

RESOLUTION NO. R-050823-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) COASTAL EROSION PLANNING & RESPONSE ACT (CEPRA) CYCLE 13 AND COMMITMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS AS REQUIRED FOR MATCH FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: HARBOR OF REFUGE PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AND LIGHTHOUSE BEACH RESTORATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Port Lavaca is a coastal community sitting on the shores of Lavaca Bay, a northwestern extension of the Matagorda Bay ecosystem and is committed to the long-term protection and enhancement of our coastal and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Texas General Land Office (GLO) administers the Coastal Erosion Planning Response Act (CEPRA) Program in Texas to provide state legislature appropriated grant funds to worthy coastal jurisdictions through the review of submitted project goal summary applications and subsequent award of project grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Harbor of Refuge Protection and Restoration Project is included in the GLO 2023 Coastal Resiliency Masterplan as one of 121 projects prioritized as Tier 1 by the Texas General Land Office through close input from a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to mitigate issues that negatively impact the Texas coast; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the critical importance of Port Lavaca's coastal natural resources to all residents and visitors to the Texas coast, the potential availability to leverage local dollars with State and Federal funds, the societal benefits to current and future generations of Texans, the City of Port Lavaca City Council considers it fitting and proper to commit local dollars as required match funds toward for the implementation of these critical shoreline protection projects and provide public access to the same; and

WHEREAS, The Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust, whose mission is to support and fund environmental mitigation projects, studies, and initiatives in the Matagorda and San Antonio Bay ecosystems, has generously awarded the City of Port Lavaca a \$200,000.00 grant to go towards the required match dollars of a potential CEPRA grant award.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS;

THAT, the City Council hereby approves and supports the submission of two (2) CEPRA Cycle 13 grant applications to solicit funding for the following essential projects and hereby also commits to establish and maintain public access to said shorelines:

- 1) Harbor of Refuge Protection and Restoration, Phase 1 including preliminary engineering, permitting, and final design with a commitment of \$275,200.00 of local match dollars, \$200,000.00 of which is the generous grant from the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust Fund.
- 2) Lighthouse Beach Restoration Project feasibility study, with a commitment of \$50,000.00 of local match dollars.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any and all applications and contract forms as necessary, dedicate/secure the required cash match, and coordinate staff's efforts to submit the approved Project Goal Summary grant applications to the General Land Office.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of May, 2023.

Jack Whitlow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mandy Grant, City Secretary