



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL/WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, June 29, 2026 at 1:00 PM

City Council Chambers | 202 N. Virginia Street, Port Lavaca TX 77979

MINUTES

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COUNTY OF CALHOUN §
CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 29th day of June 2026, the City Council of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, convened in a Special and Workshop session at 1:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place in Council Chambers at City Hall, 202 North Virginia Street, Port Lavaca, Texas, with the following members in attendance:

I. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER	at 1:01 p.m.
Luis De La Garza	Mayor
Daniel Aguirre	Councilman, District 1
Mary E. "Sissy" Rigby	Councilwoman, District 3
Rosie G. Padron	Councilwoman, District 4, Mayor Pro Tem
Rose Bland-Stewart	Councilwoman, District 5
Justin Burke	Councilman, District 6

And with the following absent:

Tim Dent	Councilman, District 2
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Constituting a quorum for the transaction of business, at which time the following business was transacted:

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

- Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor De La Garza
- Invocation: Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

III. MEETING SAFETY BRIEFING:

- **911** Councilman District 1 Aguirre
- **AED** Councilman District 6 Burke
- **EVAC** Mayor De La Garza advised meet at Stop Sign across the Street
- **CPR** Fire Chief Joe Reyes
- **SAFETY** Mayor De La Garza, Hot outside

IV. REVIEW OF VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT**• OUR VISION:**

The Mayor and the City Council envision a friendly town on Lavaca Bay where economic and recreational opportunities abound, providing for a wonderful quality of life for both citizens and tourists, rich in history and looking toward a vibrant future!

• OUR MISSION:

Our mission is to make Port Lavaca a desirable place to live through high-quality services, responsible use of public resources, and a progressive approach to community development. With enthusiasm, integrity, and vision, we will maintain a safe environment and continually improve the quality of life for all citizens.

V. PRESENTATION(S) None**VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - *Limited to 3 minutes per individual unless permission to speak longer is received in advance. You may make public comments as you would at a meeting on Zoom by logging on with your computer and/or smart phone as described in the zoom invitation below or on Facebook Live through the comment section, which will be monitored and answered. As appropriate.*

- Mayor De La Garza asked for comments from the public and the following citizen(s) spoke:
 - Kevin Hermes, 222 Randle Street, Port Lavaca, TX, Voiced safety and nuisance concerns regarding the Rooster Bar, citing a recent indoor shooting, excessive noise, and improper trash disposal.

VII. ACTION ITEMS - (Council will consider/discuss the following items and take any action deemed necessary)

1. **Consider the proposed scope of the slope repair at 110 and 114 Harbor Drive West and authorize construction and engineering contracts for the work. Presenter is Wayne Shaffer**

Motion made by Councilman District 6 Burke

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

THAT, Council hereby approves the proposal submitted by Southern Gulf Solutions, LLC for slope repair services at 110 and 114 Harbor Drive West; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT, Council authorizes the execution of associated construction and engineering contracts in an amount not to exceed \$74,442.71, subject to the property owners executing a cost-sharing agreement prepared by the City Attorney outlining the City's maximum financial contribution to the project.

Seconded by Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

Voting Yea:

Councilman District 1 Aguirre, Councilwoman District 3 Rigby, Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron, Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart, Councilman District 6 Burke

2. **Consider the conceptual plan draft for the proposed development of the Regan Building, Faye Bauer Sterling Park, alley, and surrounding area prepared by Fisher Heck Architects. Presenter Jody Weaver**

City Manager Weaver presented a conceptual development plan for the Regan Building, Faye Bauer Sterling Park, the adjacent alley, and the surrounding area, as prepared by Fisher Heck Architects. City Manager Weaver noted that the estimated cost for building stabilization is approximately \$110,000.00.

An extensive discussion ensued among council members and staff regarding the merits and challenges of the proposal.

Motion made by Councilman District 6 Burke

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

THAT, Council hereby approves the conceptual plan draft for the proposed development of the Regan Building, Faye Bauer Sterling Park, alley, and surrounding area prepared by Fisher Heck Architects, as presented.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor De La Garza announced this agenda item would be deferred for consideration at a future meeting.

VIII. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor De La Garza announced adjournment of Special Meeting at 1:44 p.m.

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IX. CALL TO ORDER at 1:44 p.m.

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - *Limited to 3 minutes per individual unless permission to speak longer is received in advance. You may make public comments as you would at a meeting on Zoom by logging on with your computer and/or smart phone as described in the zoom invitation below or on Facebook Live through the comment section, which will be monitored and answered. As appropriate.*

- Mayor De La Garza asked for comments from the public and there were none.

XI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – (Council will discuss the following items)

1. Review and discuss the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and other Plans for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year budget. Presenter is Brittney Hogan

Council discussed this agenda item.

No action necessary and none taken.

- 2:36 p.m. Paused for Recess;
- 2:42 p.m. Back from Recess;

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER

- Mayor De La Garza congratulated Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart for Juneteenth celebration. Moved celebration to the Bauer Center due to possible rain. Turned out great. Biggest event that brings in the most HOT funds;
- Smith Harbor is being cleaned up and looking the best;
- Summer concern, spraying for mosquitos;
- City Manager Weaver announced Motorcade, Historical Commission celebrating America's 250 years, Senator John Cornyn gave Mayor De La Garza a letter he will read at the motorcade;
- Fireworks for July 4 celebration will be on July 3;
- City Manager Weaver treated employees and their families to a movie at the Twin Dolphins Theatre;
- Safety meetings and luncheon for the employees;
- Finance Director Hogan: Safety meeting helps the city to be recognized and identified as a "Road Ready" city;
- Mayor De La Garza announced he added this section to allow members an opportunity to bring up issues or items they want to be added to upcoming agenda;
- Mayor De La Garza announced he will be out of town;
- Councilman District 6 Burke asked when Buc-ee's is closing and Public Works Director Shaffer told him that July 27, 2026 is the last day.

XIII. ADJOURN WORKSHOP

Mayor De La Garza asked for motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron

Seconded by Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

Voting Yea:

Councilman District 1 Aguirre, Councilwoman District 3 Rigby, Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron, Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart, Councilman District 6 Burke

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

Luis De La Garza, Mayor

Mandy Grant, City Secretary