
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

MEETING: August 19, 2025 **AGENDA ITEM**

DATE: 8.13.2025

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

FROM: JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

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

Derrick Construction started work on July 9th and is expected to be complete around Aug. 15.

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

The *attached* correspondence was submitted to Congressman Cloud's office and Senators Cruz and Comyn on July 18.

On July 29, we received communication from Kory Barone with the USACE who is working on our permit, which included the following information: "The timeline for completion and permit issuance will be around the end of August maybe earlier. I believe I have all information needed to continue working on the decision documents. "

So, in the meantime, I am trying to finish up our front-end contract documents so that I am not the hold up once we get clearance to bid.

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

We have everything now to resubmit the environmental review (permit) to USACE. Our consultant Kim Griffin had a death in the family last month but has let us know that she will be submitting everything on August 18. I am working to complete the front end contract bid documents for TCEQ approval.

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 July 24, our consultants sent GLO a revised project map, per their request. We received notification this week that the grant paperwork is in the contracting phase at GLO. Once the contract is executed, we will immediately go to work to execute contracts with our consultants.

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

On July 25, I received communication that the engineer was gearing up for the USACE permit application and preparing to schedule a pre-application meeting with the USACE. I signed the required form to show that Mott McDonald is representing the City of Port Lavaca in this process. Ms. Kirsten McElhinney with Mott McDonald will be the main point of contact for coordination with the Corps.

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6. MBMT Grant Downtown Waterfront Public Access Improvement:

At a Special Meeting of the Port Commission a recommendation to Council of a contract award for the Smith Harbor portion of this project was voted on and Council is scheduled to vote on a contract award on August 18. The low bidder, Shirely & Sons is ready to mobilize immediately upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed, if done in the next couple of weeks. Staff have submitted 3 status reports and reimbursement requests in the amount of \$41,400.00 to date. The grant dollars available are \$400,000.00.

7. TxDOT Truck Route signs:

Wayne Shaffer has been able to locate an approved vendor and purchase the sign posts (\$10,000). We have not been told an ETA yet.

8. Parking area on SBA Steel property at the HOR Boat ramp:

I emailed SBA Steel a proposed lease document suggesting an annual lease payment of \$250.00.

To refresh your memories on the discussion of how we arrived at this proposal:

The area in question is approximately 22,000 sf (0.5 ac). According to the property valuation on the Calhoun County Appraisal District site, 5.24 acres is valued at \$51,870 or \$0.227/sf. The 0.5 acre in question therefore would have a value of approximately \$4,950. Using a 10% rate of return, the resultant annual rental rate would be \$495. Because the use of this 0.5 acre is for the benefit of the public and provides improved public access to the waterfront by providing parking space for the nearby public boat ramp, we were hoping they will consider a somewhat lower value and offered an annual rent of \$250.00.

10. TxDOT Maritime Division:

We have had no updated communication with Emily Schmidbauer of the TxDOT Maritime Division.

Oralia will be TxDOT's contact as they start their 90th Legislative Session Mission Planning.