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Councilmember At Large A
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Councilmember At Large B
TREY KENDRICK
Councilmember District 1



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Mayor Pro Tem, Councilperson District 2
BILL BENTLEY
Councilmember District 3
THOMAS GARZA
Councilmember District 4
JAY MARTIN
Councilmember District 5
NANCY OJEDA
Councilmember District 6

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE
MARCH 22, 2021**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 22, 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, Brent McCaulley, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza (*left at 6:06 p.m.*), Jay Martin, Nancy Ojeda

Councilpersons attending remotely: None

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. Dee Spears, and pledges were led by Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Engelken.

Mayor Rigby reminded Councilperson Garza that the Council's adopted Rules of Procedure required Councilpersons to wear a mask during Council meetings. The Mayor reminded Councilperson Garza that he had the opportunity to attend the meeting electronically and could go to his office in City Hall. The Mayor asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove Councilperson Garza. Councilperson Garza moved that the Council oppose the Mayor's direction, which he termed as illegal. The motion did not receive a second and was not considered. Councilperson Garza was escorted from the room.

3. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

- a. Proclamation in recognition of the Southeast Harris Community Coalition of Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol and the Youth Advisory Council "Pathfinders" at Academy of Viola DeWalt High School for participating in efforts to educate students for National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
 - b. 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.*)

Pastor Philip Dunn introduced a group of musicians who performed a bluegrass tune. David Worden spoke in opposition to his arrest over the weekend.

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 March 8, 2021, City Council meeting. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]

- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Records Consultants, Inc. (RCI) to provide electronic document management services as quoted in Quote #625-20 under BuyBoard Contract #625-20, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00. [Gladis Sanchez, Open Government Analyst]
- c. Approve Resolution 2021-37 amending the authorized Investment Representatives for the City of La Porte. [Shelley Wolny, Assistant Director of Finance]
- d. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve a request for sponsorship by the La Porte Education Foundation for their annual golf tournament. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Ojeda; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

6. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to accept the City of La Porte Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2020, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. [Michael Dolby, Finance Director]

Lupe Garcia, Engagement Audit Partner, offered the report on behalf of the Whitley Penn external audit team. The City received a clean report/unmodified opinion on the federal single audit. Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to accept the City of La Porte Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2020, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Ojeda; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

- b. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to provide administrative staff direction on how to proceed with an agreement with the Association of Bayport Companies for area located within the Bayport Industrial District for the City of La Porte EMS to provide EMS coverage for the period from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2023. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]

Councilperson Bentley moved to sign the original contract; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Engelken; the motion was not adopted, 2-5, Councilperson Bentley and Mayor Pro Tem Engelken voting in support.

Councilperson McCaulley moved to direct staff to bring a multi-year adjustable agreement as presented in the agenda packet; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Engelken; the motion was adopted 6-1, Councilperson Bentley voting against.

7. REPORTS

- a. Receive report on the Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting. [Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Engelken]

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken said the Committee had received the purchasing card and investment reports, as well as the annual audit report.

- b. Receive report on the La Porte Development Corporation Board meeting. [Councilperson Nancy Ojeda]

Councilperson Ojeda reported the Committee met, approved extending the dates for the performance measures for 101 West Main project, denied a request for additional funding for the same, and set the next meeting for April 26.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, March 25
- Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting, April 12
- City Council meeting, April 12
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, April 15
- Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting, April 22
- City Council meeting, April 26

City Manager Corby Alexander said there were no reports.

9. 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 the employees recognized for service and the students receiving the proclamation this evening; thanked the Finance, IT, EMS, Emergency Management, and Parks Departments for their hard work recently; shared appreciation of and support for the Police Department; congratulated Phyllis Rinehart on her retirement; thanked Pastor Dunn for the special entertainment; and thanked the school district for the event honoring achievement and recognition.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(a) Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 - Personnel Matter: Deliberation concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, unless the officer or employee requests a public hearing: Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney.

The Council convened into executive session at 6:57 p.m.

11. RECONVENE into regular session and consider action, if any, on item(s) discussed in executive session.

The Council reconvened in open session at 7:57 p.m. and took no action.

ADJOURN – Without objection, the Council adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Lee Woodward, City Secretary

