
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

CC MEETING: **MAY 11, 2026** **AGENDA ITEM #** _____

DATE: 5/11/2026

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR WHITLOW AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: DERRICK SMITH, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD
MEMBERS

BACKGROUND:

The terms of four (4) Planning Board members will expire in June 2026: The Board Members are Justin Weaver (Chairman), Cynthia Escalera, Melinda “Lindy” Cain and Steve Butler.

Mr. Weaver currently serves as Chairman and is recognized for his leadership and longstanding service to the community.

All four (4) members have expressed interest in being considered for reappointment to another full term. Each member continues to provide valuable insight and contributes meaningfully to the function and effectiveness of the Planning Board.

There are no established term limits for Planning Board members, and each full term is for a period of two (2) years.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

To the City Council of Port Lavaca,

I've been working hard on behalf of the council for nearly ten years on the city's Planning and Zoning, helping review ordinances and variances, and attempting to help the city meet its full potential. My term expires in June. I would like to be considered for reappointment. I look forward to working closely with the Council and staff in the future.

Thank You.

Sincerely,
Justin Weaver

I STEVE BUTLER HAVE
ENJOYED BEING ON THE
PLANNING BOARD AND
WOULD LOVE TO
STAY ON THERE

Steve Butler

Cynthia Escalera
717 Westwood Dr
Port Lavaca, Texas 77979

RE: Reconsideration for another term on the Planning Board

Dear City Secretary,

I would like to be reconsidered for another term to service on the planning board. Being on the planning board and seeing all the plans and ideas that the City of Port Lavaca has in the works is very exciting. It's been an honor to help Port Lavaca grow. To help shape Port Lavaca be all that it can be and help grow our population. This town has so much potential to be a prosperous town that draws new residents and helps keep the younger generation here also. To see it firsthand at meetings and know that the city wants us to grow has been awesome. As a person that makes her life here and has no intentions of leaving here. I want to help shape our town. Thank you for your consideration.

Always,
Cynthia Ecalera

To Whom It May Concern, my name is Lindy Cain. I have been on the planning board for the City of Port Lavaca for the last few years. My first term is coming to an end in 2026. I would like to stay on the Planning board for a 2nd term.