

LOUIS R. RIGBY  
Mayor  
BRANDON LUNSFORD  
Councilperson At Large A  
BRENT McCAULLEY  
Councilperson At Large B  
TREY KENDRICK  
Councilperson District 1



CHUCK ENGELKEN  
Mayor Pro Tem, Councilperson District 2  
BILL BENTLEY  
Councilperson District 3  
THOMAS GARZA  
Councilperson District 4  
JAY MARTIN  
Councilperson District 5  
ROBBIE MCLARRIN  
Councilperson District 6

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE MAY 10, 2021

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 10, 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, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza (*left at 6:01 p.m.*), Jay Martin, Robbie McLarrin

**Councilpersons attending remotely:** None

**Councilpersons absent:** Trey Kendrick

**Council-appointed officers present:** Corby Alexander, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary; Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney, attended remotely

### 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. 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 left the room.

### 2. INVOCATION – The invocation was given by Rev. Brian Christen, La Porte Community Church, and pledges were led by Councilperson Jay Martin.

### 3. ELECTION MATTERS

a. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2021-3827 to canvass the results of the May 1, 2021, general election for the purpose of electing a Mayor, a Councilperson-District 2, and a Councilperson-District 3, and the special election for the purpose of adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the City of La Porte Charter. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved the adoption of Ordinance 2021-3827 to canvass the results of the May 1, 2021, general election for the purpose of electing a Mayor, a Councilperson-District 2, and a Councilperson-District 3, and the special election for the purpose of adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the City of La Porte Charter; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

b. **Swear in newly elected Councilpersons. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**

City Secretary Lee Woodward swore in the newly elected Mayor Louis R. Rigby, Councilperson-District 2 Chuck Engelken, and Councilperson-District 3 Bill Bentley. Mayor Rigby presented the certificates of election.

- c. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to elect a Mayor Pro Tem. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken nominated Councilperson Jay Martin; Councilperson McCaulley seconded the motion. There were no additional nominations; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

**4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

- a. **Proclamation – National Public Works Week [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]**
- b. **Proclamation – Emergency Medical Services Week [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]**
- c. **Proclamation – National Police Week [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]**

- 5. 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.)*

Thaddeus Fine spoke in support of the La Porte Police Department, in search of Memorial Day events, and in support of H.B. 749 on lobbying.

- 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 April 26, 2021, regular session and the April 6, 2021, special session of the La Porte City Council. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**
- b. **Adopt Resolution 2021-43 authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the TXDOT Click it or Ticket (CIOT) grant award and other documents for the TXDOT Click It or Ticket STEP Grant. [Steve Deardorff, Chief]**

Councilperson Engelken moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ASSOCIATED ORDINANCES**

- a. **The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding a recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt Ordinance 2021-3822 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, Chapter 106 “Zoning” by granting Special Conditional Use Permit #20-91000003, to allow for a residential and commercial development to locate on a 56.7-acre tract of land, legally described as Lots 1-33, Block 1267, La Porte Subdivision, Tract 1M, Abstract 35, J Hunter Survey, and Tracts 5 & 5L, Abstract 30, W. P. Harris Survey Subdivision in the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning district; followed by discussion and possible action to consider adopting Ordinance 2021-3822 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, Chapter 106 “Zoning” by granting Special Conditional Use Permit #20-91000003 to allow for a mixed residential and commercial development to locate on a 56.7-acre tract of land, legally described as Lots 1-33, Block 1267, La Porte Subdivision, Tract 1M, Abstract 35, J Hunter Survey, and Tracts 5 and 5L, Abstract 30, W. P. Harris Survey Subdivision in the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning districts. [Teresa Evans, Director]**

Planning Director Teresa Evans provided an update on the project, following the TIRZ meeting and approval of a development agreement for the same. Mayor Rigby opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Alan Mueller, a representative of Gromax Development and HistoryMaker Homes spoke in support of the amendments to the SCUP. DeeAnne Thomson, HOA President, Lakes of Fairmont Green, asked a number of questions about, and spoke in opposition to, aspects of the project. Maggie Anderson, HOA President, Baypointe Townhomes, spoke in opposition to including any commercial development in the project. Mayor Rigby closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-3822 approving amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, Chapter 106 “Zoning” by granting Special Conditional Use

Permit #20-91000003, to allow for a residential development only, with no commercial development permitted, to locate on a 56.7-acre tract of land, legally described as Lots 1-33, Block 1267, La Porte Subdivision, Tract 1M, Abstract 35, J Hunter Survey, and Tracts 5 and 5L, Abstract 30, W. P. Harris Survey Subdivision in the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning district, with additional residential conditions that Townhouses shall have a minimum lot area of 1,870 sf, the minimum lot area shall be 5,000sf, the minimum width shall be 40 feet and the number of dwelling units shall not exceed 5.5 du/acre and uses shall be limited to single family detached only. The motion was seconded by Councilperson McCaulley. Without objection, an amendment by Councilperson Bentley was accepted to require a masonry wall on the project property along Wharton Weems. The motion, as amended, was adopted, 7-0.

## 8. REPORTS

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

Mayor Pro Tem Martin announced the Committee received updates on Harris County Flood Control District projects and that the Committee chose to meet again on June 14.

## 9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

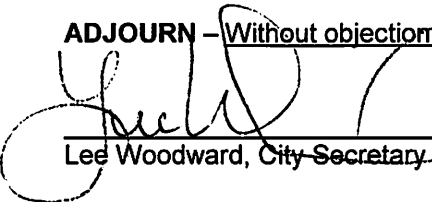
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, May 20
- City Council meeting, May 24
- Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting, May 27

City Manager Corby Alexander introduced Lindsay French, who is overseeing Parks and Recreation and will be restarting Senior programming, noting French has been successfully leading areas in Parks for a number of years.

10. **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 the newly elected Mayor and Councilpersons and expressed their appreciation for those who received proclamation recognition this evening; congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Martin on his election; expressed appreciation to City staff for their expertise and work; and the Mayor mentioned that the recent Harris County Precinct 2 food distribution in La Porte he had volunteered at, noting how much it was needed and appreciated by residents.

**ADJOURN** – Without objection, the Council adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

  
Lee Woodward, City Secretary

