

LOUIS R. RIGBY  
Mayor  
BRANDON LUNSFORD  
Councilmember At Large A  
BRENT Mc CAULLEY  
Councilmember At Large B  
TREY KENDRICK  
Councilmember District 1



CHUCK ENGELKEN  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Councilmember District 2  
BILL BENTLEY  
Councilmember District 3  
THOMAS GARZA  
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  
February 22, 2021**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 6:00 p.m., with the following in attendance:

**Councilpersons present:** Louis Rigby, Brandon Lunsford, Brent McCaulley, Trey Kendrick, Chuck Engelken, Thomas Garza (*left at 6:02 p.m.*), Jay Martin, Nancy Ojeda,

**Councilpersons attending remotely:** None

**Councilpersons absent:** Bill Bentley

**Council-appointed officers present:** Corby Alexander, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary; Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Rigby reminded Councilperson Garza that the Council's adopted Rules of Procedure required Councilpersons to wear a mask during Council meetings. The Mayor reminded Councilperson Garza that he had the opportunity to attend the meeting electronically and could go to his office in City Hall. Councilperson Garza said he was exempted from wearing a face covering for medical reasons and would not be wearing one. The Mayor asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove Councilperson Garza. Councilperson Garza moved that the Council oppose the Mayor's direction, which he termed as illegal. The motion did not receive a second and was not considered. Councilperson Garza was escorted from the room.
2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Pastor Philip Dunn, and pledges were led by Councilperson Brandon Lunsford.
3. **PRESENTATION, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**
  - a. **Recognition of City employees for years of service. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**
4. **CITIZEN COMMENT** (*Generally limited to five minutes per person; in accordance with state law, the time may be reduced if there is a high number of speakers or other considerations.*)

There were no speakers.
5. **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 Council present at this meeting.*)
  - a. **Approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021, City Council meeting.**
  - b. **Authorize the City Manager to enter into a new agreement with the Quest Youth Soccer Club for the use of soccer fields at Northwest Park. [Rosalyn Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to approve consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Kendrick; the motion was adopted. 7-0.

## 6. PUBLIC HEARING AND ASSOCIATED ORDINANCES

- a. **The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding the submission of an application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for a Texas Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) grant. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**

Mayor Rigby opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. Public Works Director Ray Mayo explained the process leading up to the application and the reason for the public hearing. No public comments were offered. Mayor Rigby closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

## 7. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to receive update from La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce and to consider and/or approve the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber 2020-21 budget associated with the City of La Porte annual funding of \$165,000. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]**

Councilperson Martin had previously signed a Conflict of Interest affidavit and did not participate in the discussion or vote. Councilperson McCaulley moved to approve the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber 2020-21 budget associated with City of La Porte annual funding of \$165,000; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Lunsford; the motion was adopted, 6-0.

- b. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding City logos for overpass structures at Fairmont Parkway and Wharton Weems Boulevard. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to approve City logos for overpass structures at Fairmont Parkway and Wharton Weems Boulevard as indicated in Option 1, with pricing for components to be brought to a future Council meeting for consideration; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Ojeda; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

- c. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding conceptual plan for Pecan Park improvements. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved that staff be requested to provide additional review of the conceptual plan for Pecan Park improvements; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Kendrick; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

- d. **Withdraw award of Sealed Bid #21003 to Texas Specialized Construction Service, LLC for the Five Points Plaza Enhancements Project, and award Sealed Bid #21003 to Perry Construction for bid items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in the amount of \$990,906.00 with a contingency amount of \$45,519.00 for a total authorization of \$1,036,425.00. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**

Councilperson Martin moved to approve the withdraw award of Sealed Bid #21003 to Texas Specialized Construction Service, LLC for the Five Points Plaza Enhancements Project, and award Sealed Bid #21003 to Perry Construction for bid items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in the amount of \$990,906.00 with a contingency amount of \$45,519.00 for a total authorization of \$1,036,425.00; the motion was seconded by Councilperson McCaulley; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

- e. **Adopt Ordinance 2021-3819, approving amendments to the City's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget. [Shelley Wolny, Assistant Finance Director]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-3819, approving amendments to the City's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Kendrick; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

## 8. REPORTS

- a. **Accept 2020 Racial Profiling Report. [Steve Deardorff, Chief of Police]**  
Assistant Police Chief Matt Daeumer provided the report in accordance with state statute and reported that the City's officers were operating appropriately.

**b. Receive report on the Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting. [Councilperson Jay Martin]**

Councilperson Martin reported the Committee met to discuss the interlocal agreement between the cities of La Porte and Pasadena and received a status update.

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, February 25
- City Council meeting, March 8
- City Council meeting, March 22
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, March 18
- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, March 25

City Manager Corby Alexander recognized the hard work of so many City employees who had served during the winter weather event last week.

**10. COUNCIL COMMENTS Hear announcements concerning matters appearing on the agenda; items of community interest; and/or inquiries of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policy from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff, for which no formal action will be discussed or taken.**

Councilpersons congratulated the employees who received service awards this evening; recognized and thanked the many employees who went above and beyond last week, first responders, emergency management, Public Works, utilities, etc.; shared Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo's experience in La Porte a few weeks ago; expressed appreciation for the Council's approval of funding for the Chamber of Commerce; noted disappointment about not having a solution for Pecan Park; thanked staff for communications; and thanked Parks and Recreation Director Ros Epting for the second round of COVID vaccinations.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

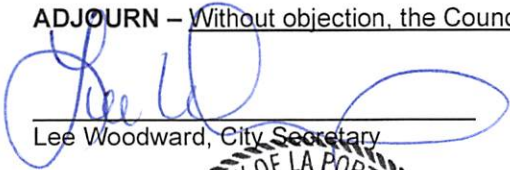
**(a) The City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1)(A) – Pending or Contemplated Litigation: consultation with city attorney to discuss enforcement of the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) exchange agreement between the City of La Porte and the City of Pasadena. [Clark T. Askins, Assistant City Attorney]**

The Council convened into executive session at 7:23 p.m.

**12. RECONVENE into regular session and consider action, if any, on item(s) discussed in executive session.**

The Council reconvened in open session at 7:49 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved the City move forward with an agreement that provides that the City of La Porte will begin the process of the construction of the detention basin; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Kendrick; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

ADJOURN – Without objection, the Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Lee Woodward, City Secretary

