



**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR AGENDA  
of  
February 18, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Special Events Committee of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a **Regular Meeting** on **February 18, 2026**, beginning at **6:00 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 Government Code, the presiding officer and a quorum of the Special Events 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. Regular Meeting Minutes 08.20.2025
  - 4.II. Regular Meeting Minutes 09.17.2025
  - 4.III. Regular Meeting Minutes 10.15.2025
  - 4.IV. Special Meeting Minutes 10.29.2025
  - 4.V. Regular Meeting Minutes 11.19.2025
  - 4.VI. Regular Meeting Minutes 01.21.2026

5. NEW BUSINESS

*Items presented to the Committee for discussion and possible action:*

- 5.I. Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission Spring Cleanup/Shred Day
- 5.II. Spring Time Smiles Photo Op
- 5.III. Hurricane Huddle - May 16, 2026

6. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Requests by Committee Members 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 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*

7. ADJOURNMENT

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on or before February 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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Kierra K. Nance, TRMC  
City Clerk



## CITY OF LA MARQUE

### REGULAR MINUTES

of

August 20, 2025

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Bock called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

##### PRESENT:

Michael "Rock" Bock	Vice-Chairperson
Daniel Guidry	Committee Member
Tracie Steans	Committee Member
Felix Brown	Committee Member
Agueda Jimenez	Committee Member (Staff - Communications Coordinator)
Galilea Barrera	Committee Member (Staff - Executive Assistant)

##### ABSENT:

Re'Chard Loftis	Chairperson
Keith Bell	Mayor
Joe Compian	Mayor Pro Tem
Monica Veliz	Committee Member (Staff - Finance Representative)

#### 3. REPORTS

##### 3.1. Fair on the Square - Subcommittee Recap

*\*\*This item was brought for discussion at 6:09 PM following the Citizens Participation item.*

Vice-Chairperson Bock stated that the City expects a nice, successful event in a short amount of time, which raises concerns about the quality of the event. He suggested moving the event to 2026.

Committee member Steans inquired about the current event date, which Vice-Chairperson Bock clarified it would be on October 11th.

Discussion regarding the tasks to complete within a short timeframe ensued. Committee member Guidry further shared that downtown La Marque is nice, and he wants to showcase it. He reiterated that the preparation and planning within a short timeframe would affect the quality of the event.

Committee member Steans shared that downtown La Marque is under construction and voiced concerns about safety for all people. She thinks that the Fair on the Square event "would be beautiful, and a dream come true, but

it is worth the wait for next year and that it will be amazing for all the businesses downtown."

#### 4. MINUTES

- 4.I. Special Event Committee Minutes 07.31.2025  
**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

#### 5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

*\*\*This item was requested by Committee Member Jimenez at 6:08 PM to discuss first, which Vice-Chairperson Bock agreed.*

Barbara Holly (*no address provided*) spoke to introduce herself as the new Interim City Manager for the next five and a half months. She recognizes the City has competent people to run the place, and to let her know if there is anything the Committee needs.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.I. Fair on the Square

Vice-Chairperson Bock stated he would like to skip this year's event to have an overall high quality event for next year.

Commissioner Steans made a motion to postpone the Fair on the Square event to 2026. Committee member Guidry seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Committee member Jimenez asked if the event date would be decided on at this meeting. Vice-Chairperson Bock shared that the Committee originally chose the date for this year as October 11th, since it made the most sense with other events happening that month.

- 6.II. Christmas Parade Theme

Vice-Chairperson Bock requested theme suggestions.

Discussions regarding potential themes ensued.

Committee member Jimenez shared her concern about the participants' outcome in the La Marque Christmas Parade due to Texas City having their parade two days after La Marque's date. Vice-Chairperson Bock and Committee member Jimenez suggested we need to decide on a theme sooner rather than later.

Committee member Brown asked about the date of the event and suggested tailoring the event towards the animated characters children were looking for in order to boost attendance.

Committee member Steans shared that Christmas Candyland and the Nutcracker Christmas covers a lot of designs and themes into one, and suggests steering away from the Grinch. Committee member Guidry agreed.

Discussion ensued about the various elements that the Nutcracker movie and play has and how that inspires decorating options.

Committee member Steans made a motion to choose the Nutcracker Christmas theme for the 2025 Christmas Parade for the City of La Marque. Committee member Guidry seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Committee member Jimenez stated that she will share information about saving the date and the theme with the public.

Committee member Guidry questioned if a budget is needed for this event. Committee member Jimenez stated that it would need to be brought back for discussion since the event is different compared to last year.

6.III. Trunk or Treat

Vice-Chairperson Bock asked which organization is handling the logistics of the annual Trunk or Treat.

Committee member Jimenez responded that the Library department hosts this event, and it is early for them to start planning.

Vice-Chairperson Bock shared that this event has been planned and hosted by the Library for the past few years and is often referred to as the "Fall Festival." Committee member Steans shared that it was a very successful event.

Committee member Steans shared that she thinks it is important to be "loud" about this event, so the citizens can know the City and the committee are "doing things." She asked if there could be advertisements put out about it as she does not want to wait at the last-minute to share this event.

Committee member Jimenez shared that she will post on the City's social media, announce it at upcoming meetings, and distribute flyers to different offices in the City.

6.IV. Scheduling Next Meeting

Committee member Jimenez made a motion to meet on September 17th at 6:00 p.m. Committee member Brown seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Guidry requested to discuss sponsorships for upcoming future events and logistics.

Vice-Chairperson Bock shared that the committee needs to be more proactive about planning and requested to discuss sponsorships for the Christmas Parade and Fair on the Square.

Staff Liaison Barrera requested to discuss BTR's Bayou Gumbo Chili Cookoff event happening in November and Bayou Fest.

Committee member Steans requested to discuss event permits and applications, announcements for Christmas Parade sign-ups, Committee T-shirts, updates on how other City Boards are doing and how our committee can help support them.

Committee member Brown had no requests or announcements.

Vice-Chairperson Bock requested that the Wayfair Fund be discussed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Loftis made a motion to adjourn. Committee member Jimenez seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***\*\*MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:51 P.M.***



## CITY OF LA MARQUE

### REGULAR MINUTES

of

September 17, 2025

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Loftis called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

##### **PRESENT:**

Re'Chard Loftis	Chairperson
Michael "Rock" Bock	Vice Chairperson
Keith Bell	Committee Member
Joe Compian	Committee Member
Tracie Steans	Committee Member
Daniel Guidry	Committee Member
Agueda Jimenez	Committee Member (Staff - Communications Coordinator)
Galilea Barrera	Committee Member (Staff - Executive Assistant)
Worth Ferguson	Committee Member (Staff - Finance Director)

##### **ABSENT:**

Felix Brown	Committee Member
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#### 3. REPORTS

##### 3.1. City Boards and Commissions Updates

Committee member Barrera shared that the Cemetery Board would participate in Wreaths Across America, while Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission would take part in both the Trunk or Treat and Fall Sweep, and the Parks Board would also participate in Trunk or Treat as well as the Christmas Parade.

#### 4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

There was no citizen participation.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### 5.1. Reviewing Upcoming Events

Committee member Ferguson discussed the City's current financial situation and noted that the City is not able to fiscally support any City events until further notice due to budget constraints. He spoke about the Waste Management contract, explaining that there are potentially funds allocated for Bayou Fest. He would confer with both Waste Management and the City Attorney to determine the appropriate allocation of funds.

Vice-Chairperson Bock mentioned that the City may have funds allocated from Praxair to utilize for Bayou Fest. He asked for clarification if those funds would be for all future City events or only Bayou Fest. Committee member Ferguson stated that he would need to thoroughly review the contracts to provide an accurate answer at the next meeting.

Discussions regarding the city's financial status in relation to event funding, and the process of releasing potential Bayou Fest funding to Bon Temp Rouler (BTR), the city's Bayou Fest partner, ensued.

Discussions regarding historical Bayou Fest operations and the separation of duties between the City and the Texas City La Marque Chamber of Commerce ensued.

Committee member Compian inquired about the costs the City contributed for the Wreaths Across America event, which Committee member Ferguson stated he will look into providing that total amount.

Committee member Bell voiced concerns about overtime for staff members that attend the Wreaths Across America event as the event falls on a Saturday. Committee member Ferguson clarified that the biggest City expense related to events is personnel costs.

Chairperson Loftis asked about the allocation of leftover funds towards Bayou Fest. Committee member Ferguson stated he would need to thoroughly review the contract to be certain. Chairperson Loftis requested that Committee member Ferguson provide that information at the next meeting. When Committee member Compian identified that leftover funds are typically provided to the Chamber, Committee member Ferguson stated past funds are unlikely to be acted upon.

Discussion ensued regarding a request for a contract between BTR and the City, including contract requirements. Committee member Ferguson shared he will inquire with the City Attorney about a draft contract to provide at the next meeting.

Committee member Guidry further shared that BTR will have their own volunteers to avoid concerns about overtime hours for staff.

Chairperson Loftis requested that, once the draft contract with the City Attorney is completed that the document be provided for the committee's review.

Committee member Jimenez shared information regarding the annual City Trunk or Treat event and discussion ensued regarding participation.

Chairperson Loftis inquired about City staff assisting with Keep La Marque's Beautiful Commission Fall Sweep event in November. Committee member Barrera stated she would provide an update at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued about previous Fall Sweep events, the number of volunteers, paid City staff, and having a City facilitator present. Committee member Ferguson stated he will inquire with City Department Heads.

Committee member Barrera listed the remaining City Calendar of Events to the end of 2025.

Discussion ensued regarding volunteers, donations, and the date of the Veterans Day breakfast. Committee member Bell shared that the Veterans Day breakfast, volunteer appreciation dinner, and the Christmas Parade would

need sponsorship. Committee member Guidry shared he has a potential sponsor to reach out to for the Veterans Day breakfast.

Suggestions were provided by the committee of potential sponsors.

*\*\*This item was requested to be reconsidered for discussion at 7:08 p.m. by Committee Member Jimenez.*

Committee member Jimenez made a motion to establish November 8th, 2025 as the Veterans Day Breakfast event. Committee member Steans seconded.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5.II. BTR Battle on the Bayou Gumbo & Chili Cookoff

Committee member Guidry shared that BTR's Board talked to the sponsors for this event, and they rescinded their commitment because the event date changed. He further explained that the cook-off teams signed up were "rolled over" to Bayou Fest in Spring 2026.

Committee member Guidry confirmed this event was canceled for 2025 and would happen again in 2026.

5.III. BTR Cajun Throwdown

Committee member Guidry shared that BTR officially changed the name to BTR Cajun Throwdown at Bayou Fest. He inquired if the vendor permit fees could be waived. Finance Director Ferguson stated that request needs to go before the Council.

Committee member Guidry shared that the event planning is "right where they want to be" for revenue, participation, and expenses. He further shared that the dates will be April 10-11, 2026, and anticipates a large crowd that weekend.

Committee member Guidry shared that the City's participation is likely to be very minimal as he plans to hire personnel privately. Committee member Ferguson requested a financial report with the details of what BTR plans to spend on personnel to determine the City's cost and see if it is comparable. Chairperson Loftis suggested Committee member Guidry attend Monday's Council meeting and speak during citizens' participation regarding the fees to get the conversation started until it can be appropriately put on another Council agenda.

Vice-Chairperson Bock questioned what BTR is charging vendors and if they reduced their revenue to let the City collect the vendor fees. Committee member Guidry stated he will think about that and report back to the Committee.

Committee member Bell reiterated the purpose of the Committee and to provide recommendations to Council concerning events. Committee member Bell questioned if BTR could provide their vendor packet to let the Committee review it and provide that to Council. Committee member Bell further questioned how sales tax revenue would be generated. Committee member Guidry shared that the Texas Comptroller's Office calculates in "real time" before the event is over.

Committee member Ferguson shared that if vendor permit fees are waived, the vendors still need to obtain a permit. Discussion ensued about permit fees being lowered instead of waived entirely. Discussion further ensued about BTR

providing templates and scenarios of other large events in Galveston County for the Committee to review and make recommendations.

Discussion ensued about BTR marketing the logos of the City, Waste Management, and Praxair and obtaining approval to market. Committee member Jimenez shared she will contact the companies for permission.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

5.IV. Christmas Parade 2025

*\*\*This item was brought for discussion at 7:09 P.M.*

Vice-Chairperson Bock shared that this event is "staff heavy", especially in Public Works, and is concerned about overtime expenses. Committee member Ferguson shared that he will speak with the Public Works Directors and City Manager to propose a plan to avoid overtime expenses.

Committee member Jimenez discussed a proposed sponsorship letter for the event, and welcomed any suggestions before she starts reaching out.

Committee member Guidry questioned if personal donations are allowed, which Committee member Jimenez assured him is acceptable.

Committee member Steans shared the sponsorship letter is good and that the La Marque EDC is a good resource to utilize for promotion.

Committee member Ferguson explained he will coordinate with all appropriate departments to implement the flex time policy and that staffing is available to assist.

Committee member Steans shared a list of local businesses that participated in previous years and can possibly donate certain items needed. Discussion ensued further about details for car donations and local performers to invite, such as the La Marque High School Marching Band and Marching Thunder.

Committee member Bell made a motion to be the Grand Marshal for the 2025 Christmas Parade. Vice-Chairperson Rock seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discussion ensued about coordination of line-ups, participant sign-up form, and I.T. department equipment needed. Committee member Ferguson assured the Committee that a plan would be prepared enterally by City staff and presented to the Committee.

Committee member Jimenez shared she will post the participant sign-up form within the next two weeks.

5.V. Discussing Special Event Committee T-Shirts

Committee member Jimenez shared that T-shirts would be purchased individually as an out-of-pocket cost due to budget constraints.

Committee member Bell inquired if T-shirts or merchandise items could be donated by G-County Apparel. Committee member Steans agreed to inquire.

Committee member Barrera shared concerns regarding the City logo on T-shirts or merchandise items which were supported by Committee member Ferguson.

Committee member Bell inquired about donations of the shirts with or without the City logo, which Committee member Ferguson stated would be probable but would need to confirm.

5.VI. Selecting a Regular Meeting Time & Day

Vice-Chairperson Bock suggested a regular meeting date of the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 P.M. as it would avoid overlapping into other Boards and Commission meetings.

Committee member Steans made a motion to hold regular meetings the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 P.M. Committee member Bell seconded.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no requests or announcements.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Committee member Bell made a motion to adjourn. Committee member Guidry seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*\*\*Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.*



**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MINUTES  
of  
October 15, 2025**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Loftis called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Re'Chard Loftis	Chairperson
Michael "Rock" Bock	Vice-Chairperson
Keith Bell	Committee Member
Felix Brown	Committee Member
Daniel Guidry	Committee Member
Agueda Jimenez	Committee Member (Staff - Communications Coordinator)
Worth Ferguson	Committee Member (Staff - Finance Director)
Galilea Barrera	Committee Member (Staff - Executive Assistant)

ABSENT:

Joe Compian	Committee Member
Tracie Steans	Committee Member

3. MINUTES

3.1. 07.31.2025 Special Event Committee Minutes

Committee member Bell made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

Vice-Chairperson Bock seconded. **MOTION PASSED WITH 6 AYES / 1 ABSTENTION (FERGUSON).**

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No one participated in citizens' participation.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1. Reviewing Upcoming Events

Committee member Bell clarified that the upcoming events will be discussed in full detail in the "New Business" items section.

However, Vice-Chairperson Bock discussed the Trunk or Treat event as it was not specified in New Business.

Committee member Ferguson confirmed the Trunk or Treat event is confirmed and participants are signing up. Certain City departments will participate on a volunteer basis.

5.II. Christmas Parade - December 2, 2025

Chairperson Loftis questioned if this event was happening. Committee member Jimenez confirmed the event is still on, but sponsorship is needed and that will be a determining factor to cancel or continue with the event.

Vice-Chairperson Bock questioned if funding is available for all City labor since that is a big demand for this event. Committee member Ferguson stated that is unlikely due to the current financial state.

Chairperson Loftis questioned if it is likely that within 30 days the City will make a decision to cancel the parade. Committee member Ferguson shared the City will provide an update on City resources soon. Chairperson Loftis shared that the event cannot be "halfway" executed as it would be a low-quality event and the community will not be happy with that.

Discussion ensued about options to explore for covering labor costs, including soliciting volunteers and local business collaborations.

Committee member Bell believed the City could make the event happen, even if it is smaller this year. Having a holiday event for the community is important. He further shared that the Committee should consider alternatives to a traditional holiday parade. Committee member Ferguson proposed shortening the parade or having stationary "floats" on Bayou Road as an alternative.

Chairperson Loftis clarified that Plan A is the traditional Christmas Parade and that Plan B is the stationary/reverse "parade" at Walter Feigle Park.

Discussion ensued about having vendors present, collecting vendor fees, and the location of the "reverse parade".

Vice-Chairperson Bock shared that the next Committee meeting is thirteen (13) days before the parade, and not choosing a plan for today's meeting is a large concern. Committee member Jimenez recommended moving forward as a normal parade and shifting the plan of the event, if needed, closer to the date.

Committee member Jimenez shared she had not reached out for sponsorship yet and asked the Committee for outreach suggestions. Committee member Brown volunteered to be another point of contact for sponsorship outreach. Committee member Bell made a motion to prepare for Plan A with Plan B being the "worst-case scenario" and having Committee members Jimenez and Brown represent the committee to seek and obtain sponsors for the event with suggestions from the Committee to reach out to. Committee member Guidry seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.I. Veterans Breakfast - November 8, 2025

Junior Vice of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8248 James Ross shared that a \$500 donation was provided by the La Marque Professional Firefighters' Association. He further shared details of the event; the time, location, volunteers, clean-up, and breakfast options would be similar to last year's breakfast event.

Chairperson Loftis questioned if assistance was needed in any way for the event. Junior Vice Ross stated no, but any additional donations and/or

volunteers are always appreciated.

Committee member Bell questioned if Committee member Guidry's donation could be shifted to another event in need as this event was secured.

Committee member Ferguson inquired about additional donations to be put towards gift bags for veterans in attendance, which Committee member Guidry would verify with the potential sponsor.

Committee member Bell inquired about the content of the care packages and suggested items tailored to mental health. Junior Vice Ross explained the bags would have coloring books, blankets, personal hygiene items, and more. He further stated the event would be on November 8th as the weekend worked best.

6.II. Fall Sweep – November 15, 2025

Committee member Ferguson shared flex time will be incorporated for city staff and shredding would not happen this year due to budget constraints. Chairperson Loftis voiced his concern about shredding as it is what citizens look forward to.

Committee member Bell questioned if Interim City Manager Holly could reach out to Waste Management to donate the shred truck for this event due to the City's longstanding relationship with them.

Committee member Ferguson stated the roll-off dumpsters damage the asphalt in the City Hall parking lot, so the location of the event would need to be moved to the City Shop. Chairperson Loftis shared that was a concern addressed before, but the varying locations every year allow more citizens to be accommodated.

6.III. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - December 11, 2025

Committee member Ferguson stated a sponsorship is still needed for this event. Committee member Bell shared El Lugar Event Center is a good partner with the EDC Board and suggested having the event there. He questioned the total cost of the event. Committee member Guidry stated it varies on the menu items chosen. Committee member Jimenez shared \$15-20 dollars per person is the recommended price range.

Discussion ensued regarding local restaurants to contact for catering quotes.

Committee member Bell made a motion to reach out to Barcenas Mexican Grill for a quote on serving fajitas to 75 people and inquire if they are willing to donate a portion of that total cost.

Before a motion was made, Committee member Barrera shared information about last year's event - 150 people with Chipotle Catering, which cost about \$1,500 and a cleaning fee of \$300. She further shared that this year's event was booked at El Lugar for December 11th.

Committee member Bell amended his motion not to exceed \$1,500.00, including the \$300 clean-up fee, to have Barcenas Mexican Grill cater and consider donating half the dinner, and that the Staff Liaison would reach out. Vice-Chairperson Bock seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6.IV. Wreaths Across America 2025 - December 13, 2025

Committee member Jimenez shared that after speaking with the Public Works

Department, donors can go directly to the Wreaths Across America website to sponsor a wreath for \$17 and the wreaths would be delivered to the City. She will ensure the City is updated on the website.

Committee member Barrera shared that there were 270 wreaths purchased for last year's wreaths by the City and this year only 129 wreaths need to be purchased.

Chairperson Loftis questioned if sponsoring a wreath had been shared with the public yet, which Committee member Barrera stated no, since the Committee had not discussed it yet. Committee member Jimenez shared that once the City is added to the Wreaths Across America website, the information will be shared with the public.

Discussion ensued about purchasing wreaths and the importance of sharing with the public as soon as possible.

6.V. Considering changes to Meeting Dates for 2025

Committee member Barrera proposed a special meeting be held on October 29th at 6:00 P.M. to discuss events progress and sponsorship, possibly having a special meeting in November, and to cancel or reschedule the December meeting due to the holidays.

Discussion ensued regarding member's availability.

Chairperson Loftis made a motion to have a special meeting on October 29th and to cancel the December 17th regular meeting. Vice-Chairperson Bock seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Bell requested that Committee member Guidry and Junior Vice Ross meet to ensure the care packages for veterans are taken care of.

Committee member Ferguson expressed appreciation to the committee for their help and understanding of the events this year.

Committee member Barrera requested Committee members to include her in all communication regarding events for efficient communication internally and to improve turnaround time. She further announced that she will place the Bon Temp Rouler and City of La Marque Bayou Fest contract for the special meeting.

Committee member Jimenez announced that the Trunk or Treat event is Thursday, October 22nd, and to sign up with the City Library if you want to participate.

8. ADJOURNMENT

***\*\*MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:07 P.M.***



**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MINUTES  
of  
October 29, 2025**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Bock called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:**

Re'Chard Loftis	Chairperson (via Zoom)
Michael "Rock" Bock	Vice-Chairperson
Daniel Guidry	Committee Member
Felix Brown	Committee Member
Agueda Jimenez	Committee Member (Staff: Communications Coordinator)
Worth Ferguson	Committee Member (Staff: Finance Director)
Galilea Barrera	Committee Member (Staff: Executive Assistant)

**ABSENT:**

Keith Bell	Committee Member
Joe Compian	Committee Member
Tracie Steans	Committee Member

3. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

There were no citizen's participation.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.I. Veterans Breakfast - November 8, 2025

*\*\*Vice-Chairperson Bock moved to this agenda item at 7:07 P.M. for discussion.*

Committee member Jimenez shared that the event details were finalized with Mr. Ross.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

4.II. Fall Sweep – November 15, 2025

Committee member Jimenez shared the updated location would be at 1500 Municipal St in La Marque. She noted that the site was being prepared and had been announced to the public. There will not be a shred event happening this year due to budget constraints.

Discussion ensued about the materials accepted.

Committee member Barrera shared that the City Staff will be present to help

facilitate the event.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

4.III. Christmas Parade - December 2, 2025

Committee member Jimenez stated it was best to have a stationary parade with the resources available. She elaborated on the event plan and changes this year, noting it would be similar to last year with decorations and activities, such as lighting, photos, and vendors.

Committee member Brown asked if the street would be closed. Committee member Jimenez confirmed that a certain part of the street would be closed off.

Committee member Barrera inquired if Committee member Brown had an update on securing sponsorships for the event. Committee member Brown did not have any updates.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

4.IV. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - December 11, 2025

Committee member Jimenez shared that she reached out for a quote from Barcenas Mexican Grill. She assured that the event was being planned, and she was actively trying to secure sponsorships or donations for catering.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

4.V. Wreaths Across America 2025 - December 13, 2025

Committee member Jimenez stated the City was officially listed on the Wreaths Across America site with a specific purchasing link. She shared that the donation link was finalized and would be shared among the community through City resources, such as the website and social media.

Committee member Barrera shared further details on wreaths donated for the event, and confirmed that Committee member Jimenez would attend the upcoming Cemetery Board meeting in order to provide updates at the next Special Event Committee meeting.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.I. City of La Marque & Bon Temp Rouler (BTR) Bayou Fest Contract

*\*\*Vice-Chairperson Bock brought this item for discussion at 6:30 P.M.*

Committee member Ferguson provided a brief overview of the contract, stating it was executed by the Bon Temp Rouler (BTR) organization using a City location, and no city processes vary.

Vice-Chairperson Bock voiced his concern that the contract was not complete upon presentation and that his original requests were not in the contract. He questioned the section about paying City Personnel and said that fees must be paid if using City ambulances or fire trucks, which was not stated in the contract.

Committee member Guidry explained that the University of Texas at Medical Branch would have emergency services on-site, including an ambulance, and fees would be paid privately. If fees need to be paid to the City on that, it

would be paid.

Discussion ensued about addressing concerns in the contract.

Vice-Chairperson Bock stated a mass gathering permit must be acquired as it puts City departments in communication and surrounding cities submit a permit application for any large events.

Vice-Chairperson Bock questioned Code Enforcement's participation in the contract. Committee member Ferguson clarified that Code Enforcement would be assisting the Fire Marshals and the process of vendor checks.

Committee member Brown questioned the liability insurance requirement.

Committee member Guidry responded that all required insurance would be in the contract, including \$2.5 million per occurrence and \$1 million per person.

Discussion ensued about the security details of the event, parking, the crowd expectations, and various factors such as the weather and advertisement.

Committee member Jimenez questioned if Highland Bayou Park would be closed to the public completely. Committee member Guidry responded that an area to the left of the levee would be open.

Committee member Jimenez questioned if tickets would be given to the public. Committee member Guidry stated no, but a specific number of tickets would be provided to the City Staff and Council.

Committee member Ferguson emphasized this is a one-year standing contract that will be revised after the event ends.

Committee Member Jimenez made a motion to recommend approving the contract as presented with the draft lines to City Council. Committee member Brown seconded. **MOTION FAILED WITH 3 AYES (BROWN/JIMENEZ/BARRERA) / 1 AYE (BOCK) / 2 ABSTENTIONS (FERGUSON/GUIDRY).**

A lengthy discussion ensued to ensure an appropriate number of public safety personnel would be present. Committee member Guidry shared he would speak with the appropriate departments to discuss the security and barricade details.

#### 6. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No requests and announcements were shared by Committee members.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

Committee member Ferguson made a motion to adjourn. Committee member Brown seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*\*\*Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.*



**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MINUTES  
of  
November 19, 2025**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER  
Chairperson Loftis called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. ROLL CALL  
PRESENT:

Re'Chard Loftis	Chairperson
Michael "Rock" Bock	Vice-Chairperson
Keith Bell	Committee Member
Joe Compian	Committee Member (Present off-Dias)
Daniel Guidry	Committee Member
Tracie Steans	Committee Member
Felix Brown	Committee Member
Colleen Chilcoat	Committee Member (Staff: Communications Coordinator)
Worth Ferguson	Committee Member (Staff: Finance Director)
Galilea Barrera	Committee Member (Staff: Executive Assistant)
3. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION  
There was no citizens' participation.
4. MINUTES  
There were no minutes presented for approval.
5. OLD BUSINESS
  - 5.1. Fall Sweep – November 15, 2025  
Chairperson Loftis shared that the Fall Sweep went "fairly slow", indicating low participation from citizens. He further shared aspects for improvement, such as the location and outreach to increase participation. He requested additional funding for signage at future annual Sweep events.  
Chairperson Loftis stated the event location is rotated every year to accommodate different areas for citizens of the City, and a location would need to be determined for next year.  
Vice-Chairperson Bock shared the same suggestion that advertising the event

with ample time is important for participation, emphasizing that communication is key.

Committee member Chilcoat inquired about location recommendations. Chairperson Loftis suggested setting dumpsters up at 4916 Texas Ave, La Marque, Texas once a month, and rotating the location annually between City Hall and Buildings A, B, and C.

Committee member Steans shared that change is not bad. She suggested to have the local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts club volunteer with the City and the Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission (KLMBC). She further shared that community outreach is important for the clubs to learn to recycle, and unity is important for the City and growing organizations.

Committee member Chilcoat shared the importance of KLMBC having a timeframe for keeping their accreditation to host this event. She highlighted the inspiration and turnout of the Thanksgiving meal event, which occurred on the same day as the event, and suggested separating the date of the two events.

Discussion ensued regarding advertising accepted and non-accepted items for the events, such as information inserts on water bills.

Vice-Chairperson Bock shared that junk accepted, specifically tires, needs to be budgeted for removal from the City yard to prevent clutter there.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

5.II. Christmas Parade - December 2, 2025

Committee member Chilcoat shared that the event would be a Christmas Village instead of a traditional parade. She is reaching out for participation from the community and organizations could sign up to participate as a stationary float. She further shared monetary sponsors were being sought. Details were shared about the date, time, and location.

Vice-Chairperson Bock questioned if local school clubs would perform.

Committee member Barrera confirmed performances from the La Marque High School Marching Band, Marching Thunder, and La Marque High School Master Chorale. She further shared that \$2,750 in sponsorships were received, and that Rock Tha House donated inflatables and the Santa Throne.

Committee member Barrera provided updates on internal staff meetings and staff preparation. Lion's Club would provide free popcorn and hot chocolate for the community.

Chairperson Loftis questioned the City's methods of advertising the event, which Committee member Chilcoat clarifies she was utilizing every platform she could with the timeframe she had.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

*\*\*This item was brought back to discussion by Committee member Bell at 6:23 P.M.*

Committee member Bell requested that the volunteer for Santa Claus have a background check conducted prior to the event. Committee member Barrera ensured this would be taken care of.

5.III. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - December 11, 2025

Committee member Chilcoat shared attendance concerns for regular meetings of the Boards and Commissions, and hoped to hear from volunteers regarding their attendance for the dinner. She further shared details regarding the location, fees, and the budget.

Committee member Barrera provided an update on catering from Barcenas Mexican Restaurant, and they could not assist with this year's event. She requested suggestions for raffle donation prizes, monetary donations, and caterers.

Committee member Bell questioned if the City Manager's Office would send out the RSVP link for the event attendance. Committee member Barrera shared the City Clerk's Office would handle this.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

5.IV. Wreaths Across America 2025 - December 13, 2025

Committee member Barrera shared the remaining wreaths needed were sponsored by the community and expressed gratitude for the support. She also encouraged committee attendance and shared location and date details.

Discussion ensued about the cemeteries included for the event and to ensure the number of wreaths was sufficient for all. Chairperson Loftis stated he would contact Rising Star to confirm their attendance and would update Committee member Chilcoat.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

6. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Steans shared positive feedback regarding the Trunk-or-Treat event.

Vice-Chairperson Bock concurred with Committee member Steans, but shared that Hayley Elementary School was closed that day, which affected attendance.

Committee member Guidry shared the Trick-or-Treat neighborhood outing in Delany Cove was very successful.

Committee member Brown requested that the pastor be contacted at the Rising Star Cemetery regarding the Wreaths Across America event.

Committee member Bell declined to comment.

Committee member Chilcoat shared her gratitude for being on the Committee and looked forward to working together in the future.

Committee member Ferguson shared his gratitude for the Committee's hard work amid budget constraints and ensuring no events were cancelled.

Committee member Barrera announced the December Committee meeting had been canceled at an earlier meeting. She also shared the next Committee meeting would be January 21st, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. and the agenda items. She further reiterated

Committee member Ferguson's gratitude and the Committee's commitment among changes of events. She wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Chairperson Loftis wished everyone a safe holiday season and a Happy New Year.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Committee member Bell made a motion to adjourn. Committee member Steans seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***\*\*MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.***



**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
of  
January 21, 2026**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Loftis called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:**

Re'Chard Loftis	Chairperson
Michael "Rock" Bock	Vice-Chairperson
Tracie Steans	Committee Member
Daniel Guidry	Committee Member
Worth Ferguson	Committee Member (Staff: Finance Director)
Colleen Chilcoat	Committee Member (Staff: Communications Coordinator)
Galilea Barrera	Committee Member (Staff: Executive Assistant)

**ABSENT:**

Keith Bell	Committee Member
Joe Compian	Committee Member
Felix Brown	Committee Member

3. REPORTS

No reports were discussed.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No one spoke during citizens participation.

5. MINUTES

*\*\*All items in this section were pulled from discussion.*

- 5.I. Regular Meeting Minutes 07.31.2025  
*\*\*This item was previously approved on October 15, 2025.*
- 5.II. Regular Meeting Minutes 08.20.2025
- 5.III. Regular Meeting Minutes 09.17.2025
- 5.IV. Regular Meeting Minutes 10.15.2025

5.V. Special Meeting Minutes 10.29.2025

5.VI. Regular Meeting Minutes 11.19.2025

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### 6.I. Discussing Upcoming Events

Committee member Chilcoat explained that the City plans to scale back on events for this year due to budget and staff constraints. She shared the events the City plans to participate in while eliminating redundant events, and will provide an update at the City Council Meeting at the end of February.

Committee member Guidry questioned what the Life & Liberty event entailed. Discussion ensued about the previous year's outcome of Life & Liberty, possible changes to implement for events, and gathering sponsorships.

Additional discussions ensued regarding the purpose and details of other events, such as Blue Santa.

Chairperson Loftis shared that the City needs to advertise for funding in advance to ensure successful events and suggested postponing the 2026 Life & Liberty event due to funding concerns and execution improvements.

Committee member Chilcoat stated she would confirm with the Chamber of Commerce if the State of the Cities event can be live-streamed to citizens. She further shared that, historically, volunteer groups were "vibrant", and one of her goals is to rebuild those groups as events are scaled back. Chairperson Loftis concurred.

Committee member Steans shared the success of the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. parade with high attendance and morale among the community. She further shared that the events in the coming months could be planned out well and be successful, like the parade.

Committee member Chilcoat clarified the differences between City-sponsored and City-hosted events as those differences were meshed over the past few years. Discussion ensued regarding Life & Liberty cost details, with concerns raised about funding deficiencies – even with sponsorships. Committee member Guidry shared he would contribute as a sponsor to Blue Santa.

The Committee suggested tabling events later in the year and discussing them on a quarterly basis.

Committee member Steans made a motion to pause the Life & Liberty 2026 event until 2027. Committee member Guidry seconded. **MOTION PASSED WITH 4 AYES / 1 NAY (BOCK) / 2 ABSTAINS (CHILCOAT/FERGUSON).**

Discussion ensued about details for the Juneteenth Gala.

Committee member Steans made a motion to pause the City's participation in the Juneteenth Gala event until June 2027. Committee member Guidry seconded. **MOTION PASSED WITH 5 AYES / 1 NAY (BOCK).**

Vice-Chairperson Bock suggests having the Gala decision be brought before Council and to obtain volunteers. Discussion ensued regarding the liability for volunteers, which is why the City Staff is prioritized for events.

Committee member Steans made a motion to cancel the City's own State of the City event for 2026. Vice-Chairperson Bock seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Committee member Guidry suggested ideas for the City hosting the Back-to-School Bash. Discussion ensued about how the annual event is run and suggested to table this event.

Committee member Chilcoat explained that civic engagement needs to be higher and would help in the success of annual events. Committee member Ferguson recommended the Committee table the Back-to-School bash.

Committee member Steans made a motion to table the Summer Back to School Reading program and discuss it at the February meeting. Committee member Guidry seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discussion ensued about the coordination and setting of the Clent Brown Appreciation Dinner event. Committee member Steans stated she would discuss this event with the Economic Development Corporation Board and how they can support it.

Discussion also ensued about the annual Christmas event, whether it would be a traditional parade or to repeat it as a Christmas Village Market. Vice-Chairperson Bock shared the CIP fund for the Parks fund can be allocated to any event of their choosing.

6.II. 2026 BTR Cajun Throwdown at Bayou Fest

Committee member Chilcoat shared a meeting between Bon Temp Rouler and City Officials was held on January 20th.

Discussion ensued about the benefits and positivity the event will shine on the City regarding community participation and revenue.

Committee member Guidry shared further details about the number of vendors signed up, traffic plan and coordination, entertainers line-up, ride-share partners, and sponsors. He anticipates a great turnout with attendees from across the nation as hotels are getting booked.

*\*\*Committee member Steans left the dias at 7:17 PM.*

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.I. Recapping December Events

Committee member Chilcoat noted that all December events were discussed earlier in the meeting. Committee member Barrera shared that, despite the cost and time restraints, the Christmas Village and Clent Brown Volunteer Appreciation Dinner had good turnouts.

*\*\*Committee member Steans returned to the dias at 7:19 P.M.*

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

7.II. Purchasing Fireworks for Life & Liberty 2026

Committee member Barrera shared this item is up to their discussion since the Committee stated earlier to pause the event for this year.

Vice-Chairperson Bock inquired if the City could reach out to the firework vendor that the EDC used for Bayou Fest for a quote on a firework show.

Committee member Chilcoat suggested having a firework show at the Volunteer Appreciation event if that event is moved to the summer instead of December.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

8. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Barrera shared she would update the Committee if meeting dates would change following the upcoming Council meeting, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Loftis made a motion to adjourn. Committee member Steans seconded.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*\*\*Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.*