
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

MEETING: APRIL 16, 2024 **AGENDA ITEM # 4**

DATE: 4.11.2024

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

FROM: JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: **CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

- Port Commission Select Committee on Policies, Procedures, Rates, and Fees
The Committee members Raymond Bulter, Larry Nichols, Jamie O'Neal, Jim Rudellat and myself met on Tuesday, April 9. Harbor Master Jim Rudellat is gathering policy and procedure information from other ports, particularly Calhoun County and Victoria and the committee will meet again prior to the next Port Commission Regular meeting in May.
- Port Commission recommendation to Council regarding Budgetary and Financial management policies.

The City Council adopted a new Budgetary & Financial policy for the FYE 2025 Fiscal year which includes the following language:

Ports and Harbors Fund

It will be the general policy of the City that the fees collected will be spent on maintenance and capital improvements of the Ports and Harbors Fund facilities, grounds and other structures. Annually, an amount equal to the sum of all property taxes collected from Port Commission leased properties shall be transferred from the General Fund to the Ports and Harbors Fund for which sum will be spent on maintenance and capital improvements of the Port facilities, grounds and other structures. No other general fund tax dollars will be used for this purpose, except as a loan from the General Fund to the Ports and Harbors Fund, approved by Council.

- TPWL Grant – Renovations to the Nautical Landings Marina Breakwater
TPWL did hear back from USFWS with conditional approval of the bid documents. It is now with the TPWD Wildlife Habitat Assessment (WHAB) which takes approximately 45 days to complete and then is sent back to USFWS for final approval. Kateryna Thomas, our Capital Improvement Projects and Grants Coordinator is working on applying for an extension.
- CDBG-MIT Coastal Resilience Living Shoreline Project
The Joint Evaluation meeting with the various State and Federal agencies was held on April 10 and Mott McDonald is still on track with submitting the application next week. Mott McDonald is working to address the comments made which included NMFS requested fish gaps in the breakwater, TPWL is asking for a 2:1 mitigation for the oysters; GLO wants a coastal boundary survey; and USFWS asked if we were planning any mitigation efforts to account for any mercury in the sediment.

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- ReStore (clean up of old barge(s) in Smith Harbor)
Kim Griffith is working on the Work Plan and is meeting with us to provide an update on April 15.
- CDBG-MIT Round 2 Application for use of funds (Voluntary Restoration II and Culvert replacement at the Harbor of Refuge):
There is still no news from GLO regarding the applications to use our Round 2 CDMB-MIT allocation funding.
- MBMT Grant Downtown Waterfront Public Access Improvement:
Urban Engineers has performed the topographic survey needed for design. While they were in the area, I had them stake the access easement behind Cottage Cove.