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Councilperson District 6

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE JULY 8, 2019

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 8, 2019, 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, Steve Gillett, Danny Earp, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza, Jay Martin, Nancy Ojeda

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 Pastor Ben Rosenberger of Bayshore Baptist Church.

PLEDGES – The pledges of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags were led by Councilperson Steve Gillett.

3. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

(a) Proclamation in recognition of Park and Recreation Month. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to five minutes per person.) There were no comments offered.

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 meeting held on June 24, 2019. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]

(b) Approve renewal of contract with SHI (Software House International) for use of the Microsoft Office 365 platform. [Grady Parker, IT Manager]

(c) Approve an interlocal agreement between Harris County and the City of La Porte regarding the extension of a freeway non-consent towing program to the City of La Porte, for the towing of disabled vehicles from roadways. [Ron Parker, Chief of Police]

(d) Authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Lockwood Andrews & Newman, Inc., to provide preliminary engineering services for the Northside Neighborhood Drainage Improvement Project, in the amount of \$59,530.00. [Lorenzo Wingate, P.E., City Engineer]

Councilperson Engelken moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

6. STATUTORY AGENDA

(a) Presentation, discussion, and possible action directing staff to revise the listing of Capital Improvement Projects for funding in Fiscal Year 2019-2020. [Michael Dolby, Finance Director]

Mayor Rigby moved to direct staff to revise the listing of General Fund Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects for funding in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 by removing the South 7th Street Paving and Drainage for \$2,865,000; considering the revised design for Five Points Restroom and Pavilion in August; and changing the Public Works Facility (Design) to a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for \$75,000; and to research

alternate funding for the remaining projects; the motion was adopted, 8-1, Councilperson Garza voting against.

(b) Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve a nominations(s) to fill an open position(s) on the Fiscal Affairs Committee [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]

No nominations were made.

7. REPORTS

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

Councilperson Martin reported on the Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting held at 5:00 p.m., noting updates were received from Jeremy Ratcliff of the Harris Council Flood Control District (HCFCD) and City Engineer Lorenzo Wingate.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, Thursday, July 18, 2019
- City Council Meeting, Thursday, July 22, 2019
- Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting, Thursday, July 25, 2019

City Manager Corby Alexander said there were no reports to be given.

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

Councilpersons congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department on their proclamation; thanked City employees and the Rotary Club for a wonderful Fourth of July parade and events; offered gratitude to LPPD, Code Enforcement, and other City departments who helped out a local veteran in recovery; recognized the City Manager and Finance Director for the CIP discussion and suggested bringing forth guidelines for future budget discussions; thanked EMS for the good job they do all the time; acknowledged the assistance of the City Manager and staff on a proposed electric line project for working with Harris County to find a better solution; gave appreciation to the staff and Council for patience while a new member worked through tonight's budget discussion; reported on a visit this morning with former Mayor Virginia Cline.

ADJOURN – Without objection, Mayor Rigby adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Lee Woodward, City Secretary