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STEVE GILLETT
Councilperson At Large B
DANNY EARP
Councilperson District 1
CHUCK ENGELKEN
Councilperson District 2



BILL BENTLEY
Councilperson District 3
Mayor Pro-Tem
THOMAS GARZA
Councilperson District 4
JAY MARTIN
Councilperson District 5
NANCY OJEDA
Councilperson District 6

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE MARCH 9, 2020

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020, 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: Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary; Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGES** – The invocation was given by Minister Shawn Williams, Gates of Praises Church, and the pledges of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags were led by Councilperson Bill Bentley.
3. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**
 - a. Proclamation in recognition of NAPTA Troubleshooting Skills Competition Day. [Mayor Rigby].
 - b. Recognition of the retirement of Peggy Lee, Office Coordinator for the Planning and Development Department. [Mayor Rigby]
4. **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.*)

Chuck Rosa spoke in opposition to action of the Planning and Zoning Commission and item 6a.

Mayor Rigby reminded the Council that the adopted parliamentary authority was Robert's Rules of Order, which provides for each member to be recognized twice for ten minutes each on each item.

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 regular session held on February 24, 2020. [Mayor Rigby]**
 - b. **Approve the appointment of Pat McCabe to an open position on the Building Codes Appeals Board. [Mayor Rigby]**
 - c. **Accept the City of La Porte Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). [Michael Dolby, Finance Director]**
 - d. **Award RFP #20503 for Delinquent Ad Valorem Tax Collection Services to Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP. [Michael Dolby, Finance Director]**
 - e. **Award Bid 20007- Lomax Elevated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation to Maguire Iron, Inc., authorize the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$275,000.00, and approve a project contingency of \$27,500.00, for a total authorization of \$302,500.00. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**
 - f. **Award Bid 20008-Hillridge Water Tank Replacement to W. W. Payton Corporation, authorize the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$160,000.00, and approve a project contingency of \$16,000.00, for a total authorization of \$176,000.00. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**
 - g. **Adopt Ordinance 2020-3782 for the purpose of vacating, abandoning, and closing portions of the N 2nd and N 4th Street rights-of-way situated in Blocks 7C and 7B, Nebraska Syndicate, and Blocks 349 and 352, Town of La Porte. [Ian Clowes, City Planner]**

- h. Adopt Ordinance 2020-3783 for the purpose of vacating, abandoning, and closing a portion of the N 8th Street right-of-way situated in Block 12, Nebraska Syndicate. [Ian Clowes, City Planner]**

Councilperson Engleken moved to approve consent agenda items a-c and e-g; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

Councilperson Earp moved to ask staff to bring back information on the most recent three years of service of each Perdue and Linebarger for comparison at the next Council meeting to consider award RFP #20503 for Delinquent Ad Valorem Tax Collection Services to Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

Councilperson Gillett moved to postpone item 5h for consideration at a future meeting; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (a) The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding the recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt Ordinance 2020-3784 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, Chapter 106 "Zoning" by amending regulations related to parking surface materials, commercial and industrial uses, shipping containers, design standards, parking space density, tree preservation, and landscaping; followed by discussion and possible action to consider adopting Ordinance 2020-3784 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, Chapter 106 "Zoning" by amending regulations related to parking surface materials, commercial and industrial uses, shipping containers, design standards, parking space density, tree preservation, and landscaping. [Ian Clowes, City Planner]**

Mayor Rigby opened the public hearing at 6:58 p.m. City Planner Ian Clowes gave a brief presentation. Sue Sabin and Maggie Anderson spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance. Mayor Rigby closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m. Councilperson Ojeda moved that the Council deny Ordinance 2020-3784 amending Chapter 106 "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances; the motion to deny was adopted, 9-0.

7. STATUTORY AGENDA

- (a) Presentation, discussion, and possible action to authorize the City Manager to execute a Water Service Agreement with Truck Locker Houston, LLC for its proposed facility at 11210 Fairmont Parkway in the Bayport Industrial District. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]**

Councilperson Garza moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a Water Service Agreement with Truck Locker Houston, LLC for its proposed facility at 11210 Fairmont Parkway in the Bayport Industrial District. Councilperson Earp moved to amend to add that Truck Locker Houston could not store hazardous materials on the site; the motion was adopted, 9-0. The main motion, as amended, was adopted, 9-0.

8. ELECTION MATTERS

- (a) Approve Judges and Alternate Judges for the City of La Porte/LPISD General Election on May 2, 2020. [Mayor Rigby]**

Councilperson Garza moved to approve the list of Judges and Alternate Judges, as presented, for the General Election on May 2, 2020; and to prescribe that each presiding judge of an election day election precinct appoint no more than six clerks; the motion was adopted, 9-0

9. REPORTS

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

Councilperson Martin reported that the Committee had received project updates and set the date of the next meeting for April 13.

- (b) Receive a report on the Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting. [Councilperson Engelken]**

Councilperson Engelken reported that the Committee received a favorable first quarter investment report, purchasing card report, annual audit and report, and approved Hilltop Securities as the City's financial advisor.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, March 19
- City Council meeting, March 23

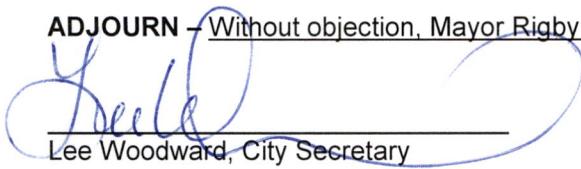
- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, March 27

Mr. Weeks advised there were no reports.

11. 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 Peggy Lee on her retirement and recounted the significance of her career at the City; recognized the Public Works Department for winning the *Chili Cookoff* last week; thanked the City Secretary's office for a busy election time; announced the City had been recognized in a nationwide survey of beach towns; commended Officer Robin Davis to the Chief; acknowledged Women's History Month and the former women on Council – Virginia Cline, Dottie Kaminski, and Kristin Moser; expressed appreciation to NAPTA for training future workers; discussed the Greater Houston Partnership's State of the Industry event and likened it to past downturns; reminded all of the celebration at the installation of the new Chief and other PD promotions; shared participation in the City's health improvement challenge; noted the opening of the Girl's Softball season and the close of children's basketball; shared the experience at last Saturday's Fun Run at the San Jacinto Monument; and discussed a conversation with Harris County concerning the construction of the new toll road bridge

ADJOURN – Without objection, Mayor Rigby adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



Lee Woodward, City Secretary