
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

PORT COMMISSION MEETING: August 15, 2025

DATE: 08.12.2025

TO: PORT COMMISSION

CC: JIM RUDELLAT, HARBOR MASTER

FROM: JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: Review bids and Consider Recommendation to Award Construction Contract for the Downtown Waterfront Public Access Improvements Project 1

Bids were publicly opened and read on August 7 for the Downtown Waterfront Public Access Improvement Project 1. Please refer to the attached bid tabulation and Recommendation for award from Urban Engineering.

NOTE: This Phase 1 project is the bulkheading and dock work in and along Smith Harbor. The bid package for the parking lot and green infrastructure drainage should be ready soon.

As indicated in the Recommendation for Award letter, Shirley & Sons Construction is the low bidder. Shirley & Sons has an opening in their schedule and are able to start as soon as a Notice to Proceed can be issued. I have an opportunity to bring this to Council Monday morning (August 18) for an award, but I didn't want to bypass the Port Commission – thus the request to hold a special meeting.

Note the Alternate Bid No. 1 is to use ThruFlow Decking <https://thruflow.com/>

With the fact that this dock will be submerged in high tide and storm surge situations, the use of ThruFlow panels will better withstand the wave action in these situations than wood decking would. The panels are heat-resistant with a non-slip surface that comes with a life-time warranty. The ecological impact taking place underneath a dock is rarely considered, but sunlight is an integral part of any ecosystem and ThruFlow panels allow light to pass through and protect the aquatic life below.

Financial Impact:

Recall that we have a total of \$700,000 budgeted for this entire Project. \$400,000 from the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust, \$150,000 from the General Fund and \$150,000 for Ports and Harbors. This award, of \$277,800 will leave \$347,200 left of budgeted funds for Phase 2 (\$75,000 is allocated for engineering and permitting).

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Port Commission recommends to Council to award a construction contract to Shirely & Sons Construction Co., in the amount of \$277,800.00.



August 11, 2025

Ms. Jody Weaver, P.E.
City Manager/City Engineer/Community & Economic Development
City of Port Lavaca
202 N. Virginia Street
Port Lavaca, TX 77979

RE: City of Port Lavaca Downtown Waterfront Public Access Improvements
Project 1 - Bulkhead & Docks
Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust Grant
Port Lavaca, Texas

Dear Ms. Weaver:

On August 7, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., public bids were opened for the City of Port Lavaca Downtown Waterfront Public Access Improvements Project 1 - Bulkhead & Docks. The following bids were received:

Bidder	Total Base Bid	Total Base Bid + Alternate Bid No. 1	Calendar Days to Substantial Completion
Shirley & Sons Construction Co., Inc.	\$262,800.00	\$277,800.00	60
Derrick Construction Co., Inc.	\$341,176.00	\$374,624.00	90
SR Trident, Inc.	\$679,780.00	\$704,040.00	50

Shirley & Sons Construction Co., Inc. submitted the lowest Bid and stated a completion time of 60 calendar days. I recommend that the contract for the aforementioned project be awarded to Shirley & Sons Construction Co., Inc.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (361) 578-9836 or by email at mglaze@urbanvictoria.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt A. Glaze", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matt A. Glaze, P.E.
Senior Engineer

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BID TABULATION										
CITY OF PORT LAVACA										
DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 1 - BULKHEAD & DOCKS										
BID OPENING: AUGUST 7,2025										
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	SHIRLEY & SONS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.		DERRICK CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.		SR TRIDENT, INC.		
				UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	
BASE BID										
GENERAL										
1.	Mobilization, Insurance and Bonds (Maximum 10% of Base Bid)	1	LS	\$	25,000.00	\$	9,350.00	\$	43,330.00	\$
2.	Baricading & Traffic Control (Furnish, Install, Maintain & Remove Signs & Warning Devices) (Includes Flagmen, Traffic Handling, Traffic Control Plan & Temporary Striping)	1	LS	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	38,625.00	\$
		1	LS	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,200.00	\$	5,270.00	\$
TOTAL GENERAL				\$	30,000.00	\$	12,550.00	\$	87,225.00	\$
IMPROVEMENTS										
4.	Remove & Dispose of Existing Concrete, Piling, Etc., required for construction	1	LS	\$	10,000.00	\$	4,100.00	\$	9,300.00	\$
5.	Construct Vinyl Bulkhead	125	LF	\$	91,000.00	\$	1,112.00	\$	139,000.00	\$
6.	Construct Timber Deck (30' x 56')	1	LS	\$	73,000.00	\$	128,000.00	\$	142,250.00	\$
7.	Construct Timber Pier (30' x 5')	1	LS	\$	27,000.00	\$	32,848.00	\$	49,685.00	\$
8.	Construct Mooring Piling	6	EA	\$	9,000.00	\$	366.00	\$	1,270.00	\$
9.	Install Pier Cleat	12	EA	\$	2,400.00	\$	36.00	\$	850.00	\$
10.	Limestone Base (As Directed By the Engineer)	50	TON	\$	2,000.00	\$	119.00	\$	205.00	\$
11.	Concrete Sidewalk (8")	1,150	SF	\$	18,400.00	\$	14.00	\$	25.00	\$
TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS				\$	232,800.00	\$	328,626.00	\$	592,555.00	\$
TOTAL BASE BID				\$	262,800.00	\$	341,176.00	\$	679,780.00	\$
ALTERNATE NO. 1										
A1.	Replace Timber Decking with ThruFlow Decking on Deck	1	LS	\$	12,000.00	\$	27,546.00	\$	22,280.00	\$
A2.	Replace Timber Decking with ThruFlow Decking on Pier	1	LS	\$	3,000.00	\$	5,902.00	\$	2,000.00	\$
TOTAL ALTERNATE NO. 1				\$	15,000.00	\$	33,448.00	\$	24,260.00	\$
TOTAL BASE BID + ALTERNATE NO. 1				\$	277,800.00	\$	374,624.00	\$	704,040.00	\$
CALENDAR DAYS TO SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION										
				60		90		50		