
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

MEETING: March 17, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM** _____

DATE: 3.12.2026

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:** Jim, Larry Nichols, and I attended the pre-construction conference held by Mott McDonald with Maverick Constructors, LLC in the City Council chambers on March 10. The contractor is waiting for delivery of the NATRX oyster reef breakwater components and should mobilize to begin work on this oyster reef breakwater on the north side of the fishing pier sometime in May. Construction of the rock breakwater is anticipated to begin in July, with substantial completion by October 26 and ready for final payment by November 30. The engineer and contractor will have weekly progress meetings at 9:30 am each Tuesday once on-site work begins, as well as pre-construction meetings before beginning key elements of construction. The link to the project page is as follows: <https://cleargov.com/texas/calhoun/city/port-lavaca/projects/7897/living-shoreline-breakwater-glo-cdbg-mit-coastal-resiliency>

2. **ReStore (cleanup of old barge(s) in Smith Harbor):**
Hallelujah! We engaged in a lot of back and forth with Texas Community Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on establishing the applicable parts of the Texas Community Environmental Quality Tier 1 Checklist form. Due to the nature of this project, we could not see how Sections I and II were applicable. It took a few weeks, and I even solicited some input from the environmental team on the Living Shoreline project for assistance, but Texas Community Environmental Quality finally submitted the construction contract, permit, and environmental review to the U.S. Treasury for their approval, which may take up to 45 days.
<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 Application for use of funds for Replacement of culverts under rail at Corporation Ditch and Voluntary Restoration of Refuge Shoreline.**
The engineer is in conversation with the environmental team and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding what level of permitting may be required for the culvert replacement project.

4. **GENERAL LAND OFFICE COASTAL EROSION PLANNING & RESPONSE ACT GRANT (Harbor of Refuge Shoreline Protection):** Public Notice No. SWG-2025-00420, the applicant requests authorization to construct a living shoreline consisting of six rock breakwater units, a reef breakwater, a concrete block mattress (ACBM) slope protection, and two beneficial use creation areas, located along the Harbor of Refuge peninsula and southern shoreline; at Latitude 28.5918092 and Longitude -96.6144723; in Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Texas, has been published by the Galveston District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on our website at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs/public-notices>. Comments are due in this office

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no later than April 4, 2026, **through the RRS system:** <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs/public-notice>. You can find the Project information at the following 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 Grant Downtown Waterfront Public Access Improvement:

This project was awarded to Lester Contracting on Feb 23 and is currently awaiting the contract for signature. Lester plans on mobilizing very soon after the contract execution and will be complete within 6-8 weeks. At the pre-construction conference with Maverick Construction, we made it clear that they would not be able to cross the parking lot when hauling the stockpiled material from Smith Harbor to the Clement Cove area.

6. TxDOT Truck Route signs: No update.

7. Parking area on SBA Steel property at the Harbor Of Refuge Boat ramp: No update.

8. Harbor of Refuge Public Boat Ramp: Matt Glaze and Jim Rudellat inspected the boat ramp, and the recommendation is to completely reconstruct the boat ramp and make some improvements while we are at it. Matt will provide us with a cost estimate, and we can consider a few grant funding opportunities.

9. Texas Department of Transportation Maritime Division: TxDOT has begun working on our Port Profile. I submitted to TxDOT a KMZ file for City Harbor, Nautical Landings, and the Harbor of Refuge. They asked for any photos that include a “human element” in these areas. I’ve asked Helena if they have any such promotional type photos or if they would provide permission for say Bill Harvey to take some “action shots” at their dock. Jim Rudellat is talking to Prestige and Millers about the same thing. We have not begun working on the Project submission survey, but we will in the coming week. It is due on June 15.

10. Lease of Harbor of Refuge Tract 3: This lease is fully executed.