



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, October 07, 2024 at 5:30 PM

City Council Chambers | 202 N. Virginia Street, Port Lavaca TX 77979

MINUTES

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COUNTY OF CALHOUN §
CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 7th day of October 2024, the City Council of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, convened in a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the regular meeting place in Council Chambers at City Hall, 202 North Virginia Street, Port Lavaca, Texas, with the following members in attendance:

I. ROLL CALL

Jack Whitlow	Mayor
Daniel Aguirre	Councilman, District 1
Tim Dent	Councilman, District 2
Allen Tippit	Councilman, District 3
Rosie G. Padron	Councilwoman, District 4, Mayor Pro Tem
Jim Ward	Councilman, District 5
Justin Burke	Councilman, District 6

And with the following absent: None

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II. CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Whitlow called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and presided.

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

(Limited to 3 minutes per individual unless permission to speak longer is received in advance. You may make public comments as you would at a meeting by logging on with your computer and using "Join Zoom Meeting" information on first page of this agenda).

- Mayor Whitlow asked for comments from the public and the following citizen spoke:
 - Oscar Pena expressed concern over water rates going up and being passed on to citizens.

IV. ACTION ITEMS - *Council will consider/discuss the following items and take any action deemed necessary.*

1. Consider proposed submittal of proposal to Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust in response to Request for Proposals #2024-2025-1, due by 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2024. Presenter is Jody Weaver

Interim City Manager Weaver presented Council with a proposed submittal of proposal to Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust in response to Request for Proposals #2024-2025-1, due by 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2024, for consideration.

The three (3) projects for Proposals #2024-2025-1 are as follows:

- 1) Educational Outreach Boat Tours about Waterways and Birds in Calhoun County, as part of the 1st Annual City of Port Lavaca Mid-Coast Texas Birding Festival.
- 2) Purchase of “Kitchen Property” for Conservation and New Public Access to Lavaca Bay.
- 3) The R/V Archimedes Research Vessel Floating Classroom tours of Chester Island during the 1st Annual City of Port Lavaca Mid-Coast Birding Festival.

Dr. Tim McFarland narrated a PowerPoint presentation about the Texas Mid-Coast Birding Festival scheduled for May 01 thru May 04, 2025.

Staff recommends approval of proposed submittal of proposal to Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust in response to Request for Proposals #2024-2025-1.

Motion made by Councilman District 2 Dent

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves submittal of proposal to Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust in response to Request for Proposals #2024-2025-1 with three (3) programs / projects, as presented above.

Seconded by Councilman District 6 Justin

Voting Yea:

Councilman District 1 Aguirre, Councilman District 2 Dent, Councilman District 3 Tippit, Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron, Councilman District 5 Ward, Councilman District 6 Burke

2. Announcement by Mayor that City Council will retire into closed session:

- **For consultation with City Attorney on matters in which the duty of the Attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act (Title 5, Chapter 551,-Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code). Presenter is Mayor Whitlow**

- **To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of Real Property (Deliberation in an Open Meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the Governmental Body in negotiations with a third party), in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code). Presenter is Mayor Whitlow**

Mayor Whitlow announced that Council would retire into closed session at 6:19 p.m.

1. **Return to Open Session and take any action deemed necessary with regard to matters in closed session. Presenter is Mayor Whitlow**

Mayor Whitlow announced that Council was back in open session at 7:48 p.m.

No action necessary and none taken.

V. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Whitlow asked for motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Councilman District 5 Ward

Seconded by Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron

Voting Yea:

Councilman District 1 Aguirre, Councilman District 2 Dent, Councilman District 3 Tippit, Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron, Councilman District 5 Ward, Councilman District 6 Burke

Special Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Jack Whitlow, Mayor

Mandy Grant, City Secretary