

LOUIS RIGBY
Mayor
JOHN ZEMANEK
Councilmember At Large A
DOTTIE KAMINSKI
Councilmember At Large B
DANNY EARP
Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember District 1



CHUCK ENGELKEN
Councilmember District 2
DARYL LEONARD
Councilmember District 3
KRISTIN MARTIN
Councilmember District 4
JAY MARTIN
Councilmember District 5
NANCY OJEDA
Councilmember District 6

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE MAY 22, 2017

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on **Monday, May 22, 2017**, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at **6:00 p.m.** to consider the following items of business:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members of Council present: Councilmembers Engelken, J. Martin, K. Martin, Earp, Zemanek, Leonard, and Kaminski. Also present were City Secretary Patrice Fogarty, City Manager Corby Alexander, and Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins. Councilmember-elect Ojeda was in the audience awaiting the taking of the Oath of Office.

2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Josh Ojeda.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Chuck Engelken.

4. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS and RECOGNITIONS**

(a) Presentation – Administer Oath of Office and Presentation of Certificate of Election to newly elected Councilmember Nancy Ojeda – P. Fogarty

City Secretary Patrice Fogarty administered the oath of office to Councilmember Nancy Ojeda, and Mayor Rigby presented the Certificate of Election to Councilmember Nancy Ojeda. After taking and signing the Oath of Office, Councilmember Ojeda took her place on the Council dais.

(b) Recognition – Employee of the First Quarter 2017 – Ruston Royall (Senior System Administrator) City of La Porte Information Technology Department – Mayor Rigby

Mayor Rigby recognized Senior System Administrator Ruston Royall as Employee of the First Quarter for the City of La Porte.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Limited to five minutes per person.)

Pastor Phillip Dunn, 701 San Jacinto St., addressed Council in regards to parking lot issues at Lighthouse Baptist Church and advised the church has not received any money from the school district, which is in direct contradiction to the rumor going around that the school district has given money to the church which allays any further help with parking lot issues.

Jim Hinton, 9803 Dover Hill, addressed Council and advised of flooding in his neighborhood since the construction of the new Baker Jr. High 6th Grade Campus and requested Council to see if there is any way to resolve to the flooding issue.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA** *(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)*
- (a) Consider approval or other action regarding the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on May 8, 2017 and Special City Council Meeting held on May 9, 2017 – P. Fogarty
 - (b) Consider approval or other action appointing Councilmember Danny Earp to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors of the City of La Porte Development Corporation until August 31, 2018 – P. Fogarty
 - (c) Consider approval or other action awarding Bid # 17016 for Headstart Facility Parking Improvements Rebid – D. Pennell
 - (d) Consider approval or other action authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services contract for the design, bidding, and construction phase services for the replacement of existing waterline and pavement on Somerton and Venture Drives and additional parking at Pecan Park – D. Pennell

Regarding Item D, Councilmember Earp questioned why there has to be a new engineering study conducted on the parking lot. Public Works Director Don Pennell responded, that location has not yet been tested. Councilmember Earp asked who is responsible for the construction phase of the project. Mr. Pennell responded the Capital Improvement Project Manager of the Parks Department. Councilmember Earp requested the item to be voted on separately.

Councilmember Leonard made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A-C pursuant to staff recommendations. Councilmember Engelken seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0.**

Councilmember Earp made a motion to postpone this item until the next Council meeting. Councilmember Engelken seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0.**

7. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ASSOCIATED ORDINANCES**

- (a) Public hearing to receive comments regarding the La Porte Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District's proposed budget for the fiscal year which begins October 1, 2017, as approved by the Board of Directors of the District – D. Ladd

The public hearing opened at 6:18 p.m.

Assistant Fire Chief Donald Ladd presented a summary.

There being no public comments, the public hearing closed at 6:32 p.m.

Councilmember Zemanek made a motion to approve the La Porte Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District's proposed budget for the fiscal year which begins October 1, 2017, as approved by the Board of Directors of the District. Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0.**

8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- (a) Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance appointing a member of City Council to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of La Porte, Texas for the period of June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018 – P. Fogarty

Mayor Rigby presented this item.

Councilmember Zemanek made a motion to approve an Ordinance appointing Councilmember Kristin Martin to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of La Porte, Texas, for the period of June 1,

2017, through May 31, 2018. Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0.**

Prior to council action, Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins read the caption of **Ordinance 2017-3676: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO SERVE AS MAYOR PRO-TEM OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE, TEXAS, FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2017, THROUGH MAY 31, 2018, OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED AND HAS QUALIFIED; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.**

- (b) Discussion and possible action regarding ONE Solution program transition under contract with SunGard Public Sector, Inc. – M. Dolby

This item was taken up and discussed after Council Comments, Item 11.

Senior Systems Administrator Ruston Royall presented an update and advised Council that 21 of the 22 modules will go live on June 5, 2017.

There was no action taken.

9. REPORTS

- (a) Receive report of the La Porte Development Corporation Board Meeting – Councilmember Engelken

Councilmember Engelken provided a report of the meeting held prior to the City Council meeting.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Alexander thanked everyone that contributed and participated in the success of the 125th Anniversary Celebration and advised Council he will reach out to Mr. Hinton regarding his concerns with flooding in his neighborhood.

- 11. COUNCIL COMMENTS** regarding matters appearing on the agenda; recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events; inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information.

Councilmember Engelken congratulated Ruston Royall as Employee of the First Quarter; Councilmember Ojeda as a new Councilmember; Councilmembers Earp and Kaminski for being re-elected into office and reminded the Mayor of the addendum that was added to the agenda.

Councilmember Earp congratulated Ruston Royall as Employee of the First Quarter; Councilmember Ojeda as a new Councilmember; Councilmember K. Martin as Mayor Pro-Tem and thanked everyone that volunteered and attended the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Councilmember Ojeda commented the 125th Anniversary Celebration was phenomenal and thanked her family and friends for attending the City Council Meeting.

Councilmember J. Martin congratulated Ruston Royall as Employee of the First Quarter; Councilmember K. Martin as Mayor Pro-Tem; Councilmember Ojeda as a new Councilmember; thanked everyone that volunteered and attended the 125th Anniversary Celebration and requested an update on the Gilley's project at the next meeting.

Councilmember K. Martin congratulated Ruston Royall as Employee of the First Quarter, welcomed Councilmember Ojeda and commented the 125th Anniversary Celebration was amazing and sent kudos to Marketing/Public Relations Specialist Jenny Lynn.

Councilmember Kaminski commented the 125th Anniversary Celebration was a fantastic event and thanked Marketing/Public Relations Specialist Jenny Lynn and Staff for all their hard work.

Councilmember Zemanek congratulated Councilmembers Ojeda, Earp, Kaminski on being elected; Ruston Royall as Employee of the First Quarter; commented the 125th Anniversary Celebration was a tremendous event; requested Staff meet with the Chamber of Commerce and other entities regarding sales taxes in the City; requested a report from the City Engineer on a pipe causing flooding and wished everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend.

Councilmember Leonard congratulated Councilmembers Ojeda, Earp, Kaminski and new Mayor Pro-Tem K. Martin; commented he had the privilege of being one of the three participants of the new program in the EMS Department and advised of the great equipment the City has and wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day weekend.

Mayor Rigby congratulated Ruston Royall as Employee of the First Quarter; Councilmember K. Martin as Mayor Pro-Tem; thanked Councilmember Earp for serving as Mayor Pro-Tem; welcomed Councilmember Ojeda; commented the Public Service event was nice last week; thanked CSO for assisting with the City hosting the Harris County Mayors' & Councils' Association Dinner at Monument Inn; informed of a groundbreaking for LyondellBasell that will benefit the City and thanked everyone for the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

12. **ADJOURN** - There being no further business, Councilmember Chuck Engelken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Councilmember Daryl Leonard seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0.**

Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

Passed and approved on June 12, 2017.

Mayor Louis R. Rigby