

ORDINANCE #G-5-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN; CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING(S); DETERMINE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Port Lavaca retained a professional planning consultant to assist in the preparation of a Downtown Waterfront Master Plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's Visioning Committee, comprised of volunteers representing various Boards and stakeholders in the City, met several times beginning on June 28, 2022 with consultant to help guide in the preparation of a workable Downtown Waterfront Master Plan for the City of Port Lavaca; and

WHEREAS, the City staff and the Visioning Committee reviewed and studied recommendations made by the planning consultant for inclusion in the Draft Final Report of the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council extensively advertised and then held a public workshop on March 27, 2023, where the draft Final Report of the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan was presented and discussed, and all persons were given the opportunity to present comments and suggestions, and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Draft Final Report of the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan was posted on the City's website for public viewing, and

WHEREAS, a video of the March 27, 2023 Workshop was posted on the City's YouTube channel, for those unable to attend the meeting, and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2023, the City Council conducted a public hearing and then, considering all public comments, approved the first reading of the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2023 the City Council conducted a second public hearing and then, considering all public comments, approved the second and final reading, acknowledging that the City Council is ultimately responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan.

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

SECTION 1: That the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan, including the Introduction, Existing Conditions, Districts of Port Lavaca, Characteristics of Port Lavaca, District Improvements of Districts identified as Main Street, Commerce Street,

Bayfront Park Commons, Bayfront Park Pier, Bayfront Park Marina, Smith Harbor, and City Harbor, Conclusion and Composite Site Plan, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes, is hereby adopted by the City Council as a guide and public policy.

SECTION 2: That this Plan outlines a narrative and trajectory that seeks to restore the recreational character of the Downtown Waterfront that was experienced in early 20th century Port Lavaca and allow the waterfront to become an economic driver that can positively impact the Downtown Waterfront's future, allowing it to become an area attraction.

SECTION 3: That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed was properly noticed and open to the public as required by law.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall become effective on the date of its passage by the City Council of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas.

FIRST READING this 12th day of June 2023

Jack Whitlow, Mayor

SECOND AND FINAL READING this 10th day of July, 2023

Jack Whitlow, Mayor

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of July, 2023.

Jack Whitlow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mandy Grant, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Anne Marie Odefey, City Attorney

RECORD OF VOTE

	First Reading	Second and Final	Passed and Approved
Councilman Aguirre	Aye		
Councilman Dent	Aye		
Councilman Tippet	Aye		
Councilwoman Padron	Aye		
Councilman Ward	Aye		
Councilman Barr	Aye		

Record of approval by City Council: City Council Minute Records, Volume ____, Page ____.