



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MINUTES
of
July 28, 2025**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Keith Bell

Mayor

Joe Compian

Mayor Pro Tem/ District B

Kimberley Yancy

District A

Joseph Lowry

District C

Tonia Griffin

District D

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bell stated that "we invite God's blessing in all of these endeavors."

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mark Munios (Corbett St.) questioned what could be expected regarding the repairs on Corbett St. He shared his concerns regarding the contractor who did the recent repair work. He gave kudos to the Public Works crew who came out to clean up behind the contractor.

Richard Overton (Corbett) also spoke about the disarray of the street at Corbett. He saw that the contractor did a tremendous job of installing the pipe. However, they did not put the area back as it was prior. He spoke about the street work done in the City of Hitchcock, stating that their new streets are too narrow. He requested that La Marque not do the same. He stated that the city did come out to patch holes in the street earlier in the day. He thanked the city workers for their assistance in this matter. He asked that his street be deemed a priority.

Marilyn Jewel (Duroux) lives between Main Street and Highland Bayou, and was told that her street received a 2 rating. She believes her section of the street should be separated and deemed a priority. She believes that her street should be re-rated, and replace Azaela Court, which is in place to be repaired this year.

Scott Foreman (Duroux) has lived on Duroux for approximately 3 years. He commended the Public Works Department for the work done to repair a pipe burst near his home. He compared driving down the street to a video game that requires you to dodge objects. He requested that at least one person come to the street and drive down the street and return. He acknowledged that a city employee also lives on the street.

Rodney Gary (Duroux) has lived on Duroux since 2020 and while his street is "bad", he is

more concerned with water drainage. He noticed that work was being done on the sewer mains along Main and Duroux, but questioned if any work would be done on his side of the street.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Street Maintenance Program

Public Works Director Shannon Breaux opened by clarifying that streets were assessed as a whole, but are only used as a guide. The department also takes into consideration the Request Tracker system. He stated that the streets that were included in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding were McKinney Dr, Virginia St, Kenneth St, Brown St, Union St, and Jefferson St. which are all in District A. The streets included in the Galveston County Bond Package are Moss St, Rosewood St, Meadow Lane, Norman St, Akers St, Azaelia Ct, Nanlee St, Corbett St, Bellview St, and Flemming St.

Mayor Bell requested that the City Clerk provide information to the Council regarding the Corbett St Project as Public Works Director Breaux stated that there was not a clause in the agreement to require repair and cleanup at the end of the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian asked that the street assessment be emailed as well and stated that he does not recall the council being able to submit streets for consideration of the county bond.

Councilmember Yancy stated that the council was included, as she remembers an in-depth discussion.

A brief discussion regarding the Public Works Departments policy regarding new equipment usage.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian believed that the council should have more input on street repair needs. He believes that at all times the city should have from each council district their top 2 areas of concern. He spoke about his concerns regarding areas of Duroux and Avery Street. He requested a ride along with the pothole repair crew, and to attend training for the new pothole repair machine with staff. Extended discussions regarding pothole repair and street repair on Duroux ensued.

Councilmember Lowry stated that the road issues on Duroux are longstanding. Councilmember Griffin stated that she has had the honor of driving every road in District D, stating that 90% of her streets are worse than those in the other districts. She is a little upset because she sees that other districts are having their streets repaired, and the work should be distributed evenly.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian spoke to the Houston Galveston Area Council's billion-dollar road project, and only one project is for the City of La Marque. He shared that the city is limited by the city's staff size, but he would be inviting Public Works Director Breaux to meetings so that he can be introduced to the individuals involved.

Councilmember Yancy stated that the streets of La Marque were historically the city's pride and joy, as the city had the best streets in the county.

Public Works Director Breaux spoke about the city's need for additional equipment such as a new street sweeper, dump truck, slope mowers, and hot asphalt truck, and his desire to reinstate the city's equipment replacement

program. He followed with minimum staffing needs of at least 9 additional employees in the street repairs division. The city currently has 10 in the entire streets department.

Mayor Bell questioned the fiscal impact of nine additional employees. Public Works Director Breaux stated that this would effectively double the department's operating budget.

Discussions surrounding needs and the cost regarding additional employees in the streets department. Mayor Pro Tem Compian proposed collaborating with other small cities nearby, such as Hitchcock and Santa Fe, and sharing employees and the cost, as they would not be working on streets in the city every day.

Councilmember Yancy shared her support for the additional nine employees. Mr. Overton was told in February that the project would start this year. Public Works Director Breaux clarified that initially this project was to be completed in house however since it was taken on by the County, this is a new process.

Mr. Munios felt that his street should be a separate issue and no longer included with the other projects as their street issues are the direct result of infrastructure work done in the area.

Public Works Director Breaux stated that once the pothole patch trailer is active, hopefully within the next 90 days, Duroux would be at least partially addressed.

Mr. Foreman stated that he is awfully impressed by the "quality of people here." He just hopes that the patching does not delay the actual need to have the street replaced.

Councilmember Yancy asked what the average cost was for street repairs. It was clarified that the cost of street repairs is approximated at \$5000 per mile or an estimated \$1 million per street.

A lengthy discussion regarding the timeline of the two streets previously discussed, Corbett and Duroux, ensued. It was determined that this could not be determined at this time.

Mayor Bell thanked the community for their comments and Public Works Director Breaux for his kindness.

Councilmember Griffin scheduled a meeting with Public Works Director Breaux.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

7. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

***Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.*