
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

MEETING: SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM** ____

DATE: 09.10.2026

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JODY WEAVER, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MASTER PARKS PLAN

Background:

This text below is copied from the 2016 PLAN PORT LAVACA Comprehensive Plan. Adoption of a Master Parks Plan was included as an Action item for year 3 to 9 (from 2016).

It is the community's desire to increase livability through quality of life by promoting improvements to the existing parks and trail system. To effectively accommodate the recommended future acquisition of park lands and facilitate improvements on existing parks the city must develop a **Parks Master Plan** to guide the future of park development. Building upon the priorities designated by the city, the Parks Master Plan will provide a long-term vision and guidance to make informed policy decisions. The plan identifies community desires for recreational uses and associated park growth areas as well as emphasizing trail recommendations. This document should be used as a **planning tool** by citizens, elected officials, boards, the City Council, and developers to understand community desires and make certain long-term community success.

In February 2025, Council contracted with LJA Planning & Landscape Architecture out of Houston to prepare a Parks Master Plan for a professional fee of \$75,000.

May 20, 2025: 6 pm – 8 pm there was a come and go **PUBLIC WORKSHOP** to receive initial comments and ideas from the public. This was advertised in both English and Spanish. Approximately 50 community members attended and contributed to meaningful, collaborative discussions at the various interactive stations.

July 9, 2025 – Workshop event recap received

August 1, 2025 – 50% Report submitted for city review

September 24, 2025 – The 50% report was submitted to the Parks Board for their review and comments.

Oct 7, 2025 – Solicited more community input at the Community Expo 5 pm – 8 pm at the Bauer

2025 Calhoun County Fair - Solicited more community input at a booth at the Fair

December 11 + 16, 2025 – 75% Report submitted for city review

Jan 16, 2026 – 100% draft Report submitted for review

January 28, 2026 – The 100% Draft report was submitted to the Parks Board for their review and comments.

February 2, 2026 – Chapter 5 Implementation portion of the report was submitted for review

February 25, 2026 – Parks Board discussed the Draft rep[ort and shared thoughts and insights on the draft.

April 24, 2026 – Mid-revision Draft received for review

July 23, 2026 – Updated Final draft received for review

July 27, 2026 - JOINT PUBLIC WORKSHOP with Parks Board and City Council

August 26, 2026 – Parks Board reviews Final Draft and recommends that City Council adopt the plan as presented.

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The FINAL DRAFT of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan for ADOPTION is found at this link:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:1cd545b2-1203-4611-ad44-cb9bf6dd8700>

It is understood that this Parks Master Plan is intended to serve as a long-range planning and policy guide and that implementation of individual projects and recommendations will be subject to future City Council consideration, available funding, budgetary appropriations, grant opportunities, partnerships, and other applicable requirements.

Adoption of the Master Plan does not constitute approval or authorization of any specific project, expenditure, contract, or funding commitment identified or contemplated within the Plan. Such matters shall remain subject to future consideration and approval by the City Council, as applicable.

The Master Plan shall be periodically reviewed and updated as community needs, priorities, funding opportunities, and conditions change.

With the adoption of this plan, the City will be eligible to apply for larger grant opportunities with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff joins the Parks Board and recommends the adoption of this Parks Master Plan by approval of the attached Resolution.