



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 8:00 AM

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

MINUTES

STATE OF TEXAS §
 COUNTY OF CALHOUN §
 CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 12th day of May, 2026, the City Council of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, convened in a special meeting at 8:00 a.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

Luis De La Garza	Mayor (via Zoom)
Daniel Aguirre	Councilman, District 1
Tim Dent	Councilman, District 2
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: None

II. CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Pro Tem Padron called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m. and presided.

III. 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 by logging on with your computer and using “Join Zoom Meeting” information on first page of this agenda)

- Mayor Pro Tem Padron asked for comments from the public and there were none.

IV. ACTION ITEMS - *Council will consider/discuss the following items and take any action deemed necessary.*

1. **Announcement by Mayor that City Council will retire into closed session:**
 - **To discuss Personnel matters in accordance with Title 5, Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties and responsibilities, reassignment, discipline, or dismissal of an officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: [Chief of Police]).**

Mayor Pro Tem Padron announced that Council would retire into closed session at 8:16 a.m.

2. **Return to Open Session and take any action deemed necessary with regard to matters in closed session.**

Mayor Pro Tem Padron announced that Council was back in open session at 4:40 p.m.

Motion made by Councilman District 2 Dent

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

THAT, Council hereby extends a job offer to Tobie Bias for the position of Chief of Police, contingent upon the successful completion of a comprehensive background investigation in accordance with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE).

Seconded by Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

Voting Yea:

Councilman District 1 Aguirre, Councilman District 2 Dent, Councilwoman District 3 Rigby, Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron, Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart, Councilman District 6 Burke

V. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

Motion to adjourn:

Motion made by Councilman District 6 Burke

Seconded by Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron

Voting Yea:

Councilman District 1 Aguirre, Councilman District 2 Dent, Councilwoman District 3 Rigby, Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron, Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart, Councilman District 6 Burke

Special Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

These minutes were approved on June 08, 2026.

Luis De La Garza, Mayor

Mandy Grant, City Secretary