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VICE-PRESIDENT

## MINUTES OF THE LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2021

The City of La Porte Development Corporation Board met on Monday, October 25, 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, Danny Earp, John Blakemore, Brent McCaulley, Rachel Cotton

**Board members attending remotely:** None

**Board members absent:** None

**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 5:00 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.*)

Assistant City Manager Jason Weeks informed the Board that the City had received notice that it was being awarded a \$5,000 San Jacinto Texas Museum District grant towards the La Porte Gold Star Families Monument.

### 3. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the La Porte Development Corporation held on September 27, 2021. [President Warren]**

Member Engelken moved to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021, meeting; the motion was seconded by Member Blakemore; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

- (b) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve a reimbursement payment in the amount of \$14,140.88 in connection with an April 26, 2021, enhancement grant to Mike Snider for business sign improvements at Snider Transmission, located at 10335 W. Fairmont Parkway in La Porte, Texas. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Member Earp moved to approve a reimbursement payment in the amount of \$14,140.88 in connection with an April 26, 2021, enhancement grant to Mike Snider for business sign improvements at Snider Transmission, located at 10335 W. Fairmont Parkway in La Porte, Texas; the motion was seconded by Member Engelken; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

- (c) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve a payment of \$45,000.00 to Marty and Vicki Campise in accordance with an economic development incentive agreement for the use of Type B Development Corporation Sales Tax Funds for the refurbishment/renovation of the old bank building located at 100 W. Main Street in La Porte, Texas. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Member Ojeda moved to approve a payment of \$45,000.00 to Marty and Vicki Campise in accordance with an economic development incentive agreement for the use of Type B Development Corporation Sales Tax Funds for the refurbishment/renovation of the old bank building located at 100 W. Main Street in La Porte, Texas; the motion was seconded by Member Earp. Member Earp suggested that the two part-time employee to one full time employee calculation equivalency be spelled out if it is going to be used on an ongoing basis. The motion was adopted, 7-0.

- (d) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to provide administrative staff with direction for long-term strategic planning on the use of La Porte Development Corporation funds. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Member Earp urged that the Council should be the body to decide that it was appropriate to proceed with the Phase II remodel of the Recreation Center, after which the question for the LPDC Board would be to determine whether Type B Development Corporation Sales Tax Funds would be approved. Member Earp moved that staff take the proposal for Phase II of the Recreation Center remodel back to Council for confirmation (then to return to LPDC); the motion was seconded by Member Blakemore; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

A discussion of downtown revitalization was followed with Mr. Weeks saying the City Manager's office would reach out to building and business owners on Main Street.

**4. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting date was scheduled for December 13, 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.*

The Board thanked Member Earp for bringing up the documentation of the part-time/full time equalization; noted Snider Transmission's new sign was showing the Astros game recently; expressed appreciation for Mr. Weeks' efforts.

- 6. ADJOURN** - The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:55 p.m.

  
Lee Woodward, City Secretary

