



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MINUTES
of
July 16, 2026**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Keith Bell	Mayor
Tonia Griffin	Mayor Pro Tem/District D
Sade Williams	District A

Absent:

Kimberly Yancy	District A
Joseph Lowry	District C

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All assembled stated the Lord's Prayer in unison and Mayor Bell led the pledge.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

James Osteen spoke about citizens being told by someone at the City they cannot speak to a council member and why that needs to be corrected.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mayor Bell recessed the regular meeting and entered into executive session at 9:14 a.m.*

- 5.1. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matter)
Discussion and possible action regarding new City Manager selection.

6. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mayor Bell closed the executive session and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:39 a.m.*

- 6.1. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matter)
Mayor Pro Tem Griffin made a motion to move forward with the applications for City Manager semi-finalists of numbers 5, 6, and 7. Councilmember Williams seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Bell announced that next week, on July 20th or July 21st, depending on

council deliberation, they will name two finalists out of the three semi-finalists. He also stated that after being interviewed, the two finalists will be announced on July 27, 2026, and they will be made available to the public from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and council will consider naming a permanent City Manager at the July 27th meeting.

7. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Williams and Mayor Bell congratulated the Semi-Finalists.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Griffin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**

******Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.***





Keith Bell, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting held on July 16, 2026.

ATTEST:



Kandice Garrett, Interim City Clerk