

LOUIS R. RIGBY  
Mayor  
BRANDON LUNSFORD  
Councilmember At Large A  
BRENT Mc CAULLEY  
Councilmember At Large B  
TREY KENDRICK  
Councilmember District 1



CHUCK ENGELKEN  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Councilmember 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  
JANUARY 25, 2021**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 25, 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, Trey Kendrick, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza (*left at 6:01 p.m.*), Jay Martin, Nancy Ojeda

**Councilpersons attending remotely:** None

**Councilpersons absent:** None

**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. 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. Councilperson Garza said he was exempted from wearing a face covering for medical reasons and would not be wearing one. 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.
2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Clark Askins Assistant City Attorney, and pledges were led by Mayor Rigby.
3. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**
  - a. Recognition of City employees for years of service. [Louis R, Rigby, Mayor]
  - b. Recognition of Flor Vasquez as Employee of the Fourth Quarter 2020. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
  - c. Recognition of Johnny Morales as Employee of the Year for 2020 [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
  - d. Recognition of Kristin Gauthier as Manager of the Year for 2020 [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.*)

There were no speakers.
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 January 11, 2021, City Council meeting. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
  - b. Approve the appointment of John Blakemore to an open position on the City of La Porte's Development Corporation Board of Directors. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]

- c. **Approve the appointment of Rick Helton to an open position on the City of La Porte's Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Board of Directors/La Porte Development Authority. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**
- d. **Adopt Resolution 2021-35 in support of legislation presented by the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network, permitting its Board of Managers to set its wireless fee in its annual budget. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**
- e. **Award Bid #21007 - Bulk Fuel Contract to Sun Coast Resources Inc. as a primary vendor and A.J. Hurt Inc.-Reladyne as a secondary vendor, with annual expenditure not to exceed annual budgeted amounts. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**
- f. **Approve the three- (3-) year contract renewal with Adobe Cloud Software Suite through Insight Public Sector, in the amount of \$24,042.21, paid annually. [Grady Parker, IT Manager]**
- g. **Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the Port of Houston Authority for provision of emergency medical services at the Barbour's Cut and Bayport Terminals, for a 36-month period. [Lisa Camp, EMS Chief]**
- h. **Approve Quote #717217-2-7 to Daktronics under BuyBoard Contract #592-19 in the amount of \$89,130.00, to purchase two digital messaging signs for La Porte. [Kristin Gauthier, Emergency Management Coordinator]**
- i. **Approve reallocation of \$11,994.00 in CRF funds from the FEMA Public Assistance Program 25% match to the Emergency Household Assistance Program. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]**
- j. **Award bid #21008 to Hancock Pools, Inc. in the amount of \$558,535 for renovations to San Jacinto Pool, with a contingency amount of \$55,854, for a total authorization of \$614,389. [Rosalyn Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to approve consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Kendrick; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

## 6. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2021-3816, calling the May 1, 2021, general election for the purpose of electing the City Council positions of Mayor, Councilperson-District 2, and Councilperson-District 3. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**

Councilperson Kendrick moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-3816, calling the May 1, 2021, general election for the purpose of electing the City Council positions of Mayor, Councilperson-District 2, and Councilperson-District 3; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

- b. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding conceptual plan for Pecan Park Improvements. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**

The Mayor announced this item was removed from consideration at the request of the City Manager.

- c. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Spencer Highway Fence Project. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**

Councilperson Bentley moved the adoption of Option 2; there was no second and the motion was not considered. Councilperson Martin moved the adoption of Option 2; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

- d. **Review report and provide direction to administrative staff in connection with design of Bayside Terrace Drainage Improvements project. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**

Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works, indicated the engineer has found a flat valve would not be effective and said that staff was not recommending a back flow preventer, as well as noting that staff was recommending alternative 2. Councilperson Martin moved to adopt Alternative 2; the motion was seconded by Councilperson McCaulley; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

**7. REPORTS**

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

Councilperson Ojeda reported the Board met and approved an enhancement grants for Boats, Etc.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

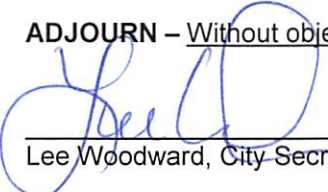
- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, January 28
- Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting, February 8
- City Council meeting, February 8
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, February 18
- City Council meeting, February 22
- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, February 25

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 all the employees recognized this evening, thanking them for their service; expressed pleasure about the fencing going up on the other side of Spencer Highway; noted looking forward to hearing more of the Pecan Park plan; shared concern, with the additional construction around Morgan's Landing and increased senior living areas, over the increased EMS calls; thanked Parks Director Ros Epting for excellent management of the vaccine event; congratulated Michael Dolby and Finance on the award they received recently, for the eighth year in a row; thanked the Council for the Bay Terrace drainage project; and asked that the decorative street lights on Main Street be checked, as some have been reported as being out;

**ADJOURN – Without objection, Mayor Rigby adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.**

  
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Lee Woodward, City Secretary

