



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL/WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, August 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

The following item will be addressed at this or any other meeting of the city council upon the request of the mayor, any member(s) of council and/or the city attorney:

Announcement by the mayor that council will retire into closed session for consultation with the 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).

(All matters listed under the consent agenda item are routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.)

AGENDA

Council will consider/discuss the following items and take any action deemed necessary.

MEETING PROCEDURE

Public notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, will hold a special and workshop meeting Monday, August 17, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the regular meeting place in Council Chambers at City Hall, 202 North Virginia Street, Port Lavaca, Texas, to consider the following items of business:

[After publication, any information in a council packet is subject to change during the meeting]

The meeting will also be available via the video conferencing application "Zoom",

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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**I. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER****II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION****III. MEETING SAFETY BRIEFING (911 ___, AED ___, EVAC ___, CPR ___, SAFETY ___)****IV. REVIEW OF MISSION AND VISION 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)**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 by logging on with your computer and using "Join Zoom Meeting" information on first page of this agenda).

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

1. Consider a proposed tax rate for 2026-2027 fiscal year and take a record vote. Presenter is Brittney Hogan
2. Consider setting a public hearing on the proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year Budget for Monday, September 14, 2026. Presenter is Brittney Hogan
3. Consider setting a public hearing on the proposed 2026 Tax Rate for Monday, September 14, 2026. Presenter is Brittney Hogan
4. Consider appointment/reappointment of member(s) to the Recreation and Parks Board to fill an expired term and/or begin a new two-year term. Presenter is Wayne Shaffer
5. Consider approval of temporary street closures for the Bulls on the Bay event on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19, through 12:30 a.m. Sunday, September 20, 2026, at the following locations: Stringham Drive at Henry Barber Way, Fairgrounds Road at Henry Barber Way, and Airline Drive at Peikert Lane. Presenter is Tania French
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VIII. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**IX. CALL TO ORDER****X. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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XI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - Council will discuss the following items

- [1.](#) Discuss proposed city budget for 2026-2027 fiscal year. Presenter is Brittney Hogan
- [2.](#) Conduct Cyber Security Training. Presenter is Jody Weaver

XII. ADJOURN WORKSHOP**XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER**

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING NOTICE

This is to certify that the above notice of a Special and Workshop meeting of The City Council of The City of Port Lavaca, scheduled for **Monday, August 17, 2026**, beginning at 9:00 a.m., was posted at City Hall, easily accessible to the public, as of **2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2026**.

Lorena Perez-Diaz, *City Secretary*

ADA NOTICE

The Port Lavaca City Hall and Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible. Access to the building is available at the primary north entrance facing Mahan Street. Special parking spaces are located in the Mahan Street parking area. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Port Lavaca will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending meetings. To better serve you, requests should be received 24 hours prior to the meetings. Please contact City Secretary Lorena Perez-Diaz at (361) 552-9793 Ext. 223 for assistance.

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CITY OF PORT LAVACA

CC MEETING: **AUGUST 17, 2026** **AGENDA ITEM #** _____

DATE: 8/11/2026

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR LUIS DE LA GARZA AND CITY COUNCIL
MEMBERS

FROM: JODY WEAVER, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEMBER

BACKGROUND:

The Recreation and Parks Board currently has vacancies, and the city has received applications from the following individuals: Ramona Servantes, Vincent Cisneros, Natalie Gonzalez, Rosa Martinez, and Maggie Sepulveda. The candidates are listed in no particular order, and each resides within the city limits.

The Recreation and Parks Board currently consists of five members. Pursuant to City Ordinance, the Board may have up to nine members. Board members serve two-year terms, and there are no established term limits.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the appointments.

ATTACHMENTS:

Please see the attached letters of intent submitted by each applicant for the City Council's review and consideration.

07/21/2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving on the Recreation and Park Board. As a long-time resident of Port Lavaca and someone deeply committed to the well-being of our community, I believe I can bring meaningful perspective, dedication, and hands-on experience to the board's mission.

My involvement in the community has always been rooted in service. Over the years, I have participated in local events, supported youth activities, and volunteered whenever possible to help strengthen the sense of connection that makes our town special. I value the role that parks, recreation programs, and public spaces play in bringing people together, promoting health, and preserving the character of our community.

I also bring a strong work ethic shaped by my family's history. I come from a family that believes in showing up, working hard, and giving back. Those values guide me every day. Whether I am helping neighbors, supporting local initiatives, or advocating for improvements that benefit families, I approach every responsibility with reliability, respect, and follow-through.

I am eager to contribute these qualities to the Recreation and Park Board. I would welcome the opportunity to help maintain and improve our parks, expand recreational opportunities, and ensure that our public spaces continue to serve residents of all ages. I am committed to listening, collaborating, and doing the work needed to support a thriving, active, and connected community.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to serve and look forward to the possibility of contributing to the future of Port Lavaca's parks and recreation programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ramona Servantes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ramona Servantes (Mona)

From: [Vince Cisneros](#)
To: [Lorena Perez-Diaz](#)
Subject: Letter of Interest – Recreation and Parks Board
Date: Thursday, July 16, 2026 5:07:57 PM

Dear Ms. Diaz,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving on the City of Port Lavaca Recreation and Parks Board. As a registered voter and resident within the City of Port Lavaca, I would be honored to be considered for this opportunity to serve our community.

I have a strong passion for community involvement and believe that our parks and recreational programs play a vital role in improving the quality of life for individuals and families of all ages. I am committed to contributing my time, leadership, and problem-solving skills to help strengthen and enhance these valuable community resources.

Throughout my professional career, I have developed experience in leadership, operations, teamwork, and serving others with integrity and accountability. I would welcome the opportunity to bring those skills to the Recreation and Parks Board while working collaboratively with fellow board members and city staff to support the continued growth and beautification of Port Lavaca.

Thank you for considering my letter of interest. I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve our community in this capacity and look forward to hearing from you. Please let me know if there are any additional forms or information needed to complete the application process.

Respectfully,

Vincent Cisneros
Port Lavaca, TX

808-743-4477

Sent from my iPhone

Natalie Trevino Gonzalez

Port Lavaca, Texas

(361) 484-5292

trevinon87@gmail.com

July 22, 2026

City Council Members

City of Port Lavaca

Re: Letter of Interest – Recreation and Parks Board

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the City of Port Lavaca Recreation and Parks Board. As a Port Lavaca resident, I would be honored to contribute my leadership experience, passion for community service, and commitment to enhancing the quality of life for Port Lavaca families.

For more than thirteen years, I have worked with young people through athletics, serving as a head volleyball coach for five years and as an assistant coach in softball, basketball, and track. During college, I also coached summer sports leagues, served as a Resident Advisor, and worked as a Peer Mentor and Residential Programming Coordinator for Upward Bound programs. These experiences taught me how to lead teams, organize programs and events, mentor students, and create environments where young people can grow, succeed, and build meaningful relationships. I also had the opportunity to participate in a month-long international sports ministry program, which reinforced my belief that recreation has the unique ability to bring people together and strengthen communities.

Today, I serve as the Director of the Jackson County Special Services Cooperative in Edna, overseeing special education services across multiple school districts. My role includes strategic planning, budgeting, program oversight, staff leadership, collaboration with families and community partners, and coordinating initiatives that improve services for children. While my career is based in Edna, Port Lavaca has always been home. I understand that serving on a board requires listening to different perspectives, making thoughtful decisions, and working collaboratively for the benefit of the community—responsibilities I would be honored to take on.

Outside of work, my husband and I are raising our family here in Port Lavaca. We enjoy spending time at the city's parks, splash pads, fishing around Chocolate Bayou, visiting

the driving range, and gathering for family picnics. Becoming a parent has given me an even greater appreciation for the role parks and recreation play in creating healthy, connected communities where families can make lasting memories.

Throughout my career and volunteer service, one thing has remained constant: I enjoy bringing people together. Whether through athletics, education, community events, or supporting local families, I have always believed that strong communities are built by creating opportunities for people to connect. I believe parks and recreation are an important part of Port Lavaca's future, helping improve quality of life while making our city an even more welcoming place for young families to live, grow, and invest.

Port Lavaca isn't just where I live. It's where my family is building memories, and where I hope to help create even more opportunities for families for years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Service has always been at the center of both my career and my personal life, and it would be an honor to continue that commitment by serving the City of Port Lavaca as a member of the Recreation and Parks Board. I sincerely appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully,

Natalie Trevino Gonzalez

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

My name is Rosa Martinez-Marmolejo, and I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Board. As a lifelong resident of Port Lavaca, Texas, I have a deep appreciation for our community and want to help ensure that our parks and recreational programs continue to serve families for generations to come.

I am 39 years old, a proud wife, and the mother of three wonderful children. Raising my family in Port Lavaca has allowed me to experience firsthand how important our parks, playgrounds, sports facilities, and community events are to the health and well-being of our residents. My children have benefited from these spaces, and I would like to give back by helping make them safe, welcoming, and accessible for everyone.

I currently work part-time as a Financial Secretary, where I have developed strong organizational, communication, and financial management skills. I understand the importance of being responsible with public resources, working collaboratively with others, and making thoughtful decisions that benefit the community as a whole.

Serving on the Parks and Recreation Board would give me the opportunity to represent families like mine and to advocate for quality recreational opportunities for children, teens, adults, and seniors. I believe that strong parks and recreation programs bring people together, encourage healthy lifestyles, and strengthen our community.

As someone who was born and raised in Port Lavaca, I care deeply about the future of our city. I am committed to listening to the concerns and ideas of residents while working with fellow board members and city staff to help improve our parks, recreational facilities, and community programs.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board and contribute to making Port Lavaca an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,
Rosa Martinez-Marmolejo

From: [Maggie Sepulved go](#)
To: [Lorena Perez-Diaz](#)
Subject: Re: Letter of interest to join Recreational and Parks Board
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 5:20:50 PM

My apologies i forgot to add my home address. I live at:

511 Peikert Lane
Port Lavaca, Texas 77979

On Wed, Aug 5, 2026, 5:02 PM Maggie Sepulved go <maggiesepulveda87@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Recreation and Parks Board. As a lifelong resident of our town, I have a deep appreciation for our community and the parks and recreational opportunities that bring families together.

I am a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Department at Memorial Medical Center here in our beautiful town. My nursing career has taught me the importance of service, teamwork, effective communication, and making thoughtful decisions that positively impact others and our community. I would be honored to bring these qualities to the Recreation and Parks Board.

My family and I regularly enjoy many of the parks and recreational amenities our community has to offer. My children especially love the playground at Chocolate Park, and we frequently take advantage of the walking trails at both Chocolate Park and the Pavilion. These spaces have created countless memories for our family, and I would like the opportunity to help ensure they continue to be safe, welcoming, and enjoyable for all residents.

Serving on the Recreation and Parks Board would allow me to give back to the community that has been my home throughout my life. I am committed to supporting the continued growth and improvement of our parks and recreation programs while representing the interests of families and community members.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to serve our community in this capacity and appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Maggie Sepulveda

COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: Consider approval of temporary street closures for the Bulls on the Bay event on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19, through 12:30 a.m. Sunday, September 20, 2026, at the following locations: Stringham Drive at Henry Barber Way, Fairgrounds Road at Henry Barber Way, and Airline Drive at Peikert Lane. Presenter is Tania French

INFORMATION:

CITY OF PORT LAVACA

MEMO**DATE:** 8/11/2026**TO:** PORT LAVACA MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**FROM:** TANIA FRENCH**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES - BULLS ON THE BAY

Cowboys for the Crossroads, a non-profit organization, is requesting temporary street closures in connection with its Bulls on the Bay event scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026, at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds.

The event will feature bull riding and live music, including a concert by Kevin Fowler. Gates are scheduled to open at 4 p.m., with bull riding beginning at 6 p.m. and musical entertainment continuing into the evening.

Calhoun County Precinct 1 Commissioner John Martinez initially contacted the City on behalf of Bulls on the Bay regarding the requested closures. I have since spoken directly with Justin Trevino, the event organizer, regarding the request and access needs for the event.

Cowboys for the Crossroads is requesting that the following locations be closed to through traffic, while allowing access for individuals attending the event:

- **Stringham Drive at Henry Barber Way**
- **Fairgrounds Road at Henry Barber Way**
- **Airline Drive at Peikert Lane**

The proposed closure locations are identified on the attached map. The requested closure period is from 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, until 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026.

Commissioner Martinez advised that he has discussed the proposed closures with the EMS director and that the closures would not pose an issue for emergency medical services.

City of Port Lavaca vehicles and personnel would be permitted access at all times should the need arise, including for emergency response, public safety or other City operations.

Cowboys for the Crossroads is requesting City Council approval of the temporary traffic restrictions for the duration of the event.

Requested Action

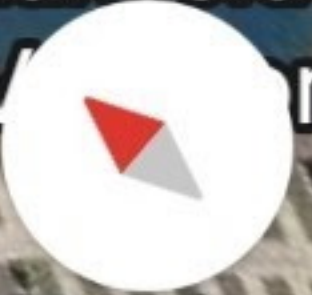
Consider and approve the temporary closure to through traffic of Stringham Drive at Henry Barber Way, the Fairgrounds Road at Henry Barber Way, and Airline Drive at Peikert Lane from 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, through 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026, for the Bulls on the Bay event, with access maintained for event attendees, emergency responders and City of Port Lavaca vehicles.



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Bayfront Animal Hospital



Henry Barber Way

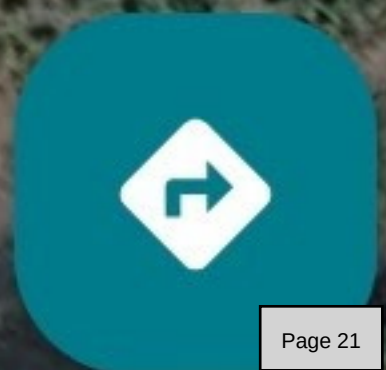
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CALHOUN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: Consider the temporary closure of Main Street from Virginia Street to Commerce Street on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 3 to 11 p.m., for a Main Street Trick-or-Treat event. Presenter is Tania French

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MEMO

DATE: 8/11/2026

TO: LORENA PEREZ-DIAZ

FROM: TANIA FRENCH

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE – HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT EVENT

Helping Hands on the Coast and Port Lavaca Main Street Inc. request the temporary closure of a portion of Main Street on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 3 to 11 p.m. for a community Halloween trick-or-treat event.

The requested closure would include Main Street from Virginia Street to Commerce Street. The event is planned as a partnership among Helping Hands on the Coast, the City of Port Lavaca and Port Lavaca Main Street to provide a safe, family-friendly Halloween activity for local children and families. Local businesses will distribute candy from their storefronts or pop-up locations, and the theater will show Halloween-themed movie(s).

The temporary street closure will allow for trick-or-treat activities and related programming in a pedestrian-friendly environment. Although the event itself will conclude before 11 p.m., the additional time requested will allow for the setup and removal of barricades before and after the event.

Recommendation:
Approve the temporary closure of Main Street from Virginia Street to Commerce Street on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 3 to 11 p.m., for the Main Street Trick-or-Treat Event.

COMMUNICATION

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