



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MINUTES
of
June 16, 2025**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Keith Bell

Kimberley Yancy

Joseph Lowry

James Ross

Mayor

District A

District C

District D

ABSENT:

Joe Compian

Mayor Pro Tem/ District B

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Yancy gave the invocation and Councilmember Lowry led the pledge.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Hayley Winkelmann (Bowie) congratulated Ms. Tonia Griffin on election. She is still collecting signatures for the Recall of Council District C and shared where residents could sign the petition if they would like to.

5. PRESENTATIONS

***This item was taken after New Business.*

5.1. Oath of Office - Tonia Griffin, Council District D

Councilmember Tonia Griffin was sworn into office by her granddaughter and was seated with the council.

Mayor Bell welcomed Councilmember Griffin to the council, citing that he believed in her service so much that he asked her to lead his campaign. He chose her because she is the symbol of kindness, and a powerhouse of a volunteer. She has earned and worked her way to the dias, and he respects her for that. He knows that she will do an amazing job.

Councilmember Yancy said that she has seen Councilmember Griffin work tirelessly for the Parks Board. She has seen her show kindness even when it was difficult. She looks forward to working together advocating for the citizens. She is excited that she ran, because it takes a lot of courage, and also that she won.

Councilmember Lowry congratulated Councilmember Griffin and stated that they

have worked well together in the past, and focus on the things that are positive that they agree on instead of the things that they do not.

Councilmember Griffin thanked District D for believing her and electing her into the position. She does not take anything that she volunteers for lightly. The four (4) things her residents are concerned about are streets, drainage, tree maintenance, and easements. She will continue to build on the foundation that Councilmember Ross laid. She believes that the goal is to jump in, take the baton, and roll with it. She asked District D to "roll up their sleeves" with her. District D is the priority, followed by whatever business comes in the city. She is an advocate for community service with a focus on the youth and the elderly. She thanked her family and supporters for coming out.

6. NEW BUSINESS

***New Business was taken before the presentations.*

6.1. Resolution No. R-2025-0031

Councilmember Ross made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2025-0031.

Councilmember Lowry seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Bell shared that he believes Councilmember Ross served District D with distinction, bringing waterline and sewer repair, increased code enforcement, and a revision of the way the city operates utility billing. He really enjoyed serving with Councilmember Ross, and looks forward to the day that Councilmember Ross returns to serve the great people of this city. Mayor Bell stated he is proud of Councilmember Ross.

Councilmember Yancy stated that Districts A and D are very similar, and Councilmember Ross brought a louder voice to the district than has ever been seen before. She thanked him for the positivity that he brought to the council. She admired his passion for reading and research, and what that brought to the council.

Councilmember Lowry thanked Councilmember Ross for his service not only as a veteran, but for what he has done for his district.

Councilmember Ross stated that he kept a lot to himself recently, including some medical complications. He did not believe he could serve District D at 100%. It has been a pleasure, he has learned a lot, and looks forward to the work he will do on the Ordinance Review Board. He looks at the community as family, although it may be dysfunctional at times. He just needs to get himself together first, and start some businesses.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

8. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No actions were taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

City Manager Pritchett reminded everyone of the Juneteenth Gala on Wednesday, June 18th, 2025 at McKinney Memorial Methodist Church. He also announced a city closure on Thursday, June 19th, 2025 in recognition of Juneteenth.

Councilmember Yancy made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Griffin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.*