

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 28, 2021**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 28, 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, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza, Jay Martin, Robbie McLarrin
Councilpersons attending remotely: Brent McCaulley
Councilpersons absent: None
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 Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney and pledges were led by Councilperson Brandon Lunsford.
3. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**
 - a. **Recognition of City employees for years of service [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]** *The item has been postponed to the July 12 meeting.*
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.)*

Rod Powell requested a local park be named in memory of former Councilperson Tommy Moser, perhaps the property next to Seabreeze Park, with similar amenities, funded by plant donations. Barbara Norwine expressed displeasure about young people on local roadways on ATVs/four wheelers. She also said that she had observed inefficiencies in City household trash pickup in the Lobit area and shared that mowing crews were passing over weeds when heavy trash has been put out, asked that standing water at Main and Lobit be addressed, and announced that the San Jacinto Monument would be holding a veterans observance in November. Philip Dunn asked for clarification of statements about Councilpersons made at the last meeting and read from *Proverbs* and *Ecclesiastes*.

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 June 14, 2021, City Council meeting. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**
 - b. **Adopt Ordinance 2021-3836, amending the City's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget. [Shelley Wolny, Assistant Finance Director]**
 - c. **Award bid #21019, Asphalt Street Overlay Project, to Forde Construction Company, Inc. for approximate quantities and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract establishing unit prices for asphalt street reconstruction, not to exceed the available budgeted amount. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**

- d. Approve an Interlocal agreement between Harris County and the City of La Porte for local bus transit services for a twelve- (12-) month term. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]
- e. Authorize the City Manager to execute contracts with Core and Main L.P., Fortiline, Coburn Supply, and Accurate Utility Supply, for the annual supply of water and sewer supplies in the total amount of \$261,639.25 and a contingency amount of \$20,000.00 [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]
- f. Authorize the purchase of Stryker Cardiac devices and supplies from quotes #10185486 and #10186620. [Lisa Camp, Chief]

Councilperson Garza asked that items b-f be voted on separately. Councilperson Bentley moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021, regular City Council meeting; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin; the motion was adopted. 8-0

Councilperson Bentley moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-3836, amending the City's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin; the motion was adopted. 8-0.

Councilperson Bentley moved to award bid #21019, Asphalt Street Overlay Project, to Forde Construction Company, Inc. for approximate quantities and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract establishing unit prices for asphalt street reconstruction, not to exceed the available budgeted amounts; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Lunsford; the motion was adopted. 8-0.

Councilperson Bentley moved to approve an interlocal agreement between Harris County and the City of La Porte for local bus transit services for a twelve- (12-) month term; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Lunsford; the motion was adopted. 8-0.

Councilperson Bentley moved to authorize the City Manager to execute contracts with Core and Main L.P., Fortiline, Coburn Supply, and Accurate Utility Supply, for the annual supply of water and sewer supplies in the total amount of \$261,639.25 and a contingency amount of \$20,000.00; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Lunsford; the motion was adopted. 8-0.

Councilperson Bentley moved to authorize the purchase of Stryker Cardiac devices and supplies from quotes #10185486 and #10186620; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Lunsford; the motion was adopted. 8-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ASSOCIATED ORDINANCES

- a. The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding a recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt Ordinance 2021-3837 amending the City's Future Land Use Map Component of the Comprehensive Plan for an approximately 2.1-acre tract of land located at the northwest corner of E. Main St. and S. Utah St, legally described as Lots 1-27, Block 184, Town of La Porte, by changing the land use designation from "Commercial" to "Mid-High Density Residential"; followed by discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2021-3837 amending the City's Future Land Use Map Component of the Comprehensive Plan for an approximately 2.1-acre tract of land located at the northwest corner of E. Main St. and S. Utah St, legally described as Lots 1-27, Block 184, Town of La Porte, by changing the land use designation from "Commercial" to "Mid-High Density Residential". [Teresa Evans, Director of Planning and Development]

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m. Mike Shannahan expressed his opposition to the item. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m. No motion was made and the item was not considered.

- b. The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding a recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt Ordinance 2021-3834 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, Chapter 106 "Zoning" by granting Zone Change #21- 92000001, a change from General Commercial (GC) to Medium Density Residential (R-2) for a 2.1-acre tract of land located at the northwest corner of E. Main St. and S. Utah St. and legally described as Lots 1-27, Block 184, Town of La Porte; followed by discussion, and possible action to consider adopting Ordinance 2021-3834 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, Chapter 106 "Zoning" by granting Zone Change #21-92000001, a change from General Commercial (GC) to Medium Density Residential (R-2) for a 2.1-acre tract of land

located at the northwest corner of E. Main St. and S. Utah St. and legally described as Lots 1-27, Block 184, Town of La Porte. [Teresa Evans, Director of Planning and Development]

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:49 p.m. No comments were offered. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:49 p.m. No motion was made and the item was not considered.

7. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. **Presentation and discussion of presentation and possible action to provide staff with direction regarding potential improvements at Pecan Park. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**

Councilperson Engelken moved to go forward with the proposed improvements at Pecan Park, including the use of the \$336,000 recommended by the La Porte Development Corporation, and replacing removed trees with pecan trees; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley.

Councilperson Garza moved to amend by adding as a preferred option after pecan trees; the amendment was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin; the motion was adopted. 8-0.

The main motion, as amended, was adopted. 8-0.

8. REPORTS

- a. **Receive report on the La Porte Development Corporation Board meeting. [Councilperson Chuck Engelken]**

Councilperson Engelken relayed that the Board had approved two enhancement grant reimbursements, two other enhancement grant applications, made an initial payment to the Campise project on Main Street, and approved the proposed budget for FY21-22.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting, July 12
- City Council meeting, July 12
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, July 15
- Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting, July 22
- City Council meeting, July 26

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 thanked citizens for their comments, encouraged attendance at the Independence Day Parade, and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday; thanked staff for providing the agenda to the Bay Area Observer; thanked the Parks Department for a successful March to the Park last week; commended Solid Waste for garbage pick-up in all weather; asked that mutual aid calls for EMS be reviewed; expressed appreciation to staff for the successful proposal for Pecan Park; asked that Barbara Norwine's comments be heeded; offered support for Mr. Powell's request to have a park named for Tommy Moser; recalled the fun events and increased attendance recently for Juneteenth; requested that the City be held to the same Code Enforcement standards as La Porte residents; members of the public were invited to set visits with Councilpersons, publicly or privately; offered apology for not attending and expressed appreciation for the ability to attend remotely; reminded all that Councilpersons have had the opportunity to attend remotely during COVID; and recounted the reasons the Council has voted to provide HOT funding for the Houston Yacht Club and the many projects and improvements that have been completed on the north side of the community.

ADJOURN - Without objection, the Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Lee Woodward, City Secretary

