



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MINUTES
of
July 7, 2025**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Keith Bell

Joe Compian

Kimberley Yancy

Joseph Lowry

Tonia Griffin

Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem/ District B

District A

District C

District D

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

- Robert Harvey***declined to disclose address* requested that the camera angles be adjusted. He spoke of his belief that laws had been broken against him. He spoke of allegations made against an employee stating that the "situation in La Marque just keeps unraveling and it's crazy." He pointed out that this is not just a La Marque problem as if others dug into their local governments they would find similar circumstances. He believes that most of the people who seek out these positions of power are not doing so to serve and attract people that want to be above the law.
- Hayley Winkelmann (Bowie St) stated that she is here because there is an issue of people lying on applications, job applications, grant applications, and council applications. In many instances, the cover up is worse than the crime – she said that after a "little bit of research", she discovered that the chief of police was separated from 2 locations, one terminated and the other resigned in the middle of an ethics investigation. She is calling for accountability across the board. She requested a background check for everyone that has not had one in the last 12 months.
- Robert Michetich (N Curlew) spoke regarding the inconsistencies in the City Manager's application and service record, stating that there were other candidates that were more qualified. He also spoke regarding the TIRZ account, unpaid grant invoices, lift station expenditures. He claims that it is unbelievable

what is going on, and he blames the current administration, citing changes to come in the next May election.

- Bill Blevens (Archery Dr) spoke to a new subdivision being built near his home. He spoke regarding overweight trucks, and road deconstruction. He spoke of drainage issues caused by this.
- Vanessa McAfee ***declined to disclose address* spoke regarding a fraudulent business grant application the city received from a councilmember. She was told the District Attorney would not take the case because of the Economic Development Corporation's refusal to cooperate. She also noted that multiple other individuals have been accused of lying on applications and she believes that everyone deserves the same treatment. She asked for those who "do not care about the social media" to consider if it was their reputation on the line.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mayor Bell recessed the Special Meeting and entered into Executive Session at 3:25 p.m.*

5.I. Section 551.074(a)(1) Personnel Matters

5.II. Section 551.074(a)(2) Personnel Matters

6. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mayor Bell closed the Executive Session and reconvened the Special Meeting at 4:18 p.m.*

6.I. Section 551.074(a)(1) Personnel Matters

Mayor Bell announced that a letter of resignation was submitted by Mr. Pritchett, to the Human Resources Manager and City Attorney.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to accept the resignation of Joshua B. Pritchett effective immediately. Councilmember Yancy seconded.

Councilmember Lowry asserted that the claims made in the resignation are completely false, and he will have a letter sent to Mr. Pritchett by his personal attorney.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.II. Section 551.074(a)(2) Personnel Matters

Councilmember Lowry withdrew the complaint due to the resignation letter as accepted in the previous item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Compian requested that at the next meeting an executive session be added to deliberate the office of the City Manager, and also authorize a deep investigation into the whole employment process for the organization so that this does not happen again, and council will review the Human Resource handbook and processes.

Councilmember Yancy requested an action item regarding the companies hired in the process.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian shared that the city is participating in a donation drive to assist the victims of the flash flood last week.

Councilmember Yancy made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lowry seconded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

***Meeting was adjourned at 4:31 P.M.*