
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM _____

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: BRITTNEY HOGAN, FINANCE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CONSIDER USE OF COURT SECURITY FUNDS FOR COURT SECURITY DOOR

Background

On October 24, 2024, the City Manager presented the findings of a Facilities Security Assessment prepared by Randy Harris of U.S. Court Security Concepts, LLC. The consensus of those in attendance was that a bullet resistant glass door should be installed to replace the solid wood door to provide enhanced security of the municipal court.

The Municipal Court/Council Chambers is regularly accessed by defendants, witnesses, court personnel, City employees, elected officials, and members of the public. The installation of the security door provides additional physical security measure and enhances the safety and security of Municipal Court operations.

This addition to the planned scope for the Phase IV City Hall Security upgrades was discussed with Council in a workshop and the consensus was to add it to the project. There was discussion at that time about utilizing Court Security Funds instead of General Fund dollars for this expense.

The door was included in the scope of the Phase IV City Hall Security Project. Lauger Company, the general contractor on the project, provided a breakdown showing a cost of \$20,000 materials and labor for this bullet resistant security door. (*copy of email attached*)

Financial Implications

The City maintains a Municipal Court Security Fund for expenditures associated with providing security for the Municipal Court. There is currently a balance of \$49,975.26 in this fund.

At this time, this fund is used to pay the certification pay for the bailiffs, which amounts to less than \$1,200/year.

Staff is requesting authorization to utilize available Court Security Fund monies to cover the \$20,000 cost of the Municipal Court security door and installation. Use of these restricted funds for the security improvement will also reduce the amount of General Fund resources needed for the project.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the use of Municipal Court Security Fund monies in an amount of \$20,000 to fund the cost of the security door purchased and installed at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers.

Jody Weaver

From: Derrick Smith
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2026 11:51 AM
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Subject: Fw: Ballistic Cost

Below is the breakdown for the Phase 4 Ballistic security.

Thank you,

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Derrick,

Please see a rough breakdown below as requested.

Council Door - \$20,000.00

2 Transaction Windows - \$22,000.00

Ballistic Wall Panels - \$8,800.00

Total: \$50,800.00. This would include material, labor, and hardware for these openings.



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