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MINUTES OF THE DRAINAGE AND FLOODING COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 13, 2020

The Drainage and Flooding Committee of the City of La Porte met on Monday, July 13, 2020, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 5:00 p.m. to consider the following items of business:

Committee Members present: Jay Martin, Danny Earp

Committee Members attending remotely: Chuck Engelken

Committee Members absent: None

Council-appointed officers present: Corby Alexander, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 citizen comments.

3. STATUTORY AGENDA

- (a) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve the June 8, 2020, meeting minutes. [Jay Martin, Chair]**

Committee member Engelken moved to approve the minutes; the motion was adopted, 3-0.

- (b) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Texas General Land Office grant funding opportunity. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]**

Mr. Wingate noted the GLO has invited the City to apply for supplemental funding for Brookglen. He noted the County has LMI data and is willing to assist with the LMI calculations. Committee member Engelken shared that the meeting with Mr. Black of Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) this morning had included additional drainage funding, as well as for F-216, potentially including channel improvements and other work. The Committee asked Mr. Wingate to inquire as to whether the airport project might be eligible, as well.

- (c) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding changes to drainage criteria recommended by Harris County. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]**

Mr. Wingate explained the potential impacts of increased Harris County design requirements on future projects and the correlations to supplementary funding requests. Mr. Wingate explained the potential floodplain development impacts, particularly for those with fill within the 500-year flood plain. Chairman Martin asked that the item come back with more information.

- (d) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding an interlocal agreement between the City of La Porte and the City of Pasadena related to land within the ETJ of the respective cities. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]**

Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins said the agreement was enforceable from the City of La Porte's end. He said he understood the main concern of the Committee was to have the drainage facilities constructed. Mr. Askins said the City of Pasadena had created a plan and submitted it to HCFCD, but had never followed up on it, and that now Pasadena wanted to work on a larger project in the area. He said the City could claim a breach by Pasadena. Committee member Engelken expressed concern about the area around Brookglen and asked that pressure be kept on the process. If the City of La Porte wanted to move forward, it could consider a formal demand letter, perhaps accompanied by a meeting to clearly indicate the action was needed. Committee member Engelken moved that the City of La Porte move forward with any action needed to have the City of Pasadena honor the agreement; the motion was adopted, 3-0.

- (e) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the status of current drainage projects. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]**

Mr. Wingate referred to status changes on several projects.

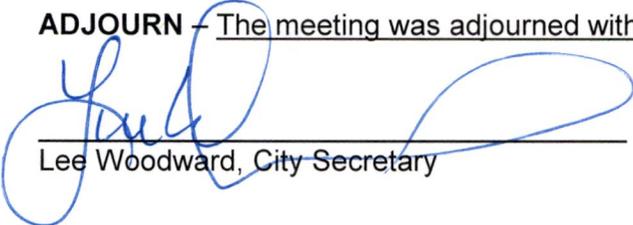
- (f) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to provide staff with direction, if necessary, regarding additional drainage concerns. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]**

There were no additional items.

4. **Set next meeting** - The next meeting date was set for August 10, 2020.

5. **Committee Member Comments** – There were no comments.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:45 p.m.



Lee Woodward, City Secretary