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MINUTES OF THE LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2021

The City of La Porte Development Corporation Board met on Monday, June 28, 2021, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 5:00 p.m., with the following in attendance:

Board members present: Richard Warren, Nancy Ojeda, Chuck Engelken, Rachel Cotton, Danny Earp

Board members attending remotely: Brent McCaulley

Board members absent: John Blakemore

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Warren called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
2. **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.

3. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021, meeting. [President Warren]**

Member Engelken moved to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021, meeting; the motion was seconded by Member Ojeda; the motion was adopted, 6-0.

- (b) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve reimbursement in the amount of \$12,557.04 to Enhancement Grant Program applicants Bryan and Brandy Gwin for completion of building and sign enhancements for their business, Boats Etc., which is located at 331 S. State Highway 146 in La Porte, Texas. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

(Member Earp has a conflict of interest affidavit on file regarding this applicant and did not participate in the discussion or vote on the item.) Member Engelken moved to approve reimbursement in the amount of \$12,557.04 to Enhancement Grant Program applicants Bryan and Brandy Gwin for completion of building and sign enhancements for their business, Boats Etc., which is located at 331 S. State Highway 146 in La Porte, Texas; the motion was second by Member Ojeda; the motion was adopted, 5-0.

- (c) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve reimbursement in the amount of \$24,835.26 to Enhancement Grant Program applicant Mike Kinstley for the completion of landscaping, building and sign enhancements for his business, Precision Auto Repair, which is located at 405 S. State Highway 146 in La Porte, Texas. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

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reimbursement in the amount of \$24,835.26 to Enhancement Grant Program applicant Mike Kinstley for the completion of landscaping, building and sign enhancements for his business, Precision Auto Repair, which is located at 405 S. State Highway 146 in La Porte, Texas; the motion was seconded by Member Engelken; the motion was adopted, 6-0.

- (d) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve an enhancement grant in the amount of \$7,408.50 to the applicant Patrasia Hefley for paving improvements to her properties located at 831 S. Broadway and 901 S. Broadway, which are adjacent to each other at the corner of H Street and S. Broadway St. in La Porte, Texas. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Member Engelken moved to approve an enhancement grant in the amount of \$7,408.50 to the applicant Patrasia Hefley for paving improvements to her properties located at 831 S. Broadway and 901 S. Broadway, which are adjacent to each other at the corner of H Street and S. Broadway St. in La Porte, Texas; the motion was seconded by Member Earp; the motion was adopted, 6-0.

- (e) **Presentation, discussion and possibly approve a payment of \$40,000.00 to Marty and Vicki Campise according to the development agreement for the use of Type B Development Corporation Sales Tax Funds for refurbishment/renovation of the old bank building located at 100 W. Main Street in La Porte, Texas. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Member Engelken moved to approve a payment of \$40,000.00 to Marty and Vicki Campise according to the development agreement for the use of Type B Development Corporation Sales Tax Funds for refurbishment/renovation of the old bank building located at 100 W. Main Street in La Porte, Texas; the motion was seconded by Members Earp and Ojeda; the motion was adopted, 6-0.

- (f) **Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the La Porte Development Corporation fiscal year 2021-2022 economic development budget. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Members Ojeda and Earp asked that staff evaluate right-sizing the proposed signage project. Member Ojeda asked the City Manager to look into landscaping around the park sign at Fairmont Park Central. Member Earp asked for a comprehensive plan on the Broadway Trail lighting project. Member Cotton asked for consideration of lighting improvements between Fairmont and Main. Member Engelken moved to approve the La Porte Development Corporation fiscal year 2021-2022 economic development budget, with the addition of \$336,000 for Pecan Park parking lot improvements; the motion was seconded by Member Earp; the motion was adopted, 6-0.

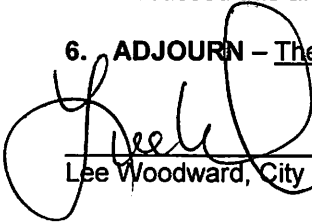
4. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was scheduled for July 26, 2021.

5. **BOARD 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 Committee members and City staff, for which no formal action will be discussed or taken.*

Member Ojeda expressed appreciation that the Board was able to help with all the projects discussed this afternoon.

6. **ADJOURN** – The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:48 p.m.


Lee Woodward, City Secretary

