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Councilperson At Large A
BRENT McCAULLEY
Councilperson At Large B
MANDI WILLIAMS
Councilperson District 1
CHUCK ENGELKEN
Councilperson District 2



BILL BENTLEY
Councilperson District 3
THOMAS GARZA
Councilperson District 4
JAY MARTIN
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilperson District 5
ROBBIE McLARRIN
Councilperson District 6

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE
OCTOBER 11, 2021**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 11, 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, Mandi Williams, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza, Jay Martin, Robbie McLarrin
Councilpersons attending remotely: None
Councilpersons absent: None
Council-appointed officers present: Corby Alexander, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary; Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney and pledges were led by Councilperson Brandon Lunsford.
3. **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.*)

Terry Matthews spoke about responsible flood plain development. Barbara Norwine thanked Councilpersons who voted against the duplexes on Main Street.

4. **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 regular City Council meeting held on September 27, 2021. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
 - b. Approve or deny Ordinance 2021-3840 regarding amendments to Chapter 98 - "Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks" of the City of La Porte Code of Ordinances to allow for placement of recreational vehicles in mobile home/manufactured home parks. [Teresa Evans, Director of Planning and Development]
 - c. Approve Ordinance 2021-3849 regarding amendments to Chapter 94 - "Floods" of the City of La Porte Code of Ordinances to comply with the new Class 8 prerequisite of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). [Teresa Evans, Director of Planning and Development]
 - d. Authorize Ordinance 2021-3824 allowing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Half Associates, Inc., to provide design and construction phases services in connection with development of a 100 acre-foot detention pond project, in accordance with amended interlocal agreement with the City of Pasadena. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]

- e. Authorize the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with Harris County to receive Harris County partnership funds for the Bayside Terrace Subdivision Drainage Improvements Project. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]
- f. Award the purchases of vehicles and equipment approved for replacement and additions to the city vehicle and equipment fleet in the City of La Porte FY 2021-22 Budget through Texas Buy Board and GSA Cooperative Purchasing Programs, with an authorization of \$1,026,741.97 [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]
- g. Adopt Resolution 2021-59, approving a nomination for Mike Sullivan as the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) board member representing cities other than the City of Houston. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]

Mayor Rigby noted item d authorized a professional services agreement; the referenced ordinance was adopted earlier in the year. City Manager Alexander noted items d. and e. went before the Drainage and Flooding Committee this evening and were recommended for approval. Mayor Rigby noted the BuyBoard agreement for WC Tractors was not for the location referenced, so the total to be considered was \$909,385.37. Councilperson Garza pulled item b. Councilperson Engelken moved to adopt the consent agenda, less item b., and with the amendment to the amount in item f.; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

Councilperson Garza moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-3840 regarding amendments to Chapter 98 - "Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks" of the City of La Porte Code of Ordinances to allow for placement of recreational vehicles in mobile home/manufactured home parks; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ASSOCIATED ORDINANCES

- a. Conduct Public Hearing and receive public input on LSP Partners, L.P.'s application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for 2022-2023 Housing Tax Credits for Seville Apartments located at 3701 Luella Blvd., La Porte, Texas. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]

Mayor Rigby opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. Johnathan Campbell of the Southeast Texas. Housing Finance Corporation provided a short presentation and introduced the investor. Mayor Rigby closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

6. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. Consider and/or approve Resolution 2021-60 of no objection to LSP Partners, LP's application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for 2022-2023 Housing Tax Credits for Seville Apartments located at 3701 Luella Blvd., La Porte, Texas. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]

Councilperson Engelken moved to adopt Resolution 2021-60 of no objection to LSP Partners, LP's application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for 2022-2023 Housing Tax Credits for Seville Apartments located at 3701 Luella Blvd., La Porte, Texas; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

- b. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding updates received from administrative staff on the La Porte Recreation and Fitness Center Renovation Project. [Lindsay French, Superintendent of Recreation]

Lindsay French, Superintendent of Recreation, provided an updated on the proposals. Councilperson McCaulley moved to approve Phase I; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 8-1, Councilperson Garza voting against.

- c. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to elect the City of La Porte representative and alternate from the City Council to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) 2022 General Assembly and Board of Directors, and adopt Resolution 2021-58 in support of same. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]

Mayor Pro Tem Martin moved to adopt Resolution 2021-58 and reappoint Chuck Engelken as the Representative and Bill Bentley as the alternate; the motion was seconded by Councilperson McCaulley; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

- d. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to select meeting dates for regular City Council meetings in November and December 2021. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**

Councilperson Garza moved to keep the regular meeting schedule; the motion was not seconded and was not considered. Councilperson Engelken moved to forego holding the second meetings in November and December 2021; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley.

Councilperson Garza moved to amend the motion to add *that the Council forfeit half of their pay for November and December*; Mayor Rigby seconded the motion; the motion was not adopted, 1-8, Councilperson Garza voting in favor.

The main motion was adopted, 8-1, Councilperson Garza voting against.

7. REPORTS

- a. **Receive report on the Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting. [Mayor Pro Tem Martin, Chair]**

Mayor Pro Tem Martin shared that the Committee had met, received updates, recommended the adoption of items 4.d. and e., and set the next meeting for November 8.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

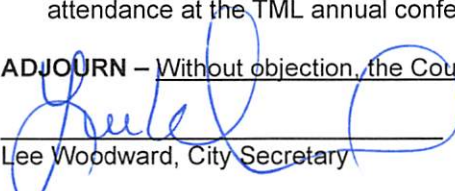
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, October 21
- La Porte Development Corporation Board meeting, October 25
- City Council meeting, October 25
- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, October 28

City Manager Alexander said the Council would be receiving a notice of a FEMA webinar on flood insurance rates and that he recommended they attend. He also introduced new Parks and Recreation Director Tim Miller and thanked Lindsay French for her interim work.

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 welcomed new Parks and Recreation Director Tim Miller and thanked Lindsay French for her interim work; commended Parks and other departmental staff for the Kids Rodeo over the weekend; suggested the City's state and federal legislators be contacted in connection to the FEMA changes; reminded all that Councilpersons could make donations to the Animal Shelter; lauded the Chamber's Family Night last week; urged fellow Councilors to reflect on Barbara Norwine's comments that she urges residents to reach out to their City Council representatives; and noted Council and staff attendance at the TML annual conference last week.

ADJOURN – Without objection, the Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



Lee Woodward, City Secretary

