

LOUIS R. RIGBY
Mayor
BRANDON LUNSFORD
Councilperson At Large A
BRENT McCAULLEY
Councilperson At Large B
TREY KENDRICK
Councilperson District 1
CHUCK ENGELKEN
Councilperson District 2



BILL BENTLEY
Councilperson District 3
THOMAS GARZA
Councilperson District 4
JAY MARTIN
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilperson District 5
ROBBIE McLARRIN
Councilperson District 6

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE
JUNE 14, 2021**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 14, 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, Brent McCaulley, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza, Jay Martin, Robbie McLarrin

Councilpersons attending remotely: Brandon Lunsford

Councilpersons absent: Trey Kendrick

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.
2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Rev. Brian Christen, La Porte Community Church and pledges were led by Councilperson Brent McCaulley.
3. **PRESENTATIONS, 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.*)

Philip Dunn spoke in support of transparency and suggested forming a citizen committee to address the issue.

5. ELECTION MATTERS

- a. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to accept a certification of unopposed candidate for the July 31, 2021, District 1 Special Election.** [Lee Woodward, City Secretary/PIO]

Councilperson Engelken moved to accept a certification of unopposed candidate for the July 31, 2021, District 1 Special Election; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

- b. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2021-3835, cancelling the July 31, 2021, District 1 Special Election and declaring the unopposed candidate elected.** [Lee Woodward, City Secretary/PIO]

Councilperson Engelken moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-3835, cancelling the July 31, 2021, District 1 Special Election and declaring the unopposed candidate elected; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

6. **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 May 24, 2021, City Council meeting. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
 - b. Adopt Ordinance 2021-3832, amending the City Council Rules of Procedures and Ethics Policy to limit the length of speeches in debate to five minutes. [Mayor Pro Tem Martin]
 - c. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of La Porte and the La Porte Independent School District to provide law enforcement personnel and services to the School District, for a three- (3-) year term. [Steve Deardorff, Chief of Police]
 - d. Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of La Porte and Body Worn by Utility Associates, Inc. for a procurement of body, vehicle, and interview room camera equipment for use by the La Porte Police Department, in the amount of \$811,980.80 over a five-year period, including body, dash, and interview room camera systems. [Steve Deardorff, Chief of Police]

Councilperson McCaulley moved to pull item b and vote on it separately; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin; the motion was adopted, 8-0. Councilperson McCaulley moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-3832, amending the City Council Rules of Procedures and Ethics Policy to limit the length of speeches in debate to five minutes; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Engelken; the motion was adopted, 7-1, Councilperson Garza voting against.

Councilperson Engelken moved to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of La Porte and the La Porte Independent School District to provide law enforcement personnel and services to the School District, for a three- (3-) year term; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

Councilperson Engelken moved to execute an agreement between the City of La Porte and Body Worn by Utility Associates, Inc. for a procurement of body, vehicle, and interview room camera equipment for use by the La Porte Police Department, in the amount of \$811,980.80 over a five-year period, including body, dash, and interview room camera systems; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; then motion was adopted, 8-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin moved to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021, City Council meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilperson McCaulley; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

7. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. Presentation, discussion and possible action to appoint an ad hoc City Council committee to review the City Council Rules of Procedure and Ethics Policy. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]

Councilperson Engelken moved to approve the Mayor's appointments of an ad hoc City Council committee of Mayor Pro Tem Martin as chairman and Councilpersons McCaulley and Bentley to review the City Council Rules of Procedures and Ethics Policy [with reference to Council absences]; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

- c. Presentation, discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2021-3833, amending the City Council Rules of Procedures and Ethics Policy regarding the days on which the City Council meeting agenda posting will be ready. [Councilperson Bentley, Engelken, and Lunsford]

As the editor of the Bay Area Observer has contacted the City and agreed to hold space for the posting agendas the week before each meeting, it was determined that there was no need for action on this item and the ordinance was not considered.

8. REPORTS

- a. Receive FY 2020-2021 second quarter Capital Improvement Plan program update. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]

Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager, and staff provided updates on CIP projects.

- d. Receive report on the Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting. [Mayor Pro Tem Martin]

Mayor Pro Tem Martin reported the Committee met to discuss Harris County Flood Control Projects, the interlocal agreement with the City of Pasadena, and other local drainage projects, and noted the next meeting would be July 12, 2021.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

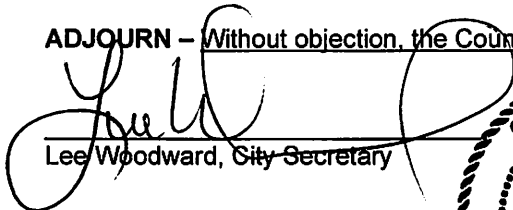
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, June 17
- Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting, June 24
- City Council meeting, June 28

Mr. Alexander said there were no reports.

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 and thanked the employees recognized earlier; invited all to the Fairmont Park West *March to the Park* next Thursday evening; wished all a Happy Father's Day; lauded the number of capital improvement projects around the city; thanked the citizens who came to the meeting this evening; thanked Jason Weeks for the capital projects updates; noted appreciation of allowing employees to attend via Zoom; expressed encouragement for the idea of a citizens committee on transparency; and reminded all that the City Manager and his staff were available in the days prior to meetings to answer questions.

ADJOURN – ~~Without objection, the Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.~~


Lee Woodward, City Secretary

