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CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE AND ETHICS POLICY AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA JULY 12, 2021

Notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the La Porte City Council Rules of Procedure and Ethics Policy Ad Hoc Committee to be held July 12, 2021, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action.

Remote participation is also available. Attend via a screen using the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85258391662?pwd=SUxRNm90QzdWMSs5bm8zOThiSDd4UT09>. Join by phone at 877-853-5257 or 888-475-4499. The meeting ID is 852 5839 1662 and the passcode is 467031.

CALL TO ORDER

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.*)

1. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2021, meeting.
2. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to consider amendment to the City Council Rules of Procedure and Ethics Policy.

ADJOURN

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the City Secretary's office (281-470-5019), two working days prior to the meeting for appropriate arrangements.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.127, on a regular, non-emergency basis, members may attend and participate in the meeting remotely by video conference. Should that occur, a quorum of the members will be physically present at the location noted above on this agenda.

CERTIFICATE

I, Lee Woodward, City Secretary, do hereby certify that a copy of the July 12, 2021, City Council Rules of Procedure and Ethics Policy Ad Hoc Committee agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, LaPorteTX.gov, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

DATE _____
TIME _____
TAKEN DOWN _____

Lee Woodward

Lee Woodward, City Secretary

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**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE
AND ETHICS POLICY AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 28, 2021**

The Rules of Procedure and Ethics Policy Ad Hoc Committee of the City of La Porte met on Monday, June 28, 2021, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 4:00 p.m. to consider the following items of business:

Committee Members present: Jay Martin, Bill Bentley

Committee Members attending remotely: Brent McCaulley

Committee Members absent: None

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

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. **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.)*

Philip Dunn asked the Committee to consider mechanisms to protect staff and Councilpersons and to address disorder and an atmosphere of insubordination in City Council meetings.

2. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to consider amendment to the City Council Rules of Procedure and Ethics Policy.**

The Committee reviewed Charter 2.04.b.4., a new provision from the May 2021 election regarding Councilperson absences and forfeiture of office and guidelines for attendance from other Texas cities. The Assistant City Attorney agreed to investigate legal precedent regarding a definition for attendance/absence coupled with a provision that removal from a meeting would constitute an unexcused absence.

The Committee announced its intention to meet again July 12, 2021, at 4 p.m.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned without objection at 4:56 p.m.

Lee Woodward, City Secretary