



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE
REGULAR AGENDA
of
April 7, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the Public Safety Building Committee of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a meeting on **April 7, 2025**, beginning at **5:00 PM** 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. MINUTES
 - 4.I. Meeting Minutes from March 17, 2025
5. NEW BUSINESS

Items presented to the Committee for discussion and possible action:

 - 5.I. Addressing possible scope of work with the city's Civil Engineers
 - 5.II. Reviewing process for soliciting architectural firms for services

5.III. Selecting next meeting date for Public Safety Building Committee

6. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on April 4, 2025, by 12:00 p.m.

Kierra K. Nance, TRMC
City Clerk



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
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MINUTES
of
March 17, 2025**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Cantu called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:

Dashiell "Dash" Cantu	Chairperson
Wilmon Smith	Vice-Chairperson
Jamie Ray Loftis	Committee Member
Orlando Archibald	Committee Member
Jackie Pennington	Committee Member (Alternate)
Sally Austin	Committee Member (Alternate)

ABSENT:

Robert Michetich	Committee Member
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CITY OFFICIALS / STAFF:

Joseph Lowry	Councilmember, District C
James Ross	Councilmember, District D
Kasey Lott	Deputy City Clerk

3. **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Joseph Lowry (2503 Cedar Dr., La Marque, TX 77568) spoke before the committee as a concerned citizen. He requested that the committee pause the process of building a new Public Safety Building at this time. He claimed that the city is being run by felons and organized crime. He presented documents to Chairperson Cantu and Vice Chairperson Smith stating he had proof of the crimes being committed. He stated that moving forward with this project would be a "slap in the taxpayer's face" due to "proven corruption".

Jackie Pennington (924 Cypress, La Marque, TX 77568) elected to speak as a citizen, not a committee member. She stated that it is up to the Council to decide on whether to move forward with this project, not the board.

Carolyn Smalls (1121 Prune St., La Marque, TX 77568) stated that any council member trying to stop this should not be tolerated.

4. **MINUTES**

4.I. Meeting Minutes of 02.04.2025

Vice-Chairperson Smith made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 2, 2025. Committee member Loftis seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4.II. Meeting Minutes of 01.06.2025

Vice-Chairperson Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2025. Chairperson Cantu seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.I. Establishing the scope of work for an architectural firm

Chairperson Cantu stated that the Committee has been approved for this project but needs a firm to help with guidance. He indicated that no budget or architectural firm had been appointed at this time, and the Committee needed to bring options before the Council regarding the amount and the vetting process of the architectural firm.

It was discussed that the board should vet out three engineering or architectural firms before making a recommendation to the Council.

He noted that at the last meeting, Committee member Michetich (absent) stated that the Committee would not need a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) but could do the research and provide the quotes to deliberate on.

Chairperson Cantu requested that the City Civil Engineer come to the next meeting to discuss the options. Specifically on flooding in the area. He noted that Luong may be an option for a firm to get an assessment of the overall scope of the project and pricing.

Committee member Loftis also suggested Luong and Vice-Chairperson Smith stated he may have another contact and would forward it to the Clerk's Office.

Vice-Chairperson Smith made a motion to approve getting the proper quotes for the Committee to review. Committee Member Loftis seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5.II. Establishing a process for soliciting architectural firms for services

Chairperson Cantu reiterated the need to reach out for quotes before the next meeting.

Vice-Chairperson Smith made a motion for the Clerk's Office to reach out to the firms provided for quotes. Chairperson Cantu seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will be held on April 7, 2025.

7. ADJOURNMENT

***Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.*