## CITY OF PORT LAVACA

#### COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 14, 2025

AGENDA ITEM

**DATE:** 7.10.2025

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**FROM:** JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

# SUBJECT:MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between Texas State University and City of Port<br/>Lavaca regarding the Texas GLO Clean Coast Texas Collaborative Program

#### **BACKGROUND:**

As you recall in July 2023, the City executed a two-year Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas State University, home of the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, which handled the Project Management for the GLO Clean Coast Texas Collaborative Program. There have been some changes to the collaborative program and the program is now managed by the Harte Research Institute of the Gulf of Mexico Studies (HRI) housed at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi campus. Therefore our continued participation in the GLO Clean Coast Texas Program, a new MOU must be executed with the Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi.

The Clean Coast Texas program is a collaborative effort to assist local governments with strategies to improve water quality and stormwater management. We were initially introduced to the program by Calhoun County Coastal & Marine Resources Extension Agent, R.J. Shelly.

Over the past two years, we have benefited by participation in the program with several technical workshop sessions focused on flooding, green infrastructure and water pollution management. Our Clean Coast Texas team provided technical expertise for our successful application for the Communities Resiliency grant we recently received for an updated Comprehensive Plan. They have also worked with Wayne and I to develop a draft ordinance to adopt stormwater management policies. This draft ordinance was introduced to Council in a workshop last year and after some more editing, we plan to bring it back for further consideration this fall.

As before, there is no commitment of City dollars required to execute this MOU. More information about the Clean Coast Texas Program is available at <u>https://www.glo.texas.gov/coastal/clean-coast-texas</u>

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Council approve this Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas A&M University – CC and authorize the mayor to sign it.

### ATTACHMENTS:

• MOU