away backpacks, free haircuts, physicals, community partners, and voter registration. She also asked for donations from the community.

Justin Pulliam (8919 Japonica Dr Rosenberg, TX)-shared that he is fired up over the recall going around and received an affidavit and it looks very unprofessional. He stated that he believes one group in particular is causing so many issues and the actions are actually hurting the citizens more than the council.

Jennifer Washington (2809 Nashby) spoke to having been a citizen for over 34 years and has come to say that she made a request at a meeting with Councilmember Yancy that came to fruition, and just like she complains, she has no problem coming back to "shout it out" when the city does something right. "We are not where we need to be, but we are improving"

Joseph Lowry (2302 Cedar) asked for a forensic audit and to remove any convicted felons from the boards.

Re'chard Loftis (309 Johnson) said, "A hit dog will holler." He also discussed the alleged harassment of City officials and volunteers. He stated that the District Attorney is aiding and abetting the problems in the community. He stated that people are afraid to volunteer because they fear being attacked.

## 7. 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.*

### 7.1. City Projects Report

City Manager Garcia spoke on the multiple projects that are going on at the same time. The top 3 projects are the wastewater plant project, lift stations, and storm water work. These programs are moving forward faster than they have in the past and will have another update next meeting.

City Manager Garcia noted that the City is working on Phase I to get all the streetlights to LED format. He requested citizens help to report any outages stating that there will be further discussion on lighting in Omega Bat during the meeting. He also provided documents showing where the lights are needed and costs. The City of La Marque currently has 1,000 lights and are expecting another 1,000 within the next 5 years.

## 7.II. Update - Container Homes

Development Services Director Kathleen Van Stavern gave a brief update on this issue, stating that the 2021 International Building Codes have been adopted, however, the City of La Marque operates under the 2018 International Building Codes. She stated that this is a learning experience for everyone and although there are some very beautiful Container Homes, however, there is not much out there to base our ordinance on.

*\*\*Mayor Pro Tem exited the meeting at 8:25 p.m. and returned at 8:28 p.m.*

## 7.III. City Manager's 3 Month Update

City Manager Garcia shared that the City of La Marque faces some challenges. Personnel in the Police and Fire Departments are leaving due to better benefits and pay. He noted that the men and women serving in these fields must be great enough to be recruited elsewhere, and the city is severely underpaying individuals. He also noted that the current staff's morale is low due to being overworked and not paid well.

## 8. MINUTES

### 8.I. Draft Minutes for consideration

- Regular Minutes 05.09.2022
- Special Minutes 05.17.2022
- Regular Minutes 06.13.2022
- Special Minutes 06.27.2022
- Retreat Minutes 07.05.2022

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve all minutes.  
Councilmember McAuliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

*\*\* Mayor Bell recessed the regular meeting and entered the Public Hearing at 8:32pm.*

9.I. Ordinance No. O-2022-0006 amending Section 2-181 of the La Marque City Code of Ordinances to reduce City Manager spending approval rate from \$50,000 to \$25,000

Tykisha Murphy questioned the reasoning for reducing the spending limit.

## 10. ORDINANCES

*\*\* Mayor Bell closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:33pm.*

10.I. Ordinance No. O-2022-0006 amending Section 2-181 of the La Marque City Code of Ordinances to reduce City Manager spending approval rate from \$50,000 to \$25,000

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2022-0006. Councilmember McAuliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.II. Ordinance No. O-2022-0007

Renewal of City Code of Ordinances Chapter 44, Article 1, Section 44-2: Curfew for Minors

City Manager Garcia discussed the need to renew this ordinance every three years. Councilmember McAuliffe raised concerns regarding the potential for discriminatory practices. However, she did bring up the reports provided by the La Marque Police Department and noted that while the juvenile crime rate is still relevant, it is not in relation to curfew violations.

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2022-0007. Councilmember McAuliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.III. Ordinance No. O-2022-0008

Omega Bay Street Lighting

Councilmember McAuliffe stated she has no obstacles to approving this. However, her only issue is the timing during the middle of a light study knowing that entire sections of the city do not even have lights. She asked the council to consider adding this to different phases since this is just beginning to install and upgrade. She noted that equity is a priority and that the council should "finesse it" so that other requests are also being honored.

City Manager Garcia clarified that the second reading is set for August. Per the City Charter, the effective date is 30 days from the time of Ordinance acceptance, which would be September 8th unless the Council were to delay the effective date for budget reasons.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian clarified that the city is not obligated to maintain or approve the installation of further streetlights in the Omega Bay subdivision as it is still the responsibility of the homeowners association.

City Manager Garcia asked for consideration in adding one or two lights at the front of the neighborhood.

Councilmember Carlson noted that council still has time as this is the first reading. Omega Bay is a part of the city and this is a little something the city can do. In the grand scheme of things, this is a drop in the bucket that the city can afford and this is the right thing to do.

Mayor Bell understood that the city is unable to give them the best bang for their buck for legal reasons that have caused frustrations on both sides. He stated that it would be prudent to expedite this because they pay the lion's share of the city's tax revenue. He said that this is something the city can do to show that it cares about them as part of the city.

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2022-0008. Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### 10.IV Ordinance No. O-2022-0009 updating La Marque City Code of Ordinances: Appendix A

Mike "Rock" Bock (106 Long Ridge) requested that this item be tabled until more research can be conducted due to high fees and the schedule being hard to follow.

City Manager Garcia shared that this is the first reading and if the staff or public had any suggestions with proper documentation then he would love to hear their ideas.

Councilmember McAuliffe spoke in support of the ordinance but needed clarification on the tent proposal.

Kathleen Van Stavern, Director of Development Services, stated that there was a full team that put together this fee schedule and conducted research over a span of approximately 50 cities before coming up with the numbers presented. She also noted that the City of La Marque is currently dealing with an issue of not having several permits or fees assigned by council. She did provide the previous fee schedule in the agenda packets for reference.

Councilmember McAuliffe also questioned the sexually oriented work fee and how it is listed on the fee schedule. Kathleen clarified that it is listed that way because it mirrors the Texas Government Code.

Chief David Merryman of the La Marque Fire Department gave clarifications on the tents and how they would be affected by fees. He noted the fees are more so for the tents that have only one entry or exit scenarios and have certain requirements that must be inspected by a Fire Marshal.

Kevin with BBG Consulting Inc. noted that he was part of the team who worked on the fee schedule and though it may not be perfect, the focus was on the economics and circumstances that exist in La Marque that would be considered fair and reasonable at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian requested that the new fee schedule be reviewed on an annual basis.

City Attorney Gus Knebel explained that the city is amending the ordinance with this new fee schedule.

Councilmember Carlson questioned the fees for the tents and how it is applied for private property. Chief Merryman clarified this, stating that large tents on private property are not subject to the fee but rather the tent must be in a public place for public use. He also questioned the Municipal Court fee of \$14 and the Chicken Ordinance relicensing fee of \$65. City Clerk Kierra Nance explained the \$14 fee is coming directly from the Texas Local Government Code and Ms. VanStavern explained that the relicensing fee for the Chickens has to do with the inspections.

Takeisha Murphy (2604 Cedar) requested language in the footnotes of this ordinance to help the residents with understanding certain terms in order to avoid confusion. City Attorney Knebel agreed to this request.

Councilmember Yancy asked about processing fees. Kevin with BBG Consulting Inc. stated that these are standard administrative fees to recoup costs and not lose money for staff assistance with these matters.

James Osteen (2012 Giordano) requested that this fee schedule be cleared up on the ordinance and to have the added amendment number. Council agreed with his statement.

Ms. VanStavern also noted that once these fees are put into effect, the quote from SmartGov is approximately \$8,000.

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve amending the Ordinance Number to O-2022-0009. Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 11. RESOLUTIONS- CONSENT

*The following items shall be considered for action as a whole unless one or more Councilmembers objects. Unless otherwise specified, the City Manager is authorized to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney.*

11.I Resolution No. R-2022-0036 CPE Streetlighting LED Agreement  
This item was pulled from consideration.

11.II Resolution No. R-2022-0037 revision to Resolution No. R-2022-0017: GCWA

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2022-0037. Councilmember McAuliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES - 1 NAY (Compian).**

11.III Resolution No. R-2022-0038

Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2022-0038. Mayor Pro Tem seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 11.IV Resolution No. R-2022-0039 a resolution awarding RFP 22-01 "Debris Management, Monitoring and Consulting Services"

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2022-0039. Councilmember McAuliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 11.V Resolution No. R-2022-0040  
Purchase of new Fire Reporting Management Software

Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion adopt Resolution No. R-2022-0040. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 11.VI Resolution No. R-2022-0041

Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2022-0041. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 11.VII Resolution No. R-2022-0042

Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2022-0042. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 12. APPOINTMENTS

appointments, reappointments, or removals of all City Boards and Commissions

- 12.I. Applications For Consideration

City Manager Garcia recommended Ms. Jackie Pennington for Civil Service Commission.

Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to appoint Jackie Pennington to the Civil Service Commission. Councilmember Carlson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

- 13.I. Emergency Medical Billing RFP

Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to release an RFP for EMS Billing Contract. Councilmember Carlson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 13.II. Redistricting  
Review of proposed Redistricting Maps and potentially scheduling Drawing Session II

**THIS ITEM WAS TABLED.**

13.II. Introductory Conversation Regarding Community Engagement Center

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

13.IV Upcoming Events

City Events and Important Dates for Community Awareness

7.1.Back To School Event- Aug. 6

7.2.Bayou Fest - 10/15

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

13.III. Items For The Good Of The Order

Councilmember Casey McAuliffe requested to change Budget Meeting on July 21, 2022 due to childcare issues. City Manager Garcia and Council agreed that adjustments can be made to the calendar as needed. She also stated that she shares the passion with Mr. Loftis and sees the divisiveness within the city and it is dismaying. She sees the chaotic mistrust and the actual harm being done to fellow councilmembers. She noted a specific individual and group trying to sell chaos and bring ruin by targeting certain individuals. She invited the group to expand their target as she sits on the dais and supports the members being targeted. She also thanked the staff for their continued efforts.

Councilmember Yancy started with a quote from her mother “Great opposition means great opportunities on the way”. She then reflected on how some people want a stage but the government is too precious to play with and can lose the sacredness of it. She discussed her need to have two temporary restraining orders for her family’s safety and that she will let the court of law handle this battle. Councilmember Yancy also stated that there are rules and consequences for bad behavior. She further stated that both council and the citizens need to make La Marque great. She posed questions to the public: Is the issue about politics or something else? Is this good for the city? She stated firmly that she and her family will not have someone run them out and will continue to be professional and positive. She asked for prayers for Mayor and Councilmembers. Councilmember Yancy noted that this does not need to be the new normal and should focus on the great things happening in our City.

Mayor Pro Tem recognized Tanner of REACT and the team that helps with communications, especially during natural disasters and times of need. He also stated that the community needs to come together and continue to be a better city and rationality is necessary.

Councilmember Carlson recognized the staff and appreciated everything that they do. Councilmembers and staff should not be attacked. Staff members are being followed home and that is not right. Politics aside, let’s do what is right for the City. He stated that there are a lot of good opportunities and need to bring it to light instead of negativity. He believes in the City of La

Marque and it is his home. He also pledged his \$50 monthly stipends back to the City.

Mayor Bell gave light to additional events going on in the City for the Community Policing Effort Kickoff on July 12<sup>th</sup> and the Coffee and Clean Up at McGaffey Highland Park on July 16<sup>th</sup>. He then stated this is the greatest time of his life as he has to live as Christ did. He spoke strongly on forgiveness and his ongoing prayers for those who continually attack him and his fellow councilmembers. He noted that those who have lived in La Marque for decades are not the ones calling out corruption. He also said that a bully is someone that is with you today but will turn on you tomorrow. He noted that he was voted in as Mayor and will continue to serve the City and its citizens.

#### 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*\*\* Mayor Bell recessed the Regular Meeting and entered into Executive Session at 10:14 p.m.*

##### 14.I. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

- Begin Evaluations of City Attorney, City Clerk, and Municipal Judge
- Fire and Police Collective Bargaining Update
- Discussion relating to Cost-Of-Living Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

##### 14.II. Section 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney) Update on City Investigations

#### 15. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

*\*Mayor Bell exited Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 12:36 a.m.\**

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**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

##### 15.II. Section 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney) Update on City Investigations

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

#### 16. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember McAuliffe made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Carlson seconded.

*\*\*Meeting was adjourned at 12:37 a.m.*

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Keith Bell, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kierra K. Nance, TRMC  
City Clerk