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**CITY OF PORT LAVACA**

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**MEETING:** FEBRUARY 10, 2025 **AGENDA ITEM** \_\_\_\_

**DATE:** 2.04.2025

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

**SUBJECT:** **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MATAGORDA BAY MITIGATION TRUST CONTRACT 081 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE “KITCHEN” TRACT**

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**Background:**

On January 8, I received notice from the MBMT that our submitted proposal entitled “Purchase of Kitchen Tract on Lavaca Bay for Conservation and improve Public Access to the Waterfront” was approved.

Attached is the contract providing for \$479,500 of grant Funds for the project which is summarized as follows:

The City of Port Lavaca wishes to use grant dollars from the MBMT to purchase waterfront property on the bluff of Lavaca Bay, known as the “Kitchen Tract” for conservation purposes and to provide a new public access point to Lavaca Bay. The City will contract with a coastal engineer to perform required data collection and engineering to make application to the USACE for a permit to construct a shoreline protection project. With approval of a USACE permit, the City will at that point seek grant funding to construct the permitted shoreline improvements and establish the tract as a designated public park.

This is the same contract language that has been used for our two previous contracts with MBMT. The ending date is contractually set at July 31, 2026, which should provide adequate time to acquire the COE permit.

**Financial Implication:**

The total project budget is \$529,500 which includes purchasing of the property, preliminary engineering/COE permitting and \$50,000 of City funds (contact or in-kind) to provide minimal site clearing for a parking area and trails and signage. The grant will reimburse up to \$479,500.

**Recommendation:**

Approve Contract 081 with the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust Fund.