

RESOLUTION NO. R-051225-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) GRANT CYCLE 31 AND COMMITMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS AS REQUIRED FOR MATCH FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: PUBLIC ACCESS BOARDWALK AT SMITH HARBOR.

WHEREAS, the City of Port Lavaca is a coastal community sitting on the shores of Lavaca Bay, a northwestern extension of the Matagorda Bay ecosystem and is committed to the long-term protection and enhancement of our coastal and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office is soliciting applications for projects that address environmental concerns and promote economic development with the Texas coastal zone; and

WHEREAS, the Texas General Land Office (GLO) administers the Coastal Management Program (CMP) in Texas to provide Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funding to eligible coastal jurisdictions through a competitive application process and subsequent award of project grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Lavaca has adopted a Downtown Waterfront Master Plan that outlines the vision and potential projects to restore the area's original recreational character, protect its natural environment, and transform the waterfront into an eco-friendly economic and tourist attraction; and

WHEREAS, a Letter of Permission to construct the proposed project, being a 10-ft-wide x 368-foot-long boardwalk (Permit No. SWG-2024-00743), was received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on March 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the critical importance of Port Lavaca's coastal natural resources to all residents and visitors to the Texas coast, the potential availability to leverage local dollars with State and Federal funds, the societal benefits to current and future generations of Texans, the City of Port Lavaca City Council considers it fitting and proper to commit local dollars as required match funds toward grant applications for the implementation of projects consistent with the adopted Downtown Waterfront Masterplan and provide public access to the same; and

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

THAT, the City Council hereby approves and supports the submission of one (1) GLO Texas Coastal Management Program Cycle 31 grant application to solicit funding for the following essential project and hereby also commits to establish and maintain public access to said waterfront:

- 1) Public Access Boardwalk at Smith Harbor; Preliminary and Final Design Engineering, preparation of Bid documents and Bidding, construction and construction phase engineering.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any and all applications and contract forms as necessary, dedicate/secure the required cash match in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, and coordinate staff's efforts to submit the grant application to the General Land Office and if a conditional Intent to Fund notification is received, work with the GLO on approval of a workplan and budget narrative to secure final funding confirmation.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of May, 2025.

Jack Whitlow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mandy Grant, City Secretary