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**CITY OF PORT LAVACA**

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

**DATE:** 9.10.2025

**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:**

This breakwater project is complete – Halleluyah!! Matt is planning a final inspection this week.

2. **CDBG-MIT Coastal Resilience Living Shoreline Project :** The latest update from the USCE was they were trying to issue the permit by the end of September or early October. GLO has indicated that they MIGHT require a letter of no objection from the owners of Fisher Channel & Dock Co. and Calhoun Co Channel & Dock Co. (same owner). I have been proactive in reaching out to Mr. Johnny Jurisich. (Note I spoke to his brother a couple years ago about the project and they were notified by the USACE about the project during the public comment period). He supports the project but wants assurance that the project will not hinder his ability to get permission to construct a channel in the future. They would have access to the City Harbor Channel via the Nautical Landings channel, but we are looking more into this with GLO to provide a response to his concerns. Once the permit is received, there are still the plans to finish for bid and the environmental report to complete. It looks like we will be bidding the project in December.

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

- The City has provided TCEQ with the required ownership documentation. TCEQ has requested a Title Opinion signed by the City's legal counsel to resolve outstanding ownership issues – Anne Marie is working on this.
- The RFP is in draft form and approximately 90% complete. Once finalized, it will be submitted to TCEQ for review and comment.
- All required reports have been submitted to TCEQ on schedule, and there are currently no pending items.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requested drawings addressing sensitive habitats, including oysters and essential fish habitats, for inclusion in the application. These drawings have been obtained, and Kim is resubmitting the application this week with the required update

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.**

On August 21 the GLO contract was executed. We are working to bring the consultant contracts to Council for approval at the September 22 Special Meeting. We had the GLO project kickoff on Wed. Sept. 10.

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5. **GLO CEPRA GRANT (Harbor of Refuge Shoreline Protection):**

I attended the USACE Joint Evaluation Meeting for this project on Wednesday, September 10 at 1 pm. This meeting helps to facilitate the permitting process and obtain the necessary USACE construction permits. After the JEM, Mott McDonald will work to make a few minor adjustments to the permit application and submit.

6. **MBMT Grant Downtown Waterfront Public Access Improvement:**

Shirley & Sons has completed the bulkhead and is working on the pilings for the boat slips and the fishing deck. I've asked Matt Glaze to get pricing to add a handrail on the fishing deck. This is not something that is specifically required by code, but after discussions with RJ Shelly and how the deck may be used for educational purposes, I think this is something we need to consider. We have received notification that the CMP grant application for the 10-ft wide boardwalk has been approved to move forward. As I've mentioned previously, I envision the boardwalk with a handrail as its primary function is pedestrian and bike – but I imagine we'll allow fishing as well. If later we want to provide more boat slips, we can construct one or more finger piers perpendicular to the boardwalk for a series of boat slips.

7. **TxDOT Truck Route signs:** The posts for the large signs are in fabrication. The smaller signs on SH 35 are being installed by the TxDOT contractor.

8. **Parking area on SBA Steel property at the HOR Boat ramp:** I have had no further communication with SBA but will reach out again.

9. **TxDOT Maritime Division:** TxDOT Maritime plans to start visiting ports in the fall/winter and begin discussing our port profile.

10. Below is a link to the adopted 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. The Ports & Harbors is on pages 99-110.  
[https://portlavaca.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/CAPITAL-IMPROVEMENT-PROGRAM-26\\_30.pdf](https://portlavaca.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/CAPITAL-IMPROVEMENT-PROGRAM-26_30.pdf)

11. Below is a link to the proposed 2025-26 Budget, which passed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Council on September 8. The second reading is scheduled for September 22. The Ports & Harbors is pages 140-146.  
<https://portlavaca.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/BUDGET-25-26-BOOK-.pdf>