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## CITY OF PORT LAVACA

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETING: August 11, 2025

**DATE:** 08-06-2025

**TO:** MANDY GRANT

**FROM:** TANIA FRENCH

**SUBJECT:** HOST A HALF-MARATHON, TITLED “MILES BY THE BAY” IN CALHOUN COUNTY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

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Andy Cardona and Daniel Leita have approached me with a proposal to host a half-marathon in Calhoun County on Saturday, March 21, 2026. Tentatively titled “Miles by the Bay,” the envisioned 13.1-mile route would begin at the Bayfront in Point Comfort and travel across the causeway, through Lighthouse Beach Park, various parts of Port Lavaca including Chocolate Bayou Park, and ultimately end back at Lighthouse Beach.

The proposed course spans multiple jurisdictions, including the Cities of Port Lavaca and Point Comfort, Calhoun County, and requires TxDOT approval as the route involves four state-maintained roadways: Hwy. 35, Hwy. 87, FM 238, and FM 1090.

Given the complexity and early stage of this concept, my recommendation is to request conceptual approval from each jurisdiction to explore the logistics of this event further.

Specifically, I am requesting City Council’s approval to work collaboratively with the following agencies to develop a traffic control and logistics plan:

- Port Lavaca Police Department
- Calhoun County Sheriff’s Office
- Point Comfort Police Department
- Port Lavaca Public Works

As planning progresses, we anticipate involvement from:

- Port Lavaca Fire Department
- Calhoun County EMS

Andy and Daniel understand that the event will need to meet all insurance and liability requirements and are committed to working with each entity to ensure full compliance. An event of this nature has the potential to bring positive visibility and overnight visitors to our area, with runners and their families expected to book local hotel accommodations the night before the early morning race.

**Action Requested:**

At this time, I am asking Council to approve the formation of a working group to explore the feasibility and logistics of moving forward with “Miles by the Bay” Half-Marathon and assign the Port Lavaca Police Chief and Port Lavaca Public Works Director to this working group.

Once a proposed traffic control and operations plan is developed, it will be brought back to Council for formal consideration and approval. At that time, we may also request a waiver of facility use fees for the Bayfront Park Pavilion area.

This request to Council is the first step in the process, to be followed by similar requests to the Calhoun County Commissioner’s Court and the Point Comfort City Council.