

## **RESOLUTION NO. R-041425-2**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) COASTAL EROSION PLANNING & RESPONSE ACT (CEPRA) CYCLE 14 AND COMMITMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS AS REQUIRED FOR MATCH FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: LIGHTHOUSE BEACH RESTORATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Port Lavaca is a coastal community sitting on the shores of Lavaca Bay, a northwestern extension of the Matagorda Bay ecosystem and is committed to the long-term protection and enhancement of our coastal and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Texas General Land Office (GLO) administers the Coastal Erosion Planning Response Act (CEPRA) Program in Texas to provide state legislature appropriated grant funds to worthy coastal jurisdictions through the review of submitted project goal summary applications and subsequent award of project grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Lighthouse Beach is a City park constructed in the 1990's which is located northwest of downtown Port Lavaca on the western shoreline of Lavaca Bay that has experienced significant erosion of both the beach and the adjacent marsh and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Lavaca received GLO CEPRA Cycle 13 funding to perform a feasibility study and develop an engineered solution to accomplish the following: 1) nourish the recreational beach to reduce erosion, 2) protect and enhance the wetlands, 3) improve the performance of existing structures, along with a secondary benefit to modify sediment transport pathways to prevent future erosion and resulting deposition within the boat ramp basin; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study scored favorably a project that includes a 765 LF artificial reef breakwater to protect the marsh from future erosion and three 175 ft long offshore breakwaters to protect the beach area; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the critical importance of Port Lavaca's coastal natural resources to all residents and visitors to the Texas coast, the potential availability to leverage local dollars with State and Federal funds, the societal benefits to current and future generations of Texans, the City of Port Lavaca City Council considers it fitting and proper to commit local dollars as required match funds toward for the implementation of these critical shoreline protection projects and provide public access to the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

THAT, the City Council hereby approves and supports the submission of one (1) CEPRA Cycle 14 grant application to solicit funding for the following essential project and hereby also commits to establish and maintain public access to said shorelines:

- 1) Lighthouse Beach Restoration Project Preliminary Design, Permitting, and Final (95%) Design Engineering, with a commitment of \$158,000.00 of local match dollars.
- 2) The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any and all applications and contract forms as necessary, dedicate/secure the required cash match, and coordinate staff's efforts to submit the approved Project Goal Summary grant applications to the General Land Office.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 14th day of April 2025.

ATTEST:

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Mandy Grant, City Secretary

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Jack Whitlow, Mayor