



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR AGENDA
of
September 14, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a **Regular Meeting on September 14, 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 (councilzoom.cityoflamarque.org)**. **Meeting ID: 161 728 0595 Passcode 163641**. In accordance with Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Government Code the presiding officer and a quorum of the La Marque City Council intend to be and will be physically present at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas. This location will be open to the public and the meeting will be broadcast at this location, on Channel 16, and via **YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6G8ypjyEDo)**.

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PRESENTATIONS
 - 4.I. La Marque Fire Department Presentation of Community Life Saver Award to Ben Keith
 - 4.II. Public Works Update Presentation— Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehab and Asterra Grant Project
5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON

Comments from the public will be heard at this time. Any person with city-related business who has signed up may speak to Council (limited to three (3) minutes). If wishing to speak give the Mayor or presiding officer your full legal name and the item you wish to speak about. In compliance with Texas Open Meeting Act, the City may not deliberate on comments. Personal attacks will not be allowed, and personnel matters should be addressed to the City Manager during normal business hours. *Press *6 to mute or unmute if you are participating by telephone, press the unmute button if attending via zoom on a smartphone, tablet or computer, or stand if attending in person, and the mayor will call on you in turn.*

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.I. Regular City Council Agenda Minutes 7-13-2026
- 6.II. Special City Council Budget Meeting Minutes 7-14-2026
- 6.III. Special City Council Budget Meeting Minutes 8-4-2026

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input on:

8. OLD BUSINESS

Items presented to the Council for discussion and possible action:

- 8.I. Boards and Commissions Update.
The purpose of this agenda item is allow the City Council to receive an update, discuss and consider possible action related to the City of La Marque's Boards, Committees, and Commissions. This agenda item was requested by Mayor Pro Tem Tonia Griffin, Councilwoman District D. Council member Yancy seconded.
- 8.II. Discussion and Possible Action on the Special Events Committee's Recommendations for FY 2027 Tourism and Community Events.
- *Communications / Finance*
- 8.III. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the FY 2027 Sponsorship Packet for Events in the City of La Marque. - *Communications / Finance*
- 8.IV. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Community Events Scheduled Through January 2027. - *Communications / Finance*
- 8.V. ORDINANCE NO. O-2026-0020 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS, ADOPTING ARTICLE IIA "ACCESS TO CITY FACILITIES" OF CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS, ENACTING NEW RULES FOR ACCESS TO CITY HALL AND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER TO PROVIDE FOR SECURITY AND EFFICIENCY IN MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS; INCLUDING PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE - COUNCIL - THIS IS THE FIRST READING

9. NEW BUSINESS

Items presented to the Council for discussion and possible action:

- 9.I. ORDINANCE NO. O-2026-0021
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL GOVERNMENTAL AND PROPRIETARY FUNDS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CITY OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR AS REFLECTED IN SUCH BUDGET; AUTHORIZING VARIOUS OTHER TRANSFERS APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL FY 2027 CAPITAL BUDGET; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FY 2027-2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN; AND MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - COUNCIL - THIS IS THE FIRST READING

- 9.II. **ORDINANCE NO. O-2026-0022**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS, LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. - COUNCIL - THIS IS THE FIRST READING
- 9.III. **Taxpayer Impact Statement Required per H.B. 1522 effective September 1, 2025**

Step	Amount
Proposed 2026 tax rate	\$0.450000
Less the 2026 no-new-revenue tax rate	\$0.398957
Difference	\$0.051043
\$0.051043 divided by \$0.398957	0.127941, or 12.79 percent

CITY OF LA MARQUE ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 4.21 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$12.34.

- 9.IV. **Consider, Discuss and Approve authorization to issue requests for proposal for administrative services (RFP) and requests for qualifications for engineering services (RFQ) for grant community application and implementation services for Texas Community Development Grant Program for FY2027 and/or FY2028 Community Development Fund as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. - Administration**
- 9.V. **Consider, Discuss and Approve Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Land Use & Transportation Study of \$2,300,000 with a \$23,000 Match. - Administration**
- 9.VI. **Consider, Discuss and Approve the (General Land Office) GLO Coastal Management Plan Update including any actions required by the City of La Marque for project completion. - Administration**
- 9.VII. **FM 1765 Gateway & Beautification Initiative - "Better 1765. Better La Marque."**
Discussion and possible action regarding directing the City Manager and appropriate departments to develop a comprehensive FM 1765 Gateway and Beautification Plan addressing landscaping, litter control, commercial property appearance, vacant properties, signage, lighting, code compliance, public art, façade improvements and partnerships with TxDOT, the La Marque Economic

Development Corporation, Keep La Marque Beautiful, businesses, property owners and community organizations. Discussion is for the staff to explore potential funding mechanisms, grants, and public-private partnerships that could support corridor improvements without placing the entire financial responsibility on taxpayers. This agenda item was requested by Councilmember Kimberley N. Yancy, Councilwoman, District A. FM 1765 Gateway & Beautification Initiative - Mayor Pro Tem Tonia Griffin seconded the request.

9.VIII. District A Infrastructure Accountability & Project Status Report

Discussion and possible action regarding directing the City Manager to provide Council with a comprehensive status report on current and planned infrastructure projects affecting District A, including streets, drainage, water and sewer infrastructure, sidewalks and lighting. Requested are project identification, current status, estimated cost, funding source, anticipated completion date, and outstanding obstacles or decisions requiring Council attention. This agenda item was requested by Councilmember Kimberley N. Yancy, Councilwoman, District A. Mayor Pro Tem Tonia Griffin seconded the request.

9.IX. District A Water Well Decommissioning & Funding Plan

Discussion and possible action regarding directing the City Manager and appropriate staff to evaluate the unused City-owned water well located in District A and provide Council with recommendations regarding its proper decommissioning. The report should include estimated costs, regulatory requirements, potential environmental or public-safety concerns and identification of available federal, state, county or other grant funding that could offset the City's costs. This agenda item was requested by Councilmember Kimberley N. Yancy, Councilwoman, District A. Mayor Pro Tem Tonia Griffin seconded the request.

9.X. Consider Appointment to Harris Galveston Subsidence District (HGSD) Board. This agenda item was requested by Mayor Keith Bell.

9.XI. Discuss, Consider, and Ratify a Resolution with Galveston County and the City of La Marque to participate in a combined task force funded by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) of the State of Texas. *Police*

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

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

10.I. August 2026 Municipal Court Monthly Stats

10.II. Utility Billing Update

10.III. Public Works Update

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council for the City of La Marque, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at

any time during this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072(Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.087 (Economic Development)

11.I. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matter)

To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee - appointment or reassignment of Worth Ferguson, Finance Director, to position of Finance Director / Assistant City Manager.

12. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

12.I. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matter)

To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee - appointment or reassignment of Worth Ferguson, Finance Director, to position of Finance Director / Assistant City Manager.

13. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requests by Mayor and Council Members of items to be placed on future City Council agendas and announcements on city events/community interests TEX. GOV'T CODE §551.415. (b), "items of community interest" include: (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; (2) information regarding holiday schedules; (3) an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutary recognition for purposes of this subdivision; (4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body (5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality or county; and (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality or county that has arisen after the posting of the agenda

14. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at or before 9:15 p.m.


Juanita Willman
Interim City Clerk