



CITY COUNCIL JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, August 24, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall, 202 North Virginia Street, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979

MINUTES

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CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 24th day of August 2026, the City Council of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, convened in a Workshop session 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 AND CALL TO ORDER	at 5:30 p.m.
Luis De La Garza	Mayor
Daniel Aguirre	Councilman, District 1
Tim Dent	Councilman, District 2
Rosie G. Padron	Councilwoman, District 4, Mayor Pro Tem
Rose Bland-Stewart	Councilwoman, District 5
Justin Burke	Councilman, District 6

And with the following absent:

Mary E. "Sissy" Rigby	Councilwoman, District 3
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Constituting a quorum for the transaction of business, at which time the following business was transacted:

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

- Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman District 2 Dent
- Invocation: Mayor De La Garza

III. MEETING SAFETY BRIEFING:

- **911** Councilman District 1 Aguirre
- **AED** Police Chief Tobie Bias
- **EVAC** Everyone instructed to meet at the stop sign at Mahan St. and Virginia St.
- **CPR** Police Chief Tobie Bias

- **SAFETY** Mayor De La Garza noted the hot weather. Councilman Aguirre, District 1, reported numerous bees, and City Attorney Ann Marie Odefey noted the presence of wasps.

IV. REVIEW OF VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

- **OUR VISION:**

The Mayor and the City Council envision a friendly town on Lavaca Bay where economic and recreational opportunities abound, providing for a wonderful quality of life for both citizens and tourists, rich in history and looking toward a vibrant future.

- **OUR MISSION:**

Our mission is to make Port Lavaca a desirable place to live through high-quality services, responsible use of public resources, and a progressive approach to community development. With enthusiasm, integrity, and vision, we will maintain a safe environment and continually improve the quality of life for all citizens.

V. PRESENTATION(S)

- Received presentation from Police Chief Bias regarding the Port Lavaca Police Department Staffing Assessment Report prepared by the Texas Police Chiefs Association.

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IX. **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 on Zoom by logging on with your computer and/or smart phone as described in the zoom invitation below or on Facebook Live through the comment section, which will be monitored and answered. As appropriate.*

- Mayor De La Garza asked for comments from the public and there were none.

X. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION** – (Council will discuss the following items)

1. **Discuss updates to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Presenter is Derrick Smith.**

Council discussed this agenda item.

No action necessary and none taken.

2. **Discuss proposed Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map. Presenter is Derrick Smith**

Council discussed this agenda item.

No action necessary and none taken.

3. **Discuss Compensation Plan for 2026-2027 fiscal year. Presenter is Jody Weaver**

Council discussed this agenda item.

No action necessary and none taken.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER

XIII. ADJOURN WORKSHOP

Mayor De La Garza asked for motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Councilman District 2 Dent

Seconded by Councilman District 6 Burke

Voting Yea:

Councilman District 1 Aguirre, Councilman District 2 Dent, Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron, Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart, Councilman District 6 Burke

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

These minutes were approved on September 14, 2026.

ATTEST:

Luis De La Garza, Mayor

Lorena Perez-Diaz, City Secretary