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Councilmember At Large A
DOTTIE KAMINSKI
Councilmember At Large B
DANNY EARP
Councilmember District 1
CHUCK ENGELKEN
Councilmember District 2



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Councilmember District 4
JAY MARTIN
Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember District 5
MIKE CLAUSEN
Councilmember District 6

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE
MARCH 28, 2016**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on **Monday March 28, 2016**, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at **6:00 p.m.** to consider the following items of business:

Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members of Council present: Councilmembers Engelken, Earp, Zemanek, Clausen, K. Martin, Leonard, Kaminski and J. Martin. Also present were City Secretary Patrice Fogarty, City Manager Corby Alexander, and Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins.

2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Barbara Norwine.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Kristin Martin.

4. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, and RECOGNITIONS**

- (a) Proclamation – La Porte Special Olympics Shrimp Boil Day – Mayor Rigby

Mayor Rigby presented a proclamation for the La Porte Special Olympics Shrimp Boil Day.

- (b) Recognition – Retirement of Keith Walker (City of La Porte Fire Department) – Mayor Rigby

Mayor Rigby recognized Keith Walker on his retirement from the City of La Porte Fire Department.

City Council recessed the meeting at 6:10 p.m. for a short break to allow ticket sales to the Shrimp Boil. He reconvened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Limited to five minutes per person.)

Barbara Norwine, 202 S. Lobit, addressed Council and showed photos of code enforcement issues in her neighborhood.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA** *(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)*

- (a) Consider approval or other action regarding the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on March 14, 2016 – P. Fogarty
- (b) Consider approval or other action regarding a Resolution authorizing the sale of tax delinquent properties consisting of Tracts 5 & 6, Block 1445 and Lot 1, Block 1125, Town of La Porte – K. Powell

- (c) Consider approval or other action regarding a Resolution authorizing the Harris County Constable's Office to hold a second public hearing on the sale of tax delinquent property described as Block 85, Lots 29 and 30, Town of La Porte – K. Powell

Consent Item C was not considered and was moved to the April 25, 2016, City Council meeting.

Regarding the tax properties, Councilmember Earp questioned how the percentage of taxes due to each jurisdiction is calculated and is it based on each particular property only. Tax Manager Kathy Powell answered the percentages are based upon judgement, and the percentage is based on the particular property.

Councilmember Engelken moved to approve Consent Agenda items A and B pursuant to staff recommendations. Councilmember Clausen seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0.**

7. RESOLUTION

- (a) Consider approval or other action regarding a Resolution Opposing Central Regional Alternative Design #2 (CR#2) Storm Suppression Alternative by Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District (GCCPRD) – T. Tietjens

Planning and Development Director Tim Tietjens presented a summary.

Councilmember J. Martin suggested one modification to paragraph one of the resolution to add the words "schools and churches."

Councilmember Zemanek asked if there is any idea of funding for construction. Mr. Tietjens responded he does not know.

Councilmember Engelken suggested sending the resolution, if passed, to state elected officials and the White House.

Councilmember J. Martin moved to approve a resolution with adding the words "schools and churches" to the first WHEREAS, and opposing Central Region Alternative #2 (CR#2) of the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District (GCCPRD) Storm Suppression Study, and supporting Central Region Alternative #1 (CR#1). Councilmember Zemanek seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0.**

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Corby Alexander advised Council that staff will reach out to Ms. Norwine to identify any possible code violations.

- 9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS** regarding matters appearing on the agenda; recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events; inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information.

Councilmembers K. Martin, Kaminski and Engelken congratulated the La Porte Special Olympics and Keith Walker; Councilmember Zemanek congratulated the La Porte Special Olympics and Keith Walker; and requested updates on meeting with the Heritage Society, the ordering of chaise lounges at the Wave Pool, the lowering of the speed limit on Fairmont Parkway, the trash bag coupon issue, and how will the fill dirt work east of Willmont on Fairmont Parkway will be monitored; Councilmember Leonard commented he hopes everyone will purchase shrimp boil tickets and congratulated Keith Walker; Councilmember Earp congratulated the La Porte Special Olympics and Keith Walker; commented he walked the property east of Willmont on Fairmont Parkway and urged staff to go out there and take a look at the work on the west end of the property; Councilmember Clausen congratulated Keith Walker and commented he wishes everyone participates in the shrimp boil; Councilmember J. Martin congratulated Keith Walker; commented he wishes everyone will participate with the shrimp boil and advised he was informed by Assistant City Manager Traci

Leach that TxDot has approved funds for beautification of the median on Wharton Weems Blvd and Hwy 146; and Mayor Rigby commented he appreciates the support for the shrimp boil; recalled a time when Keith Walker worked 30 days straight and congratulated him on his retirement, and advised Council did not receive an invite to the Senior Center Melodrama and Chili Cook-Off.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The City reserves the right to meet in closed session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code, including, but not limited to, the following:

Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 – Personnel Matter: Deliberations 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: City Manager Corby Alexander.

City Council recessed the regular Council meeting to convene an executive session at 6:41 p.m. regarding the item listed above.

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

Council reconvened into the regular Council meeting at 7:02 p.m. Regarding the evaluation of the City Manager, Corby Alexander, City Council received a report from City Manager Corby Alexander regarding personnel assignments.

12. **ADJOURN** - There being no further business, Councilmember Engelken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Councilmember Leonard seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0.**

Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

Passed and approved on April 11, 2016.

Mayor Louis R. Rigby