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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 3
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Councilmember District 4
JAY MARTIN
Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember District 5
MIKE CLAUSEN
Councilmember District 6

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE MARCH 24, 2016

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a special meeting on **Thursday March 24, 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, K. Martin, Leonard, Clausen, Kaminski and J. Martin. Also present were Assistant City Secretary Sharon Harris and City Manager Corby Alexander.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and formulate City Council and staff plans, operations, policies, and/or future projects, including the following:

(a) Discussion or other action regarding plans for the upcoming 125th Anniversary Celebration.

City Manager Corby Alexander presented a summary for the upcoming 125th Anniversary Celebration for the City of La Porte.

Councilmember Clausen commented he would like input from the citizens of La Porte and suggested a planning committee as part of the planning process for the upcoming 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Councilmember J. Martin commented his idea of citizens as a part of a planning committee is to assist staff by presenting a schedule of activities for the celebration. In addition, Councilmember J. Martin questioned if the City will attempt to recoup any cost associated with the celebration by charging entry fees and who will be in charge of the planning committee from the City.

Councilmember Zemanek suggested Council decide the structure of the celebration before formulating a planning committee and commented he feels the responsibilities of the celebration should fall on City Council and Staff instead of a planning committee.

Councilmember Engelken commented his thoughts are to have a committee of citizens that will present options for a celebration before the Budget Workshop. In addition, Councilmember Engelken commented it should be okay for Council to serve on the planning committee, as well.

Councilmember Earp commented he agrees with a planning committee and suggested sponsorships for the celebration be allowed to save the City costs. In addition, Councilmember Earp suggested the celebration should be free to the public.

Mayor Rigby advised reservations for a well-known music entertainer need to be secured a year in advance for the celebration.

Councilmember Leonard commented he likes the idea of sponsorships and questioned the theme for promoting the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Councilmember Zemanek commented he does not see the need for sponsorships when the cost for the celebration is not coming out of the General Fund.

Councilmember K. Martin commented she would like to have family involvement in the celebration.

Councilmember Clausen advised La Porte Independent School District is working and planning a 100th Year Celebration this coming fall and commented the City should celebrate its heritage. Mayor Rigby asked if there are citizens involved in the planning of the celebration. Councilmember Clausen responded yes.

Mayor Rigby commented Council can provide a basic list with direction for a planning committee to present options to the full Council for a 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Council agreed on a planning committee to consist of Councilmembers or a member appointed by a Councilmember; planned August 11-12, 2017, as the dates for the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Councilmember Earp requested an agenda item be presented at future City Council meetings to provide a progress report on activities for the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

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

There were no comments.

4. **ADJOURN** - There being no further business, Councilmember Engelken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Councilmember Leonard seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Sharon Harris, Assistant City Secretary

Passed and approved on April 11, 2016.

Mayor Louis R. Rigby