



JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP SESSION

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Nautical Landings Training Room | 106 S. Commerce Street, Suite 1-B, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979

MINUTES

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CALHOUN §

CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 15th day of July, 2026, the City Council of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, convened in a Joint Workshop Session, with the Planning Board, at 5:30 p.m. at the Nautical Landings Office Building Conference Room, located at 106 S. Commerce Street, Suite 1-B (South door entrance), Port Lavaca, Texas, with the following members in attendance:

I. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER	at 5:30 p.m.
Luis De La Garza	Mayor
Daniel Aguirre	Councilman, District 1
Tim Dent	Councilman, District 2
Mary E. "Sissy" Rigby	Councilmember, District 3
Rosie G. Padron	Councilwoman, District 4, Mayor Pro Tem
Rose Bland-Stewart	Councilman, District 5
Justin Burke	Councilman, District 6
Sheryl Cuellar	Planning Board Member
Betty Birdwell	Planning Board Member
Steve Butler	Planning Board Member

And with the following absent:

Justin Weaver	Planning Board Chairman
Gary Crone	Planning Board Member
Melinda Cain	Planning Board Member
Cynthia Escalera	Planning Board Member

Constituting a quorum for the transaction of business, at which time the following business was transacted:

WORKSHOP SESSION

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

- Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor De La Garza
- Invocation: Mayor De La Garza

III. MEETING SAFETY BRIEFING:

- **911** Councilman District 6 Burke
- **AED** Not one available at this location
- **EVAC** Mayor De La Garza advised to meet next door at the old O'Neil and Sons Brewing Company
- **CPR** Police Chief Tobie Bias
- **SAFETY** No safety concerns reported.

IV. REVIEW OF VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

• **OUR VISION:**

The Mayor and the City Council envision a friendly town on Lavaca Bay where economic and recreational opportunities abound, providing for a wonderful quality of life for both citizens and tourists, rich in history and looking toward a vibrant future!

• **OUR MISSION:**

Our mission is to make Port Lavaca a desirable place to live through high-quality services, responsible use of public resources, and a progressive approach to community development. With enthusiasm, integrity, and vision, we will maintain a safe environment and continually improve the quality of life for all citizens.

V. PRESENTATION(S) None

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - *Limited to 3 minutes per individual unless permission to speak longer is received in advance. You may make public comments as you would at a meeting on Zoom by logging on with your computer and/or smart phone as described in the zoom invitation below or on Facebook Live through the comment section, which will be monitored and answered. As appropriate.*

- Mayor De La Garza asked for comments from the public and there was none.

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – (Council will discuss the following items)

1. Discuss 2026 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning with representatives of Baxter & Goodman. Presenter is Jody Weaver

Council discussed this agenda item.

No action necessary and none taken.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER

V. ADJOURN WORKSHOP

Mayor De La Garza asked for motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Motion made by Councilman District 6 Burke

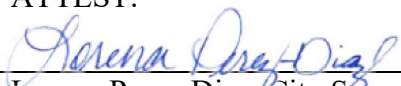
Seconded by Councilwoman District 3 Rigby

Voting Yea:

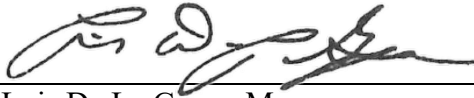
Councilman District 1 Aguirre, Councilman District 2 Dent, Councilwoman District 3 Rigby, Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron, Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart, Councilman District 6 Burke

These minutes were approved on August 10, 2026.

ATTEST:



Lorena Perez-Diaz, City Secretary



Luis De La Garza, Mayor