# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 12, 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 12th day of October 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 AND CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m.**

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| Luis De La Garza | Mayor |
| Daniel Aguirre | Councilman, District 1 |
| Tim Dent | Councilman, District 2 |
| Mary E. "Sissy" Rigby | Councilwoman, 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

- Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron
- Invocation: Mayor De La Garza

**III. MEETING SAFETY BRIEFING:**

- **911** Councilman District 1 Aguirre
- **AED** Councilman District 6 Burke
- **EVAC** Meet at corner at stop sign of Mahan and Virginia.
- **CPR** Police Chief Bias
- **SAFETY** The Assistant City Manager/Fire Chief reminded everyone that Daylight Saving Time ends on November 1, 2026, and encouraged residents to use this opportunity to check their smoke detectors and replace the batteries as needed to ensure proper operation.

## 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)

### 1. Proclamations By Mayor

Mayor Luis De La Garza presented the following proclamations on behalf of the City of Port Lavaca:

- Fire Prevention Month – October 2026: Proclaiming October 2026 as Fire Prevention Month and recognizing Fire Prevention Week, October 4–10, 2026, with the theme "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower." The proclamation emphasized the importance of fire prevention, safe charging practices, and fire safety awareness throughout the community.
- Municipal Court Week – November 2–6, 2026: Proclaiming November 2–6, 2026, as Municipal Court Week in recognition of the important role municipal courts play in the administration of justice and their service to the community.

### 2. Employee Service Awards

The City of Port Lavaca recognized Mary Barraza of City Hall for five (5) years of dedicated service to the City. The recognition acknowledged her commitment and contributions to the City and its operations.

### 3. City Manager's High Five Recognitions

The City Manager Jody Weaver recognized Eddie Taylor and Douglas Carpio of the Parks Department for their outstanding service and contributions to the city. She recognized Public Works Parks Crew members Eddie Taylor, Roger Barraza, and Tyler Wright for their efforts in safely removing and relocating honeybee hives found in water meters and other locations throughout the City. She also acknowledged Parks Supervisor Eddie Tyler for sharing his beekeeping experience and training fellow employees in the safe removal and relocation of bees.

### 4. Presentation by the Police Chief

Police Chief Tobie Bias presented a slideshow highlighting the Police Department's accomplishments since assuming his role as Chief of Police. He reported several significant achievements, including reaching full staffing levels, implementing a new department-specific policy and procedures manual recognized by the Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA),

presenting six lifesaving awards, conducting individual interviews with every department employee, and successfully completing a warrant roundup initiative.

**5. Presentation by Events Coordinator**

The Events Coordinator Tania French presented a visual overview of the proposed Food Truck Court concept, including images illustrating the anticipated layout and overall vision for the area. She also provided a comparison of monthly food truck rental rates in surrounding cities, including Aransas Pass, Corpus Christi, and Victoria. Additionally, she presented an overview of the proposed onboarding packet outlining the information and requirements for food truck operators interested in utilizing the designated Food Truck Court spaces.

**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 were none.

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

**A. Minutes of September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting**
**B. Minutes of September 21, 2026 Special Meeting**
**C. Minutes of September 22, 2026 Special and Workshop Session**
**D. Review of Credit Card Statement**
**E. Receive Monthly Financial Highlight Report**
**F. Receive Employee Training Review Acknowledgment report ending 09.30.2026**
**G. Receive Office of Court Administrators (OCA) Monthly report ending 09.30.2026**
**H. Receive Victoria Economic Development Corporation (VEDC) Monthly Report**
**I. Receive Development Services Quarterly Report 07.01.2026 thru 09.30.2026**
**J. Receive Public Works Quarterly Report 07.01.2026 thru 09.30.2026**
**K. Receive Quarterly CIP Progress Report 07.01.206 thru 09.30.2026**
**L. Consider request of the Chamber of Commerce for parade permit, traffic control assistance and closing off several streets, for the Annual "Lighted Christmas Parade" on Friday, December 04, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and also request waiver of any fees associated with the event.**
**M. Consider request of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church for a parade permit and traffic control assistance for their annual "Christ the King Eucharistic Procession Parade" on Sunday, November 22, 2026 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and also request waiver of any fees associated with the event.**
**N. Consider request of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church (OLGULF) Altar Society, for closure of Benavides Street between Leona and Austin Streets for their annual fund-raising Thanksgiving Meal Drive-Thru on Sunday, November 01, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Councilmember Justin Burke inquired about the 20 charges listed for Speedy Stop. Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer clarified that the charges were associated with monthly car wash subscriptions for Public Works Department vehicles.

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 all consent agenda items, as listed.

Seconded by Councilman District 2 Dent

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

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

1. **Consider ratification of Ordinance No. S-5-26 adopting the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget, previously approved at the September 22, 2026 Special Meeting. Presenter is Brittany Hogan**

Finance Director Brittany Hogan presented the ratification of Ordinance No. S-5-26, adopting the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget, which was previously approved by City Council at the September 22, 2026 Special Meeting. She explained that the ratification was being presented in accordance with the City Charter requirement that ordinances be considered at a regular City Council meetings. The item was brought forward to satisfy this requirement following its approval at a Special Meeting.

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, the City Council hereby ratifies Ordinance No. S-5-26, adopting the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget, as previously approved at the September 22, 2026 Special City Council Meeting.

Seconded by Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

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

2. **Consider ratification of Ordinance No. S-6-26 adopting the 2026 Tax Rate, previously approved at the September 22, 2026 Special Meeting. Presenter is Brittany Hogan**

Finance Director Brittany Hogan presented the ratification of Ordinance No. S-6-26, adopting the 2026 Tax Rate, which was previously approved by City Council at the September 22, 2026 Special Meeting. She explained that the ratification was being brought forward in accordance with the City Charter requirement that ordinances be considered at regular City Council meetings, as the ordinance was originally approved during a Special Meeting.

Motion made by Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

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

THAT, in accordance with the recommendation of staff, the City Council hereby ratifies Ordinance No. S-6-26, adopting the 2026 Tax Rate, as previously approved at the September 22, 2026 Special City Council Meeting.

Seconded by Councilman District 1 Aguirre

Voting Yea:
Councilman District 1 Aguirre, Councilman District 2 Dent, Councilwoman District 3 Rigby, Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron, and Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

Voting Nay:
Councilman District 6 Burke

3. **Consider approving a change order NO. 2 for sewer line replacement along La Salle and Trinity Street under CDBG Grant Agreement No. CDV23-0209. Presenter is Wayne Shaffer**

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer presented information regarding the Sewer Line Improvements Project along La Salle and Trinity Streets, funded in part by a $500,000 grant awarded by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) through the TxCDBG program. Shaffer explained that the original construction bids came in below the engineer's estimate of $484,600. However, during construction, additional sanitary sewer improvements were identified as necessary to complete the wastewater collection system, including additional sewer mains, service connections, manholes, and related infrastructure.

Shaffer requested approval of Change Order No. 2 in the amount of $87,469.00, of which $59,851.00 would be funded through the remaining available grant funds and $27,618.00 through the City's Public Utility Fund construction funds. Staff further requested authorization to expend up to an additional $10,000.00 from the Public Utility Fund to address unforeseen conditions that may arise during construction and require a subsequent change order.

Shaffer explained that the proposed improvements would remain consistent with the project's original scope and grant objectives. The additional funding would allow the project to proceed without unnecessary delays while completing the necessary infrastructure improvements.

Motion made by Councilman District 1 Aguirre

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

THAT, n accordance with the recommendation of staff, the City Council hereby approves Change Order No. 2 in the amount of $87,469.00 for the Sewer Line Improvements Project along La Salle and Trinity Streets, utilizing $59,851.00 in remaining available grant funds and $27,618.00 from the City's Public Utility Fund construction funds.

Seconded by Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

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

Second Motion made by Councilman District 2 Dent

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT, in accordance with the recommendation of staff, the City Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of an additional amount not to exceed $10,000.00 from the City's Public Utility Fund construction funds to address unforeseen conditions or additional work associated with the Sewer Line Improvements Project along La Salle and Trinity Streets that may require a subsequent change order, without the need for further City Council approval, up to the authorized amount.

Seconded by Councilman District 1 Aguirre

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

4. **Consider approval of a Professional Services Agreement with SAFEbuilt Texas, LLC for inspection services for the Development Services Department. Presenter is Derrick Smith**

Development Services Director Derrick Smith presented information regarding a proposed Professional Services Agreement with SAFEbuilt Texas, LLC, to provide additional inspection services for the City's Development Services Department.

Smith explained that the agreement would allow the City to utilize SAFEbuilt as an additional service provider while maintaining its existing contract with Bureau Veritas. He stated that there would be no upfront cost associated with the agreement, as services would be fee-based and comparable to the City's current rate structure with Bureau Veritas. Since the fees would be passed through to customers, no adjustments to the City's existing fee schedule or budget would be necessary.

Smith expressed concerns regarding the future availability and consistency of inspection services provided by Bureau Veritas, noting the upcoming retirement of the primary inspector assigned to the area and the possibility of a replacement inspector being assigned from Houston. He also noted that several Bureau Veritas employees, including the area manager and an inspector, had transitioned to SAFEbuilt. Additionally, he reported that Bureau Veritas no longer provides ADA inspection services, which the City had recently requested for its facilities.

Smith advised that the City of Palacios had entered into an agreement with SAFEbuilt and that the City of Port Lavaca intended to maintain both service providers while evaluating their performance to determine which would best meet the City's needs.

Smith further explained that neither agreement has an expiration date. He noted that SAFEbuilt's agreement allows for rate adjustments of 4.5% or based on the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index, with any adjustments beginning 24 months after execution of the agreement. He emphasized that the proposed agreement would provide the City with greater flexibility and help ensure the continued availability of timely and consistent inspection services.

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 the recommendation of staff, the City Council hereby approves entering into a Professional Services Agreement with SAFEbuilt Texas, LLC, to provide building inspection and related development services on an as-needed basis, as an additional service provider to supplement the City's existing agreement with Bureau Veritas, with services provided on a fee-based structure at no additional cost to the City's budget.

Seconded by Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron

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

5. **Consider the Planning Board's recommendation to deny a request for a variance to Chapter 26, Manufactured Housing and Recreational Vehicles, of the City of Port Lavaca Code of Ordinances to allow a manufactured home to be placed on a residential lot located outside of a manufactured housing park. The property is described as Port Lavaca Original Townsite, Block 20, Lots 4, 5, and 6, located at 503 S. Colorado Street. Presenter is Derrick Smith**

Development Services Director Derrick Smith presented a request from Caleb and Layn Barnett for the placement of a 2027 HUD-Code manufactured home on property located at 503 S. Colorado Street.

Smith explained that, pursuant to Chapter 26, Section 26-2(c) of the City of Port Lavaca Code of Ordinances, HUD-Code manufactured homes are permitted only within designated manufactured housing

parks, manufactured housing subdivisions, or other properties approved by the Building Official, as provided by the ordinance. He further explained that a manufactured home may be placed on a lot where a manufactured home had previously been situated within the preceding 180 days.

Smith advised that the proposed placement did not comply with the City's adopted ordinances and, therefore, staff recommended denial of the request. He further reported that the Planning Board had reviewed the request and also recommended denial based on its noncompliance with the City's existing ordinances.

Councilman District 1 Aguirre

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

THAT, in accordance with the recommendations of staff and the Planning Board, the City Council hereby accepts the Planning Board's recommendation and denies the variance request submitted by Caleb and Layn Barnett for the placement of a 2027 HUD-Code manufactured home on property located at 503 S. Colorado Street, as the proposed placement does not comply with the requirements of Chapter 26, Section 26-2(c) of the City of Port Lavaca Code of Ordinances.

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,

Voting Nay:
Councilman District 6 Burke

6. **Consider the Planning Board's recommendation to deny a request for a variance to Chapter 26, Manufactured Housing and Recreational Vehicles, of the City of Port Lavaca Code of Ordinances to allow a manufactured home to be placed on a residential lot located outside of a manufactured housing park. The property is described as Bonorden (Port Lavaca), Block 6, Lot 3, containing 0.2296 acres, located at 1304 Tilley Street. Presenter is Derrick Smith**

Development Services Director Derrick Smith presented a request from Debbie Hamilton for the placement of a 2026 HUD-Code manufactured home on property located at 1304 Tilley Street.

Smith explained that, pursuant to Chapter 26, Section 26-2(c) of the City of Port Lavaca Code of Ordinances, HUD-Code manufactured homes are permitted only within designated manufactured housing parks, manufactured housing subdivisions, or other properties approved by the Building Official, as provided by the ordinance. He further explained that a manufactured home may be placed on a lot where a manufactured home had previously been situated within the preceding 180 days.

Smith advised that the proposed placement did not comply with the City's adopted ordinances and, therefore, staff recommended denial of the request.

He further reported that the Planning Board had reviewed the request and also recommended denial, citing noncompliance with the City's existing ordinances. Additionally, the Planning Board determined that insufficient evidence had been provided to demonstrate that denial of the variance would result in a unique hardship specific to the property.

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

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

THAT, in accordance in accordance with the recommendations of staff and the Planning Board, the City Council hereby denies the variance request submitted by Debbie Hamilton for the placement of a 2026 HUD-Code manufactured home on property located at 1304 Tilley Street, as the proposed placement does not comply with the requirements of Chapter 26, Section 26-2(c) of the City of Port Lavaca Code of Ordinances, and insufficient evidence was provided to demonstrate that denial of the request would result in a unique hardship specific to the property.

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

7. **Consider the Planning Board's recommendation to approve a request for the development of storage facilities, including a variance from the required toilet facilities, on property described as A0035 Maximo Sanchez, Tract PT 27, 7.33 acres, and Abstract 12 A. Esparza, Tract PT 12, Property ID No. 37976.Presenter is Derrick Smith**

Development Services Director Derrick Smith presented a request for approval of a conceptual development plan for a proposed storage facility development, along with a variance from the required toilet facilities.

Smith explained that, pursuant to the City of Port Lavaca Code of Ordinances, commercial development projects require approval by the Planning Board prior to construction. The applicant proposes to purchase the property and develop climate-controlled storage facilities in six phases, with each phase consisting of one building containing approximately 100 storage units.

Smith further explained that, under Section 2902.3.3 of the 2021 International Building Code, required employee toilet facilities must be located within a maximum travel distance of 500 feet. Since the proposed development would operate without an on-site office or full-time employees, the applicant requested a variance from the toilet facilities requirement.

Smith advised that staff recommended approval of the proposed development, noting that the property is located along a major thoroughfare, directly across from existing commercial property, and is consistent with the City's Future Land Use Plan.

He further reported that the Planning Board had reviewed the request and recommended approval of both the conceptual development plan and the requested variance. Smith noted that final development approval would remain subject to compliance with all applicable City requirements, including parking, setbacks, landscaping, sidewalks, and life safety regulations.

Motion made by Councilman District 6 Burke

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

THAT, in accordance with the recommendations of staff and the Planning Board, the City Council hereby approves the conceptual development plan for the proposed climate-controlled storage facilities and grants the requested variance from the required toilet facilities, subject to the final development plans meeting all applicable City requirements, including parking, setbacks, landscaping, sidewalks, and life safety regulations.

Seconded by Councilman District 1 Aguirre

Voting Yea:
Councilman District 1 Aguirre, Councilman District 2 Dent, Councilwoman District 3 Rigby, Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron, Councilman District 6 Burke

Voting Nay:
Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

8. **Consider review of proposals and award of a contract for grant administration services for the CDBG-MIT Mitigation Reallocation Program (MRP). Presenter is Jody Weaver**

City Manager Jody Weaver presented information regarding the City's intent to submit one or more grant applications to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) under the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Reallocation Program (CDBG-MIT MRP) for potential infrastructure improvements.

Weaver explained that the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Grant Administration Services and received four proposals from KSBR, LLC, Langford, Public Management, Inc., and International Consulting Engineers.

She stated that a Scoring Committee consisting of City staff and Councilman Tim Dent evaluated the proposals based on qualifications, experience, project approach, past performance, cost, and references. Following the evaluation, KSBR, LLC received the highest overall score, and the committee recommended awarding the Grant Administration Services contract to the firm.

Weaver further explained that there would be no immediate financial impact to the City, as grant administration costs are anticipated to be eligible for reimbursement through the program, subject to grant award and GLO approval.

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 the recommendation of staff, the City Council hereby approves the award of a Grant Administration Services contract to KSBR, LLC, for grant application preparation and administration under the CDBG-MIT Reallocation Program (MRP)

Seconded by Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart

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

**9. Consider Second and Final reading of an Ordinance (G-11-26) of the City of Port Lavaca amending the Ordinance codified and described in the City of Port Lavaca's Code of Ordinances as Chapter 12 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III Flood Damage Prevention; providing for purpose of ordinance, providing for severability; providing a repealing clause; 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 the Second and Final reading of an Ordinance (G-11-26) of the City of Port Lavaca amending the Ordinance codified and described in the City of Port Lavaca's Code of Ordinances as Chapter 12 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III Flood Damage Prevention; providing for purpose of ordinance, providing for severability; providing a repealing clause.

Seconded by Councilman District 1 Aguirre

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

10. **Consider First Reading of Ordinance No. (G-12-26) of the City of Port Lavaca amending the ordinance codified and described in the City of Port Lavaca Code of Ordinances as Chapter 2, "Administration," Article II, "City Council," Division 2, "Meetings," to change the regular meeting time of the City Council to 5:30 p.m.; providing for severability; providing a repealing clause; 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 the First reading of an Ordinance (G-12-26) of the City of Port Lavaca amending the Ordinance codified and described in the City of Port Lavaca's Code of Ordinances as Chapter 2, "Administration," Article II, "City Council," Division 2, "Meetings," to change the regular meeting time of the City Council to 5:30 p.m.; providing for severability; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Seconded by Councilman District 1 Aguirre

Voting Yea:
Councilman District 1 Aguirre, Councilman District 2 Dent, Councilwoman District 3 Rigby, Councilwoman District 5 Bland-Stewart, Councilman District 6 Burke

Voting Nay:
Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron

**11. Consider First Reading of Ordinance No. (G-13-26) of the City of Port Lavaca amending Chapter 24 of the City of Port Lavaca Code of Ordinances by adding provisions establishing the Police Department; providing for the certification of police officers; establishing the position, authority, and responsibilities of the Chief of Police; and establishing the authority and duties of police officers. Presenter is Tobie Bias**

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 First reading of an Ordinance (G-13-26) of the City of Port Lavaca amending Chapter 24 of the City of Port Lavaca Code of Ordinances by adding provisions establishing the Police Department; providing for the certification of police officers; establishing the position, authority, and responsibilities of the Chief of Police; and establishing the authority and duties of police officers. Presenter is Tobie Bias

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, and Councilman District 6 Burke

Voting Nay:

12. **Closed Session: As authorized by and subject to the applicable provisions of law, including but not limited to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Open Meetings Act, the following topic(s) may be considered in Closed Session:**

- Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney
- Section 551.072 Real Property Transactions
- Section 551.074 Personnel Matters
- Section 551.087 Economic Development Negotiations

Mayor De La Garza announced that there would be no closed session

19. **Return to Open Session and take any action deemed necessary with regard to matters in closed session**

There was no closed session.

## IX. COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER

## X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor De La Garza asked for motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Councilman District 2 Dent

Seconded by Councilwoman District 4 (Mayor Pro Tem) Padron

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

These minutes were approved on November 09, 2026.

ATTEST:

Lorena Perez-Diaz, City Secretary

Luis De La Garza, Mayor