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**CITY OF PORT LAVACA**

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**MEETING:** APRIL 15, 2025 **AGENDA ITEM** \_\_\_\_

**DATE:** 4.11.2025

**TO:** PORT COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS CC: JIM RUDELLAT, HARBOR MASTER

**FROM:** JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

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1. TPWL Grant – Renovations to the Nautical Landings Marina Breakwater:  
The contract documents have been executed, and Matt Glaze is working on scheduling a pre-construction conference for the week after Easter. If there are Port Commission members that would like to attend the pre-construction conference, let me know and I will include you in the invitation once the date is set.
2. CDBG-MIT Coastal Resilience Living Shoreline Project  
I am working on collecting the front-end documents to provide to Mott McDonald to use in the bid documents. We have no word on the status of the permit application. It is thought that the NMFS is the hold up (this was the same agency that took so long with the Nautical Landings Breakwater application). NMFS is highly understaffed right now.
3. ReStore (cleanup of old barge(s) in Smith Harbor)  
We have a meeting scheduled with TCEQ and our consultant Kim Griffith to discuss comments on the COE Permit and Deed information. To answer the questions regarding the deed to Smith Harbor, I'm having Gulf-Coast Title prepare a Title Opinion.
4. CDBG-MIT Round 2 Application for use of funds for Replacement of culverts under rail at Corporation Ditch and Voluntary Restoration of Refuge Shoreline.  
As you recall, the \$9.1M CDBG-MIT Round 2 funding was finally approved by GLO several weeks ago. The mayor has not yet received the contract from GLO to sign. KSBR has made a formal inquiry to see when we can expect this contract so it's not accidentally overlooked in the mayor's emails.
5. GLO CEPRA GRANT (Harbor of Refuge Shoreline Protection): Mott McDonald continues to work on the 30% design drawings and the COE permit application.

At last month's meeting, the Board expressed interest in funding a project to install rip-rap along the eastern shoreline of the peninsula at the Harbor of Refuge (Tract 11). I did speak with Josh Carter with Coast & Harbors Engineering about placing rip rap along the shoreline in the short-term, knowing that that shoreline restoration project is a few years down the road. He suggested that the first step would be to determine the USACE jurisdictional boundary. Much of the work to do this has already been done by Triton Environmental for the CEPRA grant project. Josh Carter said that with the jurisdictional determination, they could develop a design with modest effort as they already have a survey of the site and a good understanding of the coastal conditions. He said their deliverables would be plans with detailed notes and simple specifications. So, I'm working towards getting a jurisdictional determination for as little cost as possible and then with that, work with Coast & Harbors on an effective design and estimated cost.

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6. MBMT Grant Downtown Waterfront Public Access Improvement:

We received the COE Letter of Permission on March 28. We are meeting with the GLO Clean Coast Texas team to see how they may be able to help with technical and financial resources for the Green Infrastructure component of the project. Matt has submitted an invoice to reflect completion of the permitting phase. Once I get the canceled check back, I will submit it to MBMT for reimbursement along with a written project status report.

7. TxDOT Truck Route signs: The pre-construction conference has not yet been scheduled, but I received word today that TxDOT has finally received the contract which was held up for 6 months by UPRR. So we should have a pre-con date soon.

8. Parking area on SBA Steel property at the HOR: I have been in contact with Mr. Richard Keane of SBA Steel who owns the land where there is a parking area near the HOR boat ramp. They did not locate any documents in their files to show any sort of agreement had been executed in the past regarding this parking area. They are not interested in selling, but will entertain a long term lease and asked me to send them a proposal. The area in question is approximately 22,000 sf (0.5 ac). According to CAD, the property is valued at \$0.21 per sf, so the parking are = \$4,686. Based upon the 10% rate of return rule of thumb, this would result in an annual rental rate of \$469.00. Perhaps since the use is for public benefit, they may consider something less.