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Alternate Member

MINUTES OF DRAINAGE AND FLOODING COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 12, 2019

The Drainage and Flooding Committee of the City of La Porte met on Monday, August 12, 2019, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 5:00 p.m. to consider the following items of business:

Committee Members present: Jay Martin, Danny Earp, Chuck Engelken (*Alternate Steve Gillett was attended until it was ascertained that all members were present*)

Committee Members absent: None

Council-appointed officers present: Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary

1. **Call to Order** - Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
2. **Consent Agenda** (*Approval of Consent Agenda items authorizes each to be implemented in accordance with staff recommendations provided. An item may be removed from the consent agenda and added to the Statutory Agenda for full discussion upon request by a member of the Committee present at this meeting.*)

(a) Approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 8, 2019. [Jay Martin, Chairman]

Committee member Engelken moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 8, 2019; the motion was unanimously adopted, 3-0.

3. Staff Reports

(a) Receive report from Harris County Flood Control District regarding current and future plans relating to flooding in the City of La Porte. [Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer]

Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer, said the 2015 grant allocation of \$325,000 for the Northside Drainage Project (including item 5 on the project list, 6th to Madison) had had the notice to proceed issued for it and that the Harris County 2017 allocation for \$3,472,757.00 for the same project was confirmed and that work would proceed in phases.

Jeremy Ratcliff and Milton Raman of the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), discussed projects listed. Specifically addressing the Brookglen area, Mr. Ratcliff noted HCFCD had met with Pasadena and Deer Park to attempt to serve more residents together, adding that allocations were still expected in January 2020. Mr. Wingate agreed to follow up with the City of Pasadena on the 100 acre feet of drainage owed to the City of La Porte. Member Earp asked that it be reported on at the next meeting. Member Engelken asked that it be determined who had been responsible to follow up when the agreement was made; status on the current buyout program; and which properties are in the next funding cycle (to be bought out).

Mr. Ratcliff agreed to review Little Cedar Bayou to see what maintenance could be done along the waterway. Chair Martin asked for follow up on that.

Mr. Rahman, Flood Mitigation Director for HC Precinct 2 Commissioner Garcia, provided background on the prior Sens Road project along Spencer Highway. Member Earp noted flooding following the Sens Road development was still flowing into residents' yards and was worse than previously and asked that detention be reviewed. Mr. Raman agreed to look at the pond and report at the next meeting.

(b) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the status of current drainage projects. [Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer]

Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer, noted that TDEM has listed five of the City's eight projects (Brookglen; Bayside Terrace; Lomax/F101-03-00; Little Cedar Bayou Park, F216 Phase III; and Battleground Estates) as "alternates" (as opposed to "primary" or to not being considered at all) and funding possibilities will not be known for a time, as long as perhaps a year, as allocations and re-allocations are made. Mr. Wingate agreed to find out if TDEM had ranked the "alternate" projects and said the other projects on the list were under construction in some part. Member Engelken asked that the spreadsheets henceforward include columns for percentage complete, whether the projects were on or off track, and which department(s) were responsible for each.

(c) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding additional drainage concerns and provide staff with direction. [Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer]

Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer, noted street flooding on Roseberry in even a very insignificant rain event that recently occurred on July 22, categorizing it as "nuisance flooding" that dispersed very quickly but worth review for alleviation, such as at Carlow at Roseberry. The Committee consented to further evaluation of the Roseberry drainage system to determine any necessity for potential improvements.

3. Set date for next Drainage and Flooding Committee Meeting

The next meeting date was set for September 9, at 5:00 p.m.

4. Committee Comments

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:46 p.m.

Lee Woodward, City Secretary