

RICHARD WARREN, PRESIDENT
NANCY OJEDA, VICE-PRESIDENT
CHUCK ENGELKEN, BOARD MEMBER
VENESSA GUERRERO, BOARD MEMBER



MIKE CLAUSEN, BOARD MEMBER
RANDY WOODARD, BOARD MEMBER
SHELLEY FULLER, BOARD MEMBER

MINUTES OF LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2017

The City of La Porte Development Corporation Board met on **January 9, 2017**, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, 77571, at **5:00 p.m.** to consider the following items of business:

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Warren called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following members of the La Porte Development Corporation Board were present: Board members Fuller, Engelken, Guerrero, Clausen, and Ojeda. Absent: Board member Woodard. Staff Present: Corby Alexander, Traci Leach, Patrice Fogarty and Clark Askins.

2. **CONSENT** *(All consent agenda items are considered routine by the La Porte Development Corporation Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member requests an item be removed and considered separately.)*

- (a) Consider approval or other action regarding minutes of the La Porte Development Corporation Board meeting held on December 12, 2016 – P. Fogarty
- (b) Consider approval or other action authorizing Staff to execute payment in the amount of \$166,000.00 to ACT Independent Turbo Services, Inc., in accordance with terms of incentive agreement – T. Leach
- (c) Financial Report – M. Dolby

Board member Engelken moved to approve the Consent Agenda items pursuant to staff recommendations. Board member Clausen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0. Board member Woodard was absent.**

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

- (a) Public hearing to receive comments regarding proposed projects of the La Porte Development Corporation for 1) decorative fencing at Wharton Weems at the Golf Course, in the amount of \$250,000.00; 2) beautification along Spencer Highway, in the amount of \$340,200.00; and 3) Community Cooperation Projects, in the amount of \$10,000.00; consider approval or other action authorizing projects of the La Porte Development Corporation in the amount of \$250,000.00 for decorative fencing at Wharton Weems at the Golf Course; \$340,200.00 for beautification along Spencer Highway; and \$10,000.00 for Community Cooperation Projects – T. Leach

The public hearing opened at 5:01 p.m.

Assistant City Manager Traci Leach presented a summary. There being no public comments, the public hearing closed at 5:10 p.m.

Board member Engelken moved to authorize projects of the La Porte Development Corporation for 1) decorative fencing at Wharton Weems at the Golf Course, in the amount of \$250,000.00; 2) beautification along Spencer Highway, in the amount of \$340,200.00; and 3) Community Cooperation Projects, in the amount of \$10,000.00. Board member Fuller seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0. Board member Woodard was absent.**

4. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) Consider approval or other action authorizing President Richard Warren to sign a letter advocating the Texas Legislature to change language of Section 505.258(1) of the Local Government Code to allow the La Porte Development Corporation to continue to collect sales taxes as long as bonds, projects or other obligations of the Corporation exist – T. Leach

Assistant City Manager Traci Leach presented a summary.

Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins advised Board members there is not an issue due to any litigation, and the item is being presented as he understands only because the City of Webster's bond counsel suggested to the City of Webster that there could become an issue with a certain interpretation of the statute.

Board member Engelken moved to hold off authorizing President Richard Warren to sign a letter advocating the Texas Legislature to change language of Section 505.258(1) of the Local Government Code to allow the La Porte Development Corporation to continue to collect sales taxes as long as bonds, projects or other obligations of the Corporation exist. Board member Clausen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0. Board member Woodard was absent.**

5. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Board members set the next meeting date for Monday, March 27, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. President Warren requested Staff provide an update on Fischer's Hardware and restroom facilities at Five Points at the next meeting.

6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS regarding matters appearing on agenda; recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events; inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policies.

Board member Engelken requested an update on the status of hiring an Economic Development Coordinator. Assistant City Manager Traci Leach reported interviews are being scheduled.

President Warren wished everyone a Happy New Year.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Board member Engelken moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Board member Clausen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0. Board member Woodard was absent.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

Passed and approved on this the 27th day of March, 2017.

President Richard Warren