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MINUTES OF DRAINAGE AND FLOODING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

The Drainage and Flooding Committee of the City of La Porte met on Monday, September 9, 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, Chuck Engelken, Steve Gillett

Committee Members absent: Danny Earp

Council-appointed officers present: Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager (*left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.*); Lee Woodward, City Secretary

Call to Order - Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

2. Statutory Agenda

(a) Approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 12, 2019. [Jay Martin, Chairman]

Committee member Gillett moved to approve the minutes; the motion was adopted, 3-0.

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

Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer, said Jeremy Ratcliff of the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) was not present to provide an update on projects listed or the buyout program. Mr. Wingate said he did not believe that additional demolition permits had been issued, in response to a question from Member Engelken, who said he was still interested in the status on this and said he would reach out to Flood Control himself.

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

Mr. Wingate said he sat in on a webinar on this and that HUD expected to take applications around May 2020 for about \$4.3B available to the General Land Office, but program requirements are not expected to be completed until April 2020. He said about 140 counties that were in three major disasters are eligible for the funds, and that regional projects would be weighted more heavily, which he believed the City's projects were appropriate for. Mr. Wingate estimated funding for all five of the previously reclassified projects under the other programs would be about \$11M. Chair Martin asked that the Committee be kept apprised and that applications be placed timely.

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

Mr. Wingate said an update had been received from Pasadena on an allocation of about \$8.3M and that they were intending to relocate detention ponds (originally 200 acre feet around the convention center site to 300 acre feet along Red Bluff). Member Engelken noted the project deadline had passed about three years ago.

3. Set date for next Drainage and Flooding Committee Meeting - The next meeting date was set for October 14 at 5:00 p.m.

4. Committee Comments – No comments were offered.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:27 p.m.

Lee Woodward, City Secretary