



CITY COUNCIL JOINT WORKSHOP/ SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, July 27, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Bauer Community Center (Side Meeting Rooms), 2300 Highway 35 North, Port Lavaca, TX 77979

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CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 27th day of July 2026, the City Council of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, convened in a Joint Workshop session with the Recreation and Parks Board, followed by a City Council Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Bauer Community Center (Side Meeting Rooms), 2300 Highway 35 North, Port Lavaca, Texas to consider the items listed, with the following members in attendance:

- I. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER at 5:31 p.m.**
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| Luis De La Garza | Mayor |
| Daniel Aguirre | Councilman, District 1 |
| Tim Dent | Councilman, District 2 |
| Rosie G. Padron | Councilwoman, District 4, Mayor Pro Tem |
| Rose Bland-Stewart | Councilwoman, District 5 |
| Justin Burke | Councilman, District 6 |
| Mac Sistrunk | Chairman |
| Olga Szela | Vicechairwoman |
| Greg Falcon | Board Member |
| Socorro Cantu | Board Member |

And with the following absent:

Mary E. "Sissy" Rigby	Councilwoman, District 3
William "Bill" Regan	Board Member

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: Mayor De La Garza
 - Invocation: Mayor De La Garza

III. MEETING SAFETY BRIEFING:

- **911** Councilman Burke
- **AED** Fire Chief Joe Reyes
- **EVAC** Mayor De La Garza advised to meet at Lighthouse in front of the Bauer Community Center
- **CPR** Police Chief Bias
- **SAFETY** Mayor De La Garza advised that Formosa Plastics would be beginning a plant shutdown, which is expected to increase traffic in the area. He asked everyone to use caution, particularly at traffic light intersections.

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.*

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X. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – (Council will discuss the following items)**1. Discuss presentation by LJA Architects regarding the Port Lavaca Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Presenter is Jody Weaver**

Council discussed this agenda item.

No action necessary and none taken.

XII. ADJOURN WORKSHOP

Mayor De La Garza asked for motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Councilman District 2 Dent

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 6:40 p.m.

Special Meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m.

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

1. **Consider Announcement by Mayor that City Council will retire into closed session:**
 - **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.**

Mayor De La Garza announced that Council would retire into closed session at 6:4 p.m.

2. **Return to Open Session and take any action deemed necessary with regard to matters in closed session. Presenter is Luis De La Garza**

Mayor De La Garza announced that Council was back in open session at 7:21 p.m.

No action necessary and none taken.

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Voting Yea:

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Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

ATTEST:



Lorena Perez-Diaz, City Secretary



Luis De La Garza, Mayor