

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the La Porte City Council to be held April 12, 2021, beginning at 6:00 pm 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.

Social distancing protocols will be in effect in the Council Chambers.

Remote participation is available, also. Attend via a screen using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86165411684?pwd=bHhvekt1QW1vbnJ4WnpkUkJQd2Fldz09>

Join by phone at 877 853 5257 or 888 475 4499. The meeting ID is 861 6541 1684. The passcode is 302849.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation will be given by Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney.
PLEDGES – Will be led by Councilperson Trey Kendrick.
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) Presentation - Administer Oath of Office to newly elected Councilperson Robbie McLarrin. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
 - (b) Recognition in appreciation of the service to the City of La Porte given by Councilperson Nancy Ojeda. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
 - (c) Proclamation - National Volunteer Week. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]
 - (d) Proclamation - National Animal Control Officers Week. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]
 - (e) Proclamation - National Telecommunicators Week. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]
 - (f) Proclamation - Crime Victim's Rights Week. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]
 - (g) Recognition - Retirement of Sgt. Richard Ayers. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]
 - (h) Presentation and update on the La Porte Independent School District. [Dr. Walter Jackson, Superintendent of Schools]
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. **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 March 22, 2021, City Council regular meeting. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]

- (b) Approve the appointment of Brent McCaulley to an open position on the La Porte Development Corporation Board of Directors.
- (c) Adopt Ordinance 2021-3821 for the purpose of vacating, abandoning, and closing a portion of the North 1st Street right-of-way situated between North J Street and Reserve A, Block 1 of La Porte Landfill, and a portion of the North J Street right-of-way situated between North 2nd Street right-of-way and an abandoned section of North J Street right-of-way, and authorizing the execution and delivery of a deed to the adjoining landowner. [Ian Clowes, City Planner]
- (d) Adopt Resolution 2021-38 authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas General Land Office for a Texas Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation grant, for drainage infrastructure. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]
- (e) Approval or other action to authorize execution of an interlocal agreement between Harris County and the City of La Porte for the Fairmont Parkway Signalization Project, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]
- (f) Approve Resolution 2021-39 to suspend the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Texas Coast Division, to increase rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program for 45 days, and authorize the City's participation in a coalition of cities known as the "Texas Coast Utilities Coalition" ("TCUC") of cities. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]
- (g) Award Bid #21009 to Turner Power & Construction, LLC in the amount of \$390,683.00, for the Northwest Park Soccer Field Lighting Renovation Project, with a contingency amount of \$39,068.00, for a total authorization of \$429,751.00 [Rosalyn Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]
- (h) Approve the three- (3-) year contract renewal with AT&T for internet services and upgrade to existing internet system. [Grady Parker, IT Manager]

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ASSOCIATED ORDINANCES

- (a) The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comment regarding the advisability of the creation of a Public Improvement District to make certain improvements over certain property located on +/- 56.7 acres at the corner of Wharton Weems Boulevard and State Highway 146 Frontage Road within the corporate limits of the City of La Porte, Texas. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]

7. STATUTORY AGENDA

- (a) Presentation, discussion, and possible action on the evaluation criteria for an RFP for Delinquent Ad Valorem Tax Collection Services. [Michael Dolby, Finance Director]

8. REPORTS

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

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- City Council Budget Retreat, April 13
- La Porte Development Corporation Board meeting, April 26
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, April 15
- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, April 22
- City Council meeting, April 26

- 10. **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, Councilmembers, and City staff, for which no formal action will be discussed or taken.*

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- (a) Texas Government Code Sec. 551.087 - Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations: Meet with City Manager to discuss financial information received from, and offer of financial incentive to, business prospect seeking to develop property within the City limits.

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

13. **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 April 12, 2021, 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

Lee Woodward, City Secretary