
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

DATE: 8/20/2026

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: BRITTNEY HOGAN, FINANCE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CONSIDER ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET

In accordance with the State of Texas Property Tax Code, the Comptroller of Texas' Truth-in-Taxation rules, the Local Government Code and the City's Charter, we have prepared an Ordinance that, if approved, meets the requirements as established by the governing legislation.

On June 29 (CIP) and August 17, 2026, the City Council held budget workshops to review recommendations from the City Manager for the FY 2026-2027 budget. The proposed budget was filed with the City Secretary and published on the City's website on August 3rd.

On August 17, 2026, the City Council announced a public hearing on the FY 2026-2027 Budget to be held on September 14, 2026. Because the proposed tax rate exceeds the No-New-Revenue rate, legislation considers it a tax increase and requires special language to be included in the Notice of Public Hearing on the Budget, the front page of the proposed budget and the front page of the adopted budget.

The City published a notice of public hearing on the budget in the newspaper of general circulation (Port Lavaca Wave) on August 26, 2026, and posted the same notice on the City's website.

The budget, with changes recommended by City Council in the August 17, 2026 workshop, is recommended for the City Council's approval, and contains combined Revenues of \$26,488,458 followed by combined Expenditures of \$29,635,882 leaving combined Fund Balance reserves of \$13,294,236.

The Ordinance to adopt the budget contains authorization, as prescribed in the City Charter, Section 8.03, for the City Manager to transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance or portion thereof between general classifications of expenditures within an office, department or agency.

Legislation does require specific language on the vote to adopt the budget, only that it must be a record vote. Staff provides a recommended motion as follows:

- ***Motion: "I move to adopt the FY 2026-2027 Annual Budget as presented by the City Manager."***
 - ***Must be a Record Vote of each member of the governing body by name.***