

**NOTICE OF LA MARQUE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the La Marque City Council will conduct a Special Meeting on Monday August 23, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m.in the Council Chambers at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas as well as via teleconference (ZOOM) in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19. This Notice, the meeting agenda, and the agenda packet can be found online at:

<https://ci.la-marque.tx.us/AgendaCenter>

The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided below and as permitted by the Mayor during the meeting. A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

THE PUBLIC TOLL-FREE DIAL-IN NUMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING IS:

1 (346) 248-7799

ONCE YOU ARE CONNECTED, YOU MUST ENTER THE FOLLOWING:

Meeting ID: 92493940502

Press *6 to mute or unmute your phone line. You may also connect to the meeting on your smartphone, tablet or computer by going to the following internet address:

<https://zoom.us/j/92493940502>

Once you are on the website, you may need to enter the following:

Meeting ID: 924 9394 0502

If you require accommodation to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk at 409-938-9259 or cityclerk@cityoflamarque.org at least 48 hours prior to the meeting start time.



1111 Bayou Road
La Marque, Texas
409-938-9202

Mayor - Keith Bell

Kimberley Yancy - District A

Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Compian - District B

Councilmember Michael Carlson - District C

Councilmember Casey McAuliffe - District D

CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
of
AUGUST 23, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a Special Meeting on August 23, 2021, beginning at 6:00 in the Council Chambers at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas as well as via teleconference hosted through (ZOOM) for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

- (1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- (2) ROLL CALL
- (3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- (4) 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 on a specific agenda item (limited to three (3) minutes) should give the Mayor your 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.**
- (5) NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Conduct SECOND Public Hearing to hear public input regarding the FY 2021-2022 Proposed Tax Rate of .550764 - Finance Director S. Kou

(6) EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council for the City of La Marque, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized 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 551.086 (Economic Development)

1. Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

- a. Discuss Pending Litigation related to *La Marque Economic Development Corporation vs Texas City Terminal Railway Company*; Cause Number 20-CV-0633 in the 122nd District Court of Galveston County Texas.
- b. Discuss employee discipline policies and potential litigation.
- c. Consultation with Attorney regarding a matter which the Attorney's duty requires to be discussed in closed session.

(7) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requests by Mayor and Council Members for 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" includes:

- (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.*

(8) ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on or before August 20, 2021, before 5:30 p.m.

Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.550764 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of La Marque.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.550764 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.470871 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.477076 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.636064 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of La Marque from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year. The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of La Marque may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for City of La Marque exceeds the voter-approval rate for City of La Marque. The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for City of La Marque, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for City of La Marque.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of La Marque is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

Public hearings on the proposed tax rate will be held on August 16, 2021 and August 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If City of La Marque adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the City of La Marque may petition the City of La Marque to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the City of La Marque will be the voter-approval tax rate of the City of La Marque.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

FOR the proposal:	Mayor Keith Bell Kimberley Yancy Casey McAuliffe	Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Compian Michael Carlson
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The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state. The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of La Marque last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of La Marque this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.550764	\$0.550764	increase of \$0.000000, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$139,283	\$154,347	increase of \$15,064, or 10.82%
Tax on average homestead	\$767.12	\$850.09	increase of \$82.97, or 10.82%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$5,316,039	\$6,416,913	increase of \$1,100,874, or 20.71%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of La Marque at (409) 766-2260 or galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us, or visit www.galcotax.com/property-tax/truth-in-taxation for more information.