
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

MEETING: April 21, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM** ____

DATE: 4.09.2026

TO: PORT COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS CC: JIM RUDELLAT, HARBOR MASTER

FROM: JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

1. **Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Coastal Resilience Living Shoreline Project:** The contractor, Maverick Constructors, has received delivery of the reef units for the oyster reef breakwater and is expected to submit a materials on-hand invoice for these stored units. They are scheduled to mobilize in Mid-May. Below are 3 photographs of our Natrx units in the manufacturer's storage yard.



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2. **ReStore (cleanup of old barge(s) in Smith Harbor):**

Kateryna spoke with Texas Community Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on April 9 and was told that the Notice to Proceed (NTP) is in the final stage of approval, and we should receive it within the next week or so. As soon as we receive this NTP from TCEQ, we will, in turn issue an NTP to Taylor Marine. This project has certainly been an exercise in patience.

<https://cleargov.com/texas/calhoun/city/port-lavaca/projects/13837/restore-city-of-port-lavaca-shoreline-clean-up-tceq>

3. **Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Round 2- Replacement of culverts under rail at Corporation Ditch and Voluntary Restoration of Refuge Shoreline.**

Mott McDonald met with the USACE and Triton Environmental (their environmental sub-consultant) and reported the following:

- The culvert replacement will be covered under a Nationwide Permit, and we'll be able to work 200 feet up and downstream from the culvert as needed to remove debris, sediment, etc.
- It was determined that the ditch from 200 ft north of the culvert to 2000 ft north of the culvert is tidal wetlands and will require an individual permit, which would take 12-18 months. The proposed bridge crossing for Equalizer is within this section of Corporation Ditch. I've notified Equalizer of this determination.

KSBR LLC is expecting environmental clearance by mid-July for this Corporation Ditch project.

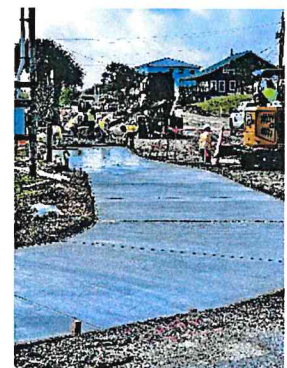
4. **General Land Office (GLO) Coastal Erosion Planning & Response Act (CEPRA) GRANT (Harbor of Refuge Shoreline Protection):** The public comment period for the USACE application SWG-2025-00420 for this project ended on April 4. We were notified by GLO that the proposed project will impact State-owned land, so a GLO Lease and new Coastal Boundary Survey will be required. Mott McDonald has submitted the application for the lease on our behalf (which can take 4-6 months), and they are working on the Coastal Boundary survey.

You can still find the Project information at the following USACE link:

<https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Media/Public-Notices/Article/4423128/swg-2025-00420-jody-weaver-city-of-port-lavaca-lavaca-bay-calhoun-county-texas/>

5. **Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust (MBMT) Grant Downtown Waterfront Public Access Improvement:**

Lester began working on this project at the end of March. They have graded the parking lot, dug the drainage "rain gardens pits" for the green infrastructure drainage, and are currently pouring the 10-foot-wide shared-use path. There will be a change order of approximately \$6,000 to add a stone retaining wall at the southwest corner of the parking lot. Below are some work-in-progress photos:



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6. **Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Truck Route signs:** At the end of March, TxDOT let me know that they were still negotiating a change order with their contractor to replace the initially installed small signs, which were unfortunately fabricated the wrong size (no fault of the contractor). They anticipated that the final pricing should wrap up by early April so the new signs can be ordered and fabricated. They anticipate that all of the sign assemblies will be fully installed by the end of May. Public Work still has not received the sign bases, but Wayne has put in another inquiry about the status and an estimated ship date.

7. **Parking area on SBA Steel property at the HOR Boat ramp:** No update.

8. **Harbor of Refuge Public Boat Ramp:** No update on this. We need to discuss setting aside some funds we can commit as a match in an application to the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust (MBMT) in October.

9. **Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Maritime Division:** Jim and I simply haven't had time to look in earnest into the grant application due June 15, but we will be doing that very soon. After some discussion with TxDOT a few weeks ago, we are planning to apply for two projects: 1) development of a Comprehensive Master Plan for the Harbor of Refuge (or possibly all of Ports & Harbors), and 2) the public dock improvements at the Harbor of Refuge, which we have previously discussed. We are hoping there will be some increased oyster activity at the docks soon, where we can get Bill Harvey to take some action shots for the profile.

10. **2028 General Land Office (GLO) Coastal Resiliency Master Plan:** I am a member of the Technical Advisory Committee for the 2028 GLO Coastal Resiliency Master Plan, which GLO and their consultant AECOM are working on. I just wanted to share that they will begin considering projects later this year for possible inclusion in the new CRMP. If there are any resiliency projects that you would like to discuss and consider pitching to the Committee, just let me know. Note that our Downtown shoreline protection project (recently awarded) was included in the 2019 plan, and the Harbor of Refuge Shoreline protection projects were included in the 2023 plan.

11. **2026-27 Budget:** On May 18, the City Council will meet in a workshop to provide their input on ideas for Capital Planning and other funding priorities for the 2026-27 Budget. The Port Commission meets on May 19. At that meeting, I will include an agenda item for the Port Commissioners to discuss the same with respect to the Ports & Harbors 2026-2027 budget, so bring your ideas with you to the May meeting. You can view the current 5-year Capital Improvements plan at https://portlavaca.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/CAPITAL-IMPROVEMENT-PROGRAM-26_30.pdf beginning on page 99. Currently, in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) we have \$300,000 earmarked for dredging Nautical Landings Marina in 2028, \$250,000 for sandblasting and recoating the steel bulkhead at City Harbor in 2028, and \$66,000 for improvements to Evelyn's Dock in 2028, the Coastal Erosion Planning & Response Act (CEPRA) grant project for Harbor of Refuge (HOR) shoreline protection in 2029, and \$1.5M for more bulkheading at HOR in 2023. We revisit the CIP each budget cycle to add, delete, or edit project scope, timing, and cost estimates. The 2025-26 Budget is found here: <https://portlavaca.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/BUDGET-25-26-BOOK-binding.pdf> Ports & Harbors begins on page 139.