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MINUTES OF THE LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2021

The City of La Porte Development Corporation Board met on Monday, December 13, 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.*)

There were no comments.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the La Porte Development Corporation held on October 25, 2021. [President Warren]**

Member Engelken moved to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021, meeting; the motion was seconded by Member Earp; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

- a. The La Porte Development Corporation Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to receive comment on consideration to authorize the following projects of the La Porte Development Corporation: Downtown Lighting & Enhancements - \$150,000.00; Enhancement Grant Program - \$100,000.00; Fairmont Park Splash Pad (1/3 funding) - \$200,000.00; Dog Park at Fairmont Park - \$72,275.00; Broadway Street Trail Lighting Phase II - \$390,156.00; Signage Project Phase I - \$350,000.00; Fairmont Park Improvements (Exercise Shade Structure) - \$52,600.00; and Pecan Park Parking Lot Improvements - \$336,000.00; followed by discussion and possible action to authorize the following projects of the La Porte Development Corporation: Downtown Lighting & Enhancements - \$150,000.00; Enhancement Grant Program - \$100,000.00; Fairmont Park Splash Pad (1/3 funding) - \$200,000.00; Dog Park at Fairmont Park - \$72,275.00; Broadway Street Trail Lighting Phase II - \$390,156.00; Signage Project Phase I - \$350,000.00; Fairmont Park Improvements (Exercise Shade Structure) - \$52,600.00; and Pecan Park Parking Lot Improvements - \$336,000.00. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]

Chair Warren opened the public hearing at 5:03 p.m. Mr. Alexander noted the 60-day comment period had expired without the City receiving any written comments. Chair Warren closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m. Member Ojeda moved to authorize the following projects of the La Porte Development Corporation: Downtown Lighting & Enhancements - \$150,000.00; Enhancement Grant Program - \$100,000.00; Fairmont Park Splash Pad (1/3 funding) - \$200,000.00; Dog Park at Fairmont Park - \$72,275.00; Broadway Street Trail Lighting Phase II - \$390,156.00; Signage Project Phase I - \$350,000.00; Fairmont Park Improvements (Exercise Shade Structure) - \$52,600.00; and Pecan Park Parking Lot Improvements - \$336,000.00; the motion was seconded by Member Engelken; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

- b. **The La Porte Development Corporation Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to hear comment on proposed 116 S. Broadway Street Project - 'Battleground Saloon', a project to promote and develop new and expanded business enterprises, specifically for site, infrastructure, and related improvements for construction of facilities at 116 S. Broadway Street, to be operated as a restaurant bar and grill, which location is legally described as Lots 22, 23, 24, & 25 & south 1/2 Lot 26, Block 37, Town of La Porte Subdivision, in a total amount not to exceed \$27,308.00; followed by discussion and possible action to authorize the following project of the La Porte Development Corporation: 116 S. Broadway Street Project - 'Battleground Saloon', in an amount not to exceed \$27,308.00. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]**

Chair Warren opened the public hearing at 5:08 p.m. Mr. Alexander noted the 60-day comment period had expired without the City receiving any written comments. He provided the proposed performance measures for the project. Project developer Mark Rosado expressed his desire for revisions to the performance measures and funding. Chair Warren closed the public hearing at 5:46. Member Earp moved to authorize the following project of the La Porte Development Corporation: 116 S. Broadway Street Project - 'Battleground Saloon', for \$27,308.00; the motion was seconded by Member McCaulley; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

5. AUTHORIZATIONS

- a. **Consider approval or other action authorizing the City Manager to sign a thirty-six (36) month economic development services agreement with Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, in the amount of \$20,000.00 per year, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2024. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]**

Member McCaulley moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a thirty-six (36) month economic development services agreement with Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, in the amount of \$20,000.00 per year, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2024; the motion was seconded by Member Engelken; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

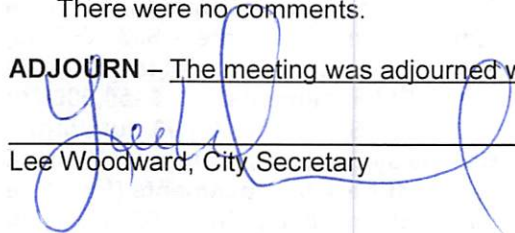
6. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was scheduled for January 24, 2022.

7. **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.*

There were no comments.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:52 p.m.



Lee Woodward, City Secretary

