

LOUIS R. RIGBY
Mayor
BRANDON LUNSFORD
Councilperson At Large A
BRENT McCaulley
Councilperson At Large B
MANDI WILLIAMS
Councilperson District 1



CHUCK ENGELKEN
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilperson District 2
BILL BENTLEY
Councilperson District 3
RICK HELTON
Councilperson District 4
JAY MARTIN
Councilperson District 5
ROBBIE McLARRIN
Councilperson District 6

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the La Porte City Council to be held September 11, 2023, beginning at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chamber, 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 available. Attend via a screen using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87672913606?pwd=eDIhUnd5allYd1BZVHlzdG5LN2V0Zz09>

Join by phone at 877-853-5257 or 888-475-4499. The meeting ID is 876 7291 3606 and the passcode is 411484.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation will be given by Lanier Young, St. John's Episcopal Church.
PLEDGES – Will be led by Councilperson Brent McCaulley.
U.S. Flag
Texas Flag: Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state, under God, one, and indivisible.
3. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**
 - (a) Proclamation recognizing National Preparedness Month. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]
 - (b) Employee of the Quarter for Quarters 1 and 2. [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.)*
5. **CONSIDERATION OF COUNCILPERSON ABSENCES**
 - (a) Presentation, discussion, and possible action to excuse the absence of Councilperson Mandi Williams from the August 28, 2023, regular City Council meeting. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
6. **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 August 28, 2023, regular City Council meeting. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
 - (b) Adopt Ordinance 2023-3950 appointing Janikka Bratton as the Presiding Judge of the City of La Porte Municipal Court of Record and Denise Mitrano as Alternate Judge of the City of La Porte Municipal Court of Record, effective September 25, 2023. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]
 - (c) Adopt Resolution 2023-11 establishing a Youth Advisory Council for La Porte, Texas, and abolishing the Youth Commission of La Porte. [Matt Daeumer, Assistant City Manager]

- (d) Award Bid #23031 'Bayshore Water Tower Rehabilitation Project' to O&A Classic Coatings and Painting Corporation in the amount of \$208,200.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute a construction contract, including a contingency of \$21,000.00, for a total authorization of \$229,200.00. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]
- (e) Award Bid #23025 'Chlorine Gas Detector Rebid' to JCS Industries Inc. in the amount of \$66,620.00, authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with JSC Industries Inc., and provide a contingency of \$3,380.00, for a total authorization of \$70,000.00. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ASSOCIATED ORDINANCES

- (a) The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the recommendation of the Dangerous Buildings Inspections Board for condemnation of a dangerous/substandard structure located at 125 Bayshore Ave., La Porte, Texas; followed by discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2023-3937 ordering condemnation of dangerous/substandard structures located at 125 Bayshore Avenue, La Porte, Texas. [Richard Glass, Chief Building Official]
- (b) The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the recommendation of the Dangerous Buildings Inspections Board for condemnation of a dangerous/substandard structure located at 218 Bay St., La Porte, Texas; followed by discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2023-3934 ordering condemnation of dangerous/substandard structure located at 218 Bay St., La Porte, Texas [Richard Glass, Chief Building Official]
- (c) The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the recommendation of the Dangerous Buildings Inspections Board for condemnation of a dangerous/substandard structure located at 226 S. Bayshore Dr., La Porte, Texas; followed by discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2023-3932 ordering condemnation of dangerous/substandard structure located at 226 S. Bayshore Dr., La Porte, Texas [Richard Glass, Chief Building Official]
- (d) The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the recommendation of the Dangerous Buildings Inspections Board for condemnation of a dangerous/substandard structure located at 411 S. Blackwell St., La Porte, Texas; followed by discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2023-3930 ordering condemnation of dangerous/substandard structure located at 411 S. Blackwell St., La Porte, Texas [Richard Glass, Chief Building Official]
- (e) The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding request by applicant Wings Etc. to authorize a variance to Section 6-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption at Wings Etc., located at 1023 S. Broadway, La Porte, Texas, within 300 feet of a public school; followed by possible action to adopt Ordinance 2023-3949 authorizing a variance to Section 6-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, by allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption at Wings Etc., located at 1023 S. Broadway, La Porte, Texas, within 300 feet of a public school. (Teresa Evans, Director of Planning and Development)

8. STATUTORY AGENDA

- (a) Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve the City of La Porte's proposed ad valorem tax rate for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year. [Michael Dolby, Finance Director]
- (b) Presentation, discussion, and possible action to provide administrative staff with direction regarding proposed amendments to the Airport Advisory Board as established in Ordinance 2016-3652 and return to City Council for adoption at a future meeting. [Councilpersons Lunsford, Williams, and Helton]

- (c) Presentation, discussion, and possible action to provide administrative staff with direction regarding proposed amendments to the City Council Rules of Procedure and Ethics Policy and return to City Council for adoption at a future meeting. [Councilpersons McCaulley, Engelken, and Helton]
- (d) Presentation, discussion, and possible action on proposed change to the City of La Porte Employee Handbook Chapter 8: 'Employee Wage & Benefits', to require twenty (20) cumulative years of service as opposed to twenty (20) consecutive years of service as a criterion for eligibility for retiree medical benefits. [Councilpersons McCaulley, Martin, and Helton]
- (e) Presentation, discussion, and possible action to provide administrative staff direction based on information provided for a potential pilot program for utilization of hybrid or electric vehicles for non-emergency fleet assets. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]
- (f) Presentation, discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2023-3944, amending Appendix A 'Fees' of the Code Ordinances of the City of La Porte by increasing the maximum allowable charge for non-consent tows performed by automobile wreckers and towing vehicles in the City of La Porte. [Doug Ditrich, Chief of Police]

9. REPORTS

- (a) Receive report of the Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting. [Councilperson Martin]

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, September 21
- City Council meeting, September 25
- La Porte Development Corporation Board meeting, September 25

11. COUNCIL COMMENT *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, Councilpersons, and City staff, for which no formal action will be discussed or taken.*

12. ADJOURN

If, during the course of the meeting and discussion of any items covered by this notice, City Council determines that a Closed or Executive Session of the Council is required, then such closed meeting will be held as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 - consultation with counsel on legal matters; Section 551.072 - deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; Section 551.073 - deliberation regarding a prospective gift; Section 551.074 - personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; Section 551.076 - implementation of security personnel or devices; Section 551.087 - deliberation regarding economic development negotiation; Section 551.089 - deliberation regarding security devices or security audits, and/or other matters as authorized under the Texas Government Code. If a Closed or Executive Session is held in accordance with the Texas Government Code as set out above, the City Council will reconvene in Open Session in order to take action, if necessary, on the items addressed during Executive Session.

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 September 11, 2023, City Council 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, www.LaPorteTX.gov, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

DATE _____
 TIME _____
 TAKEN DOWN _____

Lee Woodward
