



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 09, 2026 at 6:30 PM

City Council Chambers | 202 N. Virginia Street, Port Lavaca TX 77979

MINUTES

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CALHOUN §
CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 9th day of February 2026, the City Council of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, convened in a regular session at 6:30 p.m. at the regular meeting place in Council Chambers at City Hall, 202 North Virginia Street, Port Lavaca, Texas, with the following members in attendance:

I. ROLL CALL

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| Jack Whitlow | Mayor |
| Daniel Aguirre | Councilman, District 1 |
| Tim Dent | Councilman, District 2 |
| Vacant Seat | Council Member, District 3 |
| Rosie G. Padron | Councilwoman, District 4, Mayor Pro Tem |
| Rose Bland-Stewart | Councilwoman, District 5 |
| Justin Burke | Councilman, District 6 |

And with the following absent:

None

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

II. CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Whitlow called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and presided.

III. INVOCATION

- Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Mayor Whitlow – Pledge of Allegiance.

V. PRESENTATION(S) BY THE MAYOR

- Proclamation for:
 - Rotary Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

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 asked for comments from the public and the following citizens spoke:
 - Russell Cain commented on drain and soil problems at 119 W. Harbor Drive
 - Felicia Harral, 119 W. Harbor Drive, drain and soil problems

VII. CONSENT AGENDA - *Council will consider/discuss the following items and take any action deemed necessary*

- A. Minutes of January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting**
- B. Minutes of January 26, 2026 Special Meeting**
- C. Review of Credit Card Statement**
- D. Receive Monthly Financial Highlight Report**
- E. Receive Employee Training Review Acknowledgment report ending 01.31.2026**
- F. Receive Office of Court Administrators (OCA) Monthly report ending 01.31.2026**
- G. Receive Victoria Economic Development Corporation (VEDC) Monthly Report**
- H. Receive Quarterly Investment Report for 10.01.2025 to 12.31.2025**
- I. Ratify Lease at City Harbor Tracts 7, 8, 11 with Federation at Southern Co-op**
- J. Ratify Southern Gulf Systems Purchase Order for work at Harbor Drive West**
- K. Consider Change Order No. 1 for City Hall Security Upgrade**

Councilman Dent requested consent agenda item “I” Ratify Lease at City Harbor Tracts 7, 8, 11 with Federation at Southern Co-op, be pulled for discussion.

Councilman Burke requested consent agenda item “K” Consider Change Order No. 1 for City Hall Security Upgrade, be pulled for discussion.

Motion made by Councilman District 2 Dent

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

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves all consent agenda items, with the exception of “I” Ratify Lease at City Harbor Tracts 7, 8, 11 with Federation at Southern Co-op and “K” Consider Change Order No. 1 for City Hall Security Upgrade, as listed.

Seconded by Councilman District 6 Burke

Voting Yea:

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

Motion made by Councilman District 2 Dent

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

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves consent agenda item “I” Ratify Lease at City Harbor Tracts 7, 8, 11 with Federation at Southern Co-op and “K” Consider Change Order No. 1 for City Hall Security Upgrade, as listed.

Seconded by Councilman District 1 Aguirre

Voting Yea:

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

Voting Nay:

Councilman District 6 Burke

VIII. ACTION ITEMS - (Council will consider/discuss the following items and take any action deemed necessary)

1. **Receive annual report from the Police Department for Racial Profiling. Presenter is Colin Rangnow**

Police Chief Rangnow presented Council with the annual report from the Police Department for Racial Profiling.

No action necessary and none taken.

2. **Consider approval of Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust (MBMT) Contract No. 105 for the City of Port Lavaca Mid-Coast Birding Festival and Education Outreach Boat Tours as part of the 2nd Annual City of Port Lavaca Midcoast Texas Bird Festival. Presenter is Jody Weaver**

Interim City Manager Weaver advised Council that on January 06, 2026, the City received notice from Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust (MBMT) that our submitted proposal entitled “The RN Archimedes Research Vessel Floating Classroom Tours of Chester Island during the 2nd Annual City of Port Lavaca Mid-Coast Birding Festival” was approved.

The contract providing for \$16,250.00 of Grant funds for the project, is summarized as follows:

Task 1: Educational Boat Tours – Mid-Coast Birding Festival (Port Lavaca).

As part of the Annual City of Port Lavaca Mid-Coast Birding Festival, educational boat tours will showcase the waterways and birdlife of Calhoun County.

- Friday, April 10: Six educational boat tours will be offered, with three distinct tour routes. Each tour will run once in the morning and once in the evening.

- Saturday, April 11: The same three tours will be offered in the morning. The photography tour will travel through Hog Bayou or the Guadalupe River via Highway 35.
- Sunday, April 12: The three tours from Friday morning will be repeated.

Task 2: R/V Archimedes Floating Classroom Tours of Chester Island.

During the 151st Annual City of Port Lavaca Mid-Coast Birding Festival (April 09 to 12, 2026), the R/V Archimedes Research Vessel will provide floating classroom tours to Chester Island, a nationally significant bird rookery near Port O'Connor.

Several hundred birding enthusiasts are expected to attend the festival. Chester Island, formerly Sundown Island, played a critical role in the restoration of the Brown Pelican, which faced near extinction in the 1960s. Created from dredge material in 1962, the island is now home to over 22,000 birds representing 22 species, including more than 2,000 Brown Pelicans, approximately 120 participants, including festival attendees, local students, and community leaders.

This is the same contract language that has been used for our previous contracts with MBMT. The Contract period is from February 01, 2026 until July 31, 2026.

Financial Implication:

The total project cost is \$20,050.00, with \$3,800.00 allocated for registration fees. The grant reimbursement is \$16,250.00.

Staff recommends approving Contract #105 with Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust Fund.

Motion made by Councilman District 6 Burke

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

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust (MBMT) Contract No. 105 for the City of Port Lavaca Mid-Coast Birding Festival and Education Outreach Boat Tours as part of the 2nd Annual City of Port Lavaca Midcoast Texas Bird Festival, in the amount of \$16,250.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all instruments necessary to affect such agreement.

Seconded by Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron

Voting Yea:

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

3. **Consider approval of Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust (MBMT) Contract No. 107 for the Clement Cove Wetlands Public Access Shared Use Path. Presenter is Jody Weaver**

Interim City Manager Weaver advised Council that on January 06, 2026, the City received notice from Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust (MBMT) that our submitted proposal entitled “Clement Cove Wetlands Public Access Shared Use Path” was approved.

The contract providing for \$549,800.00 of Grant funds for the project, is summarized as follows:

This project will construct an ADA-compliant 10-ft-wide solar-lighted pedestrian/bike trail along and within natural wetlands on “Clement Cove” property owned by the City of Port Lavaca, connecting the existing trail system at Bayfront Park to the Municipal (City) Harbor. The project includes approximately 1,100 linear feet of poured-in-place concrete walk, 635 linear feet of elevated timber boardwalk with SureStep™ environmentally friendly polypropylene decking, which allows light penetration, educational signage, and a shaded bench.

This is the same contract language that has been used for our three previous contracts with MBMT. The ending date is contractually set at December 31, 2027, which should provide adequate time to acquire the COE permit and construct.

Financial Implication:

The total project budget is \$768,450.00. The grant will reimburse up to \$549,800.00, so our match is \$218,650.00.

Staff recommends approving Contract #107 with Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust Fund.

Motion made by Councilman District 2 Dent

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

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust (MBMT) Contract No. 107 for the Clement Cove Wetlands Public Access Shared Use Path, in the amount of \$549,800.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all instruments necessary to affect such agreement.

Seconded by Councilman District 6 Burke

Voting Yea:

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

- 4. **Consider approval of Urban Engineering Task Order No. 38-R for \$61,650.00 for professional surveying and engineering services for the Clement Cove Boardwalk and Walking Trail. Presenter is Jody Weaver**

Interim City Manager Weaver advised Council that as was discussed in the previous agenda item, the City has been awarded a grant from the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust (MBMT) to construct the project "Clement Cove Wetlands Public Access Shared Use Path."

There is a Task Order from Urban Engineering for the Surveying, permitting, design, bid documents and construction administration for this project in the amount of \$61,650.00.

Per the contract, this entire fee amount for engineering is eligible for reimbursement, so our required match will not be needed until the latter part of the construction project, which will likely be during Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Financial Implication:

The entire engineering fee is reimbursable from the MBMT grant.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving Urban Engineering Task Order No. 38R.

Motion made by Councilman District 6 Burke

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

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves Urban Engineering Task Order No. 38-R for professional surveying and engineering services for the Clement Cove Boardwalk and Walking Trail, in the amount \$61,650.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all instruments necessary to affect such agreement.

Seconded by Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

Voting Yea:

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

- 5. **Consider approval of a 60 ft wide access easement across Corporation Ditch to Equalizer, Inc. to provide access between two portions of Property ID #37357. Presenter is Jody Weaver**

Interim City Manager Weaver advised Council that Equalizer is in the planning stages of shifting their operations from Victoria to Port Lavaca and are working to construct new facilities to store and handle liquid and bulk fertilizer on property they own on FM 1090 across from the Harbor of Refuge. Council approved the Conceptual Plan for this development in November 2025.

Equalizer owns land on both sides of Corporation Ditch and is requesting an access easement across the ditch in order to build a crossing structure to facilitate their proposed operations and limit the truck traffic on FM 1090.

The key issue that must be resolved in an Access Easement Agreement is the protection of the existing and future drainage capacity of Corporation Ditch. Any crossing must be designed so as not to impair the ditch's hydraulic performance. Mott McDonald is currently engaged in designing improvements to Corporation Ditch as part of the GLO CDBG-MIT Round 2 project, but the design capacity of the ditch in that location will not be available until their study is complete.

The proposed resolution portion of the easement states that the easement provides a valid public benefit as follows:

- a) increased safety to the traveling public by minimizing truck traffic entering and exiting FM 1090 on either side of Corporation Ditch;
- b) less wear and tear and required maintenance on FM 1090 due to increased truck traffic in a short section of the highway.

Staff recommends approving the Access Easement for Equalizer as presented.

Motion made by Councilman District 1 Aguirre

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

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of the Port Commission and staff, Council hereby approves a 60 ft wide access easement across Corporation Ditch to Equalizer, Inc. to provide access between two portions of Property ID #37357.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all instruments necessary to affect such agreement.

Seconded by Councilman District 6 Burke

Voting Yea:

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

6. **Consider approval of a Pipeline Easement Agreement with Equalizer, Inc. for a pipeline across Harbor of Refuge Tract 3. Presenter is Jody Weaver**

Interim City Manager Weaver advised Council that Equalizer is in the planning stages of shifting their operations from Victoria to Port Lavaca and are working to construct new facilities to store and handle liquid and bulk fertilizer on property they own on FM 1090 across from the Harbor of Refuge. Council approved the Conceptual Plan for this development in November 2025.

There is shown a Pipeline easement across the northeast boundary line of the Harbor of Refuge Tract 3. Equalizer is proposing to construct a pipeline (6"-8" diameter) to transport liquid fertilizer UAN 32 to/from barges docked on the public dock of the Harbor of Refuge to storage tanks that will be built as part of the Equalizer Facility. This is the same product that Helena and Simplot receive into their terminals.

Financial Implication:

There is no rent or fee associated with the portion of the easement that is within the boundary of the Harbor of Refuge Tract 3 as long as Equalizer has a valid lease agreement with the city for Tract 3.

The annual fee for the 10 ft wide x 100' long easement across the public dock is calculated at \$600.00, which will be paid in monthly installments of \$50.00 concurrent with the lease payment for Tract 3.

Recommendation:

- The Port Commission has discussed this in conjunction with the long-term lease of Harbor of Refuge Tract 3 to Equalizer, Inc. and recommends approval of the easement as presented.
- Approve the Pipeline Easement Agreement with Equalizer as presented, contingent upon final approval by City Attorney Odefey*.

*Equalizer's legal team has not fully completed their review of the easement language and may possibly request minor changes. As long as City Attorney Odefey approves any such request for change, we'd like to move forward with the easement without having to bring it back to Council.

Motion made by Councilman District 1 Aguirre

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

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of the Port Commission and staff, Council hereby approves the Pipeline Easement Agreement with Equalizer as presented, contingent upon final approval by the City Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all instruments necessary to affect such agreement.

Seconded by Councilman District 6 Burke

Voting Yea:

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

7. Consider approval of a 5-year Lease Agreement, with 3 each 5-year extensions available, for Harbor of Refuge Tract 3 with Equalizer, Inc. Presenter is Jody Weaver

Interim City Manager Weaver advised Council that Equalizer is in the planning stages of shifting their operations from Victoria to Port Lavaca and are working to construct new facilities to store and handle liquid and bulk fertilizer on property they own on FM 1090 across from the Harbor of Refuge. Council approved the Conceptual Plan for this development in November 2025.

Part of their planning involves leasing the Harbor of Refuge Tract No. 3 (4.3 acres) from the City of Port Lavaca. This lease became available for rent in December at the termination of Encore's lease on November 30.

The lease language is based upon the City’s Standard lease form and has been negotiated with and accepted by the Port Commission and reviewed and approved for format by City Attorney Odefey.

Financial Implication:

Monthly Rent: \$4,200.00; MCI adjustment each October 1st; 5-year term with 3 options for an additional 5 years each. So, the potential term of this lease is 20 years.

The \$4,200 was agreed upon based upon a land valuation of \$2.37/sf and \$60,000 for the building and a 10-year rate of return for the annual rent. The Port Commission recommends approval of the Harbor of Refuge Tract 3 lease with Equalizer, Inc., as presented.

Motion made by Councilman District 6 Burke

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

THAT, in accordance with recommendation the Port Commission, Council hereby approves a 5-year Lease Agreement, with 3 each 5-year extensions available, for Harbor of Refuge Tract 3 with Equalizer, Inc., as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all instruments necessary to affect such agreement.

Seconded by Councilman District 1 Aguirre

Voting Yea:

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

8. **Consider approval of the 2026 Agreement with the YMCA for operation of the City Pool. Presenter is Wayne Shaffer**

Public Works Director Shaffer and Calhoun County YMCA Executive Director Michelle Morales advised Council that the proposed 2026 Pool Management agreement is the same as the 2025 agreement. For reference, the attendance at the pool for 2024 and 2025 are shown in this table. Unfortunately, during 2025 we were plagued with a few electrical power surges that destroyed pumps and there were a few periods when the pool was down after having to replace pumps and regain proper water quality standards.

<u>Pool Attendance:</u>	<u>In 2024</u>	<u>In 2025</u>
May	622	697
June	2,198	631
July	1,986	528
August	635	398

Financial Implication:

There is \$50,000.00 budgeted in Swimming Pool Operations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to pay for the City’s obligations under this contract.

For reference, actual dollars spent in previous budgets:

<u>Budget Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual Dollars Spent</u>
2024-2025	\$36,546.00
2023-2024	\$41,000.00

Staff recommends approval of the 2026 Pool Management Agreement with the YMCA.

Motion made by Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

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

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves Agreement between the City of Port Lavaca and the Calhoun County YMCA for Operation of the Municipal Swimming Pool from April 01, 2026 to September 22, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all instruments necessary to affect such agreement.

Seconded by Councilman District 1 Aguirre

Voting Yea:

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

9. Consider amendments to the City’s HR and Workplace Policies, Chapter 7 Work Environment and Workplace Safety. Presenter is Revann Grimaldo

Interim Finance Director Grimaldo presented Council with amendments to the City’s HR and Workplace Policies, Chapter 7 Work Environment and Workplace Safety.

Motion made by Councilman District 2 Dent

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

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves amendments to the City’s HR and Workplace Policies, Chapter 7 Work Environment and Workplace Safety.

Seconded by Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron

Voting Yea:

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

- 10. **Consider Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance (G-1-26) of the City of Port Lavaca; amending Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Fees, Rates and Charges; Chapter 38, Solid Waste, Article II, Collection and Disposal, Sec 38-29 Residential Rate, Garbage/brush/bulk collection; providing for purpose of ordinance; providing for severability; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Presenter is Jody Weaver**

Interim City Manager Weaver advised Council that as per the 4th Amendment to our contract with Republic Services, the rates, beginning February 2024, increase each year in February by 4%. Per the letter from Republic, Residential Trash pickup will be increased from \$21.12/month to \$21.96/month. The rate for additional carts will be increased from \$16.75/month to \$17.42 per month.

Unless Council does decide to accept a minimum 3-year extension to Republic Contract (see previous agenda item #2), this 4% increase will become effective on February 01, 2026. We have therefore brought to you a first reading of an ordinance amending the solid waste rates to reflect this additional 4%. If Council approves a contract extension on January 26, 2026, then we do not have to bring this rate change back for a second reading.

Motion made by Councilman District 2 Dent

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

THAT, in accordance with the recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves the Second and Final reading of an Ordinance (G-1-26) of the City of Port Lavaca; amending Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Fees, Rates and Charges; Chapter 38, Solid Waste, Article II, Collection and Disposal, Sec 38-29 Residential Rate, Garbage/brush/bulk collection.

Seconded by Councilman District 6 Burke

Voting Yea:

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

- 11. **Consider First Reading of an ordinance (S-1-26) of the City of Port Lavaca approving a project and financing plan for tax increment reinvestment zone number one, City of Port Lavaca, Texas; making various findings related to such plan; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Presenter is Jody Weaver**

Motion made by Councilman District 6 Burke

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

THAT, in accordance with the recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves First reading of an Ordinance (S-1-26) of the City of Port Lavaca; approving a project and financing plan for tax increment reinvestment zone number one, City of Port Lavaca, Texas; making various findings related to such plan; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Seconded by Councilman District 2 Dent

Voting Yea:

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

Mayor Whitlow announced that Council would go into Recess at 8:03 p.m.

Mayor Whitlow announced Council was back in Session at 8:12 p.m.

12. **Announcement by Mayor that City Council will retire into closed session:**

- **For consultation with City Attorney on matters in which the duty of the Attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act (Title 5, Chapter 551,–Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code). Presenter is Mayor Whitlow**
- **For consultation with City Attorney concerning contemplated or pending litigation in accordance with Title 5, CH 551, Section 551.071(1) of the Texas Government Code:**
- **To discuss personnel matters in accordance with Title 5, Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (to discuss appointment, employment, evaluation, responsibilities and duties, reassignment, discipline or dismissal of an officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee [Interim City Manager]). Presenter is Mayor Whitlow**

Mayor Whitlow announced that Council would retire into closed session at 8:13 p.m.

13. **Return to Open Session and take any action deemed necessary with regard to matters in closed session. Presenter is Mayor Whitlow**

Mayor Whitlow announced that Council was back in open session at 10:36 p.m.

Motion #1: {GC 551.071(1) Pending Litigation}:

Motion made by Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

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

THAT, Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to contract for Pipe Repairs at 110 Harbor Drive West in an amount up to\$10,000.00.

Seconded by Councilman District 2 Dent

Voting Yea:

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor asked for motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron

Seconded by Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

Voting Yea:

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

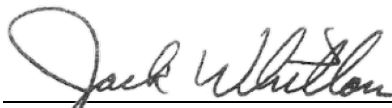
Meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

These minutes were approved on March 09, 2026.

ATTEST:



Mandy Grant, City Secretary



Jack Whitlow, Mayor