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Councilmember District 2



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Councilmember District 6

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE OCTOBER 9, 2017

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on **Monday, October 9, 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 Ojeda, J. Martin, K. Martin, Kaminski, Engelken, Zemanek, and Earp. Absent: Councilmember Leonard. Also present were City Secretary Patrice Fogarty, City Manager Corby Alexander, and Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins.

2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins.

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

4. (a) **Proclamation** – Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Mayor Rigby

Mayor Rigby presented a proclamation to Shannon Nevol, representative with Bay Area Turning Point, Inc., regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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

Drue Adams, 200 Crescent View, addressed Council in regards to the gate blocking access to the bay and requested City Council assist in removing the gate.

Paul Larson, 200 N. 4th St., addressed Council regarding the building located at 621 W. Main. At the September 25, 2017, council meeting, City Council deemed this building a dangerous, substandard structure and ordered staff to move forward with demolition. Mr. Larson requested Council repeal the ordinance condemning the building.

Jay Azimpour, property owner of 621 W. Main, addressed Council stating he also hopes the condemnation ordinance can be repealed.

5. **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 meeting held on September 25, 2017– P. Fogarty

(b) Consider approval or other action regarding change in City Council meeting dates for the months of November and December due to holiday schedule – P. Fogarty

- (c) Consider ratifying nomination of Champ Dunham from Councilperson District 1 position to fill vacancy on the Fire Code Review Committee – P. Fogarty
- (d) Consider approval or other action authorizing the City of La Porte to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE) to utilize cooperative purchasing contracts for the performance of governmental functions and services – C. Daeumer
- (e) Consider approval or other action awarding contract for janitorial services through Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE) – C. Daeumer
- (f) Consider approval or other action regarding an Encroachment Agreement between the City of La Porte; Joe Bertuglia and Evangelia Bertuglia, to authorize maximum 2.3 foot encroachment of existing home on S. Holmes Ave. – C. Alexander

Consent Agenda Item E was singled out for questions by Councilmember Earp, and Purchasing Manager Cherell Daeumer answered his questions.

Councilmember J. Martin made a motion to approve all Consent Agenda Items pursuant to staff recommendations. Councilmember K. Martin seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0. Councilmember Leonard was absent.**

Shirley Belgau, addressed Council in opposition to Consent Item F.

7. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) Consider approval or other action adopting proposed City of La Porte Internal Ethics Compliance Policy – K. Adcox

Police Chief Ken Adcox presented a summary.

Councilmember Earp made a motion to adopt the City of La Porte Internal Ethics Compliance Policy. Councilmember Ojeda seconded. **MOTION PASSED 8/0. Councilmember Leonard was absent.**

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no additional reports.

- 9. **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 commented the meeting was good; Councilmember Earp asked if the issue with access to the bay at Crescent View can be discussed at a future meeting; Councilmember J. Martin commented he will visit with Mrs. Belgau after the meeting; Councilmember Zemanek commented that Mr. Adams made some interesting points while addressing City Council and commented he would like information on how the City installed a sewer line at the property; and Mayor Rigby advised he attended a ribbon cutting at Ellington Field for the Lone Star Museum, and it is an extremely interesting museum; he thanked the City of La Porte Police Department for hosting National Night Out and the many neighborhoods within the community, and recognized Councilmember Terry Sain from the City of Baytown for attending the meeting.

10. **ADJOURN** - There being no further business, Councilmember Engelken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Councilmember Zemanek seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0. Councilmember Leonard was absent.**

Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

Passed and approved on October 23, 2017.

Mayor Louis R. Rigby