
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 8, 2024

DATE: 4.02.2024

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE BUDGETARY & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Background: As a pre-cursor to the annual budget process, the Budgetary & Financial Management Policies of the City were reviewed by the Finance Committee on February 6, with no changes being recommended by the committee. At the Council Workshop on March 25, one clarification of the Beach and Port Revenue Operating Fund was suggested as follows:

Beach and Port Revenue Ports and Harbors Operating Fund

It will be the general policy of the City that the fees collected will be spent on maintenance and capital improvements of the facilities, grounds, and other structures of the respective funds. The general fund tax dollars will not be used for this these purposes, except as a loan from the General Fund to the Beach or Port & Harbors Fund, approved by Council.

Port Commission Recommendation:

Today, at a Special Port Commission Meeting, the Port Commission made the following recommendation with a 5 to 1 vote:

The Port Commission recommends to the City Council to transfer all Property Taxes that are collected from Port Commission leased properties to the Ports and Harbors Fund to be allocated to the Port Commission for expenditure.

An alternate edit to the Budgetary & Financial Management Policies to reflect this recommendation, should Council decide to approve, is as follows:

Beach Operating Fund

It will be the general policy of the City that the fees collected will be spent on maintenance and capital improvements of the Beach Fund facilities, grounds, and other structures. The general fund tax dollars will not be used for this these purposes, except as a loan from the General Fund to the Beach Fund, approved by Council..

Ports and Harbors Fund

It will be the general policy of the City that the fees collected will be spent on maintenance and capital improvements of the Ports and Harbors Fund facilities, grounds and other structures. Annually, an amount equal to the sum of all property taxes collected from Port Commission leased properties shall be transferred from the General Fund to the Ports and Harbors Fund for which sum will be spent on maintenance and capital improvements of the Port facilities, grounds and other structures. No other general fund tax dollars will be used for this purpose, except as a loan from the General Fund to the Ports and Harbors Fund, approved by Council.