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**CITY OF PORT LAVACA**

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**MEETING:** MAY 16, 2025 **AGENDA ITEM** \_\_\_\_

**DATE:** 5.20.2025

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

**FROM:** JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

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**1. TPWL Grant – Renovations to the Nautical Landings Marina Breakwater:**

A Pre-construction conference was held on Friday, May 2. Raymond Butler was in attendance representing the Port Commission. All of the materials are being purchased locally from Coastal Nail and Tool and should be delivered soon. Work is expected to start before the end of May.

**2. CDBG-MIT Coastal Resilience Living Shoreline Project**

We have received a short extension to the project in order to have time to try to get feedback from the USCOE on when we can reasonably expect approval of the permit application to construct (which we submitted 12 months ago) so we know to when we must get approval to extend the CDBG-MIT contract. After our meeting on April 11, GLO promised to send us a letter that we can share with USACE and our US representative and Senators explaining the risk of losing funding if the USACE doesn't come forth with the permit soon. GLO is still working on that letter, but we hope to receive it soon. GLO thought they could get approval to extend to March of 2027, but no more (our original request was to June 2027 assuming we have the permit in hand by the end of 2025). So as soon as we get the letter from GLO we will be reaching out to our contacts in Washington for assistance with the USACE. (It seems that the hold up is with USMFS, which is the same agency that held the Nautical Landings breakwater up for so long).

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

The issues with the title have been resolved with the Title Opinion that Guld Coast Title prepared for us, but there are still issues between USCOE and TCEQ regarding the COE permit to construct that we are all trying to resolve. In the meantime, I have purchased the EJCDC C-700 Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract and am working on a Supplemental Conditions and other documents needed for this bid package as well as the Living Shoreline Project.

**4. CDBG-MIT Round 2 Application for use of funds for Replacement of culverts under rail at Corporation Ditch and Voluntary Restoration of Refuge Shoreline.**

As you recall, the \$9.1M CDBG-MIT Round 2 funding was finally approved by GLO several weeks ago. The mayor has STILL not yet received the contract from GLO to sign. Yesterday our GLO Contract Manager requested another update on the status of the contract.

**5. GLO CEPRA GRANT (Harbor of Refuge Shoreline Protection):** Mott McDonald has submitted the 30% design drawings and are working on the preliminary construction cost estimate. You can download them at <https://cleargov.com/texas/calhoun/city/port-lavaca/projects/16597/cepra-harbor-of-refuge-1783>

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6. Regarding the Boards' thoughts about possibly funding a project to install rip-rap along the eastern shoreline of the peninsula at the Harbor of Refuge (Tract 11). I did meet with Josh Carter with Coast & Harbors Engineering and his team a couple weeks ago to brainstorm about this. At this time, they are looking at the topographical survey information they have already collected and will study the shoreline cross-section. I am looking through COE approvals in the area over the last few years that provides a USCOE accepted tide elevation, above which the COE has previously agreed is not jurisdictional.
7. **MBMT Grant Downtown Waterfront Public Access Improvement:**  
Urban Engineering is working on the bid plans. We will review the parking lot green infrastructure design with the Clean Coast Texas team before finalizing. I've asked Matt Glaze with Urban to include as an Additive Alternate, the construction of additional permitted bulkheading on the north side of Smith Harbor. If there are funds available to accomplish this, it could be done in conjunction with relocation Poor Boy Bait, which is needed before moving forward with other pavement and parking improvements on the Poor Boy peninsula.
8. **TxDOT Truck Route signs:** BY way of a brief summary ... we have been working with TxDOT for over 5 years to get signs put up designating the Truck Route through the City Limits so that PLPD can enforce the ordinance. The sign layout was finally approved by TxDOT in March of 2024, and we purchased the large signs we are responsible for and TxDOT included the small signs into a construction project they were bidding. This TxDOT project was let last November, and we were to be invited to the Pre-construction conference to coordinate the installation of the signs. The Pre-con kept getting pushed back and then a couple weeks ago, Councilman Aguirre saw that a TxDOT crew was installing the small Truck Route signs around town. Last week, I was able to get in touch with James Janak, the Victoria Area Engineer, and he confirmed that they decided to put most of the small signs up themselves, but there are still three locations that are waiting on the contractor to do. TxDOT hadn't let us know about this. Since TxDOT already had most of the signs up, I told Wayne to go ahead and get with Lester Contracting to move forward with installing the large signs. PLPD still won't be able to enforce the Truck route until 100% of the signs are up, but we'll be done with our portion of the work soon.
9. **Parking area on SBA Steel property at the HOR Boat ramp:** Earlier this week I did email Mr. Richard Keane of SBA Steel with the offer of a \$250/year lease amount. As of this writing I have not had a response.
10. **CALHOUN COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Both Jim Rudellat and I sit on this Council. At last week's meeting. Steven Raabe of the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust spoke to us about the future of the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust. All the original funds dedicated to miscellaneous projects awarded through the RFP process have been spent or committed over the past 5 years. However, Formosa is still paying into the fund when nurdles are found. It is projected that the Trust will have funding and continue to issue annual RFPs for the foreseeable future – realistically I'd say at least 2 and perhaps up to 5 years. The application period opens in September and applications are due in mid-October. I am "penciling in" making application for the following projects
  - The \$200,000 match for the TPWL trails grant (or \$500,00 if we are awarded the grant)
  - \$158,000 match for the Lighthouse Beach Phase 2 CEPRA project
  - \$200,00 match for the CMP-GOMESA project to construct a 10 ft wide boardwalk along Smith Harbor's seawall.
  - Possibly one bay outfall litter catcher project to see how it does before doing others.If Commissioners have other suggestions for applications, let me know.