



**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MINUTES  
of  
April 9, 2026**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

KEITH BELL

Mayor

JOE COMPIAN

Mayor Pro Tem/ District B

KIMBERLEY YANCY

District A

TONIA GRIFFIN

District D

**ABSENT:**

JOSEPH LOWRY

District C

**SPECIAL GUESTS:**

ERIC SATTLER

R S and H

CASSIDY WOODS

R S and H

DANNY PEREZ

Texas Department of Transportation

DAVID LAZARO

Texas Department of Transportation

JOEL CLARKE

Texas Department of Transportation

**3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All stated the Lord's Prayer in unison and David Lazaro led the pledge.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**4.1. Texas Department of Transportation Project Update**

Mr. Perez shared the Work Zone Awareness and Distracted Driving Awareness campaigns that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDoT) has engaged during the month of April. The goal is to reduce the number of fatalities on Texas roads.

Mr. Lozano stated that of the 6 total. Reconstruction projects only projects 1 and 2 are completed, encompassing NASA 1 to south of FM518 and south of FM518 to north of FM517. The estimated remaining construction is expected to be completed by 2030. He shared that the purpose of the construction is to reduce congestion and improve mobility, improve safety, and improve drainage capacity to better withstand weather events identifying that the Gulf Freeway

was the first highway built in the state of Texas.

The City of La Marque's projects include Project 4, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2027. The construction of the FM 1765 Texas Ave intersection is expected to be completed by June 2026. Mr. Lazaro stated that, weather permitting, a Delany closure will only be for approximately two nights to complete the project, during this time a detour has been constructed of temporary materials to anticipate for emergency service needs during this closure. He spoke regarding Project 3, which encompasses the FM1764/ FM 2004 intersection. This project has not been given a start date. However, this is a major artery for the city, so that project will be done in phases. Mr. Lazaro gave brief acknowledgment to motorist concerns, such as shoulders throughout the corridor, cleanliness of worksites, lack of entry and exit ramps during the construction, speeding, hurricane season anticipations, and provided resources for finding local road closures.

Communications Specialist Chilcoat shared the community concern regarding why TxDOT could not complete an intersection before starting the next project section. Mr. Lozano stated that this is due to project timing, as the project is set into segments, the team does their best to create consistency vs opening and closing exit ramps as a matter of convenience. Also, there are some safety concerns regarding the transition of old routes to the new ramps including height and depth restrictions.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian advocated for the businesses and employees that have been effected by the construction project. He also shared concerns regarding the cleanup of the project sites. He believes that the TxDOT team is "not doing a good job" and they should present to the public more than once every 5 years.

Councilmember Griffin shared her residents concerns regarding construction debris on the newly constructed sidewalks, including nails, broken and dilapidated sidewalks, and removal of temporary signage on completed project areas.

Councilmember Yancy believed that TxDOT is not taking the city seriously, sharing two points of excessive flooding and debris.

Mayor Bell shared that this is a billion dollar project with a lot of moving parts. He understands the challenges, and encouraged the TxDOT team, because although the community is upset about the things that are happy right now, this will be great upon completion. He trusts that this project will be completed in a way that keeps the residents safe. He looks forward to an opportunity for TxDOT to facilitate more check-ins with the community, as that is an area for growth. He also believes that there is an opportunity for additional cleanliness on the worksites.

Communications Specialist Chilcoat shared concerns from Councilmember Lowry that were submitted in writing regarding the safety of the Main Street sidewalk project, and signage at both Mac McGaffey Highland Bayou Park and Mahan Park. The TxDOT team stated that they would provide contact information for the division that could assist with the signage concern.

Councilmember Yancy requested a meeting between the TxDOT liaisons and some of the businesses that are being effected by the projects.

Discussions regarding modifications that were made for the City of La Marque ensued.

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Re'Chard Loftis (declined to give address) requested clarification regarding the 4-way stop signs that have been erected at the Delany intersection questioning if they had been approved by the TxDOT sharing his apprehensions. He also requested that the signs be transitioned to flashing lights so they can be seen at night.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.I. Texas Department of Transportation Projects  
No action taken.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

8. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken.

9. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Griffin declined to speak.

Councilmember Yancy wished everyone a fun time at Bayou Fest.

Mayor Bell announced the clean-up events scheduled on April 11, 2026, and the BTR Cajun Throwdown at Bayou Fest event on April 10-11, 2026. He requested that Interim City Manager Holly get additional information regarding the concerns of Mr. Loftis. He thanked all the representatives that participated today.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian declined to speak.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

*\*\*Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.*