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BRANDON LUNSFORD  
Councilmember At Large A  
STEVE GILLETT  
Councilmember At Large B  
DANNY EARP  
Councilmember District 1  
CHUCK ENGELKEN  
Councilmember District 2



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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE  
JUNE 22, 2020**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 22, 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:** Brandon Lunsford, Steve Gillett, Danny Earp, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza (6-6:19 p.m.), Jay Martin, Nancy Ojeda

**Councilpersons attending remotely:** Louis Rigby

**Councilpersons absent:** Thomas Garza left meeting at 6:19 p.m.

**Council-appointed officers present:** Corby Alexander, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary; Clark T. Askins, Assistant City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Pro Tem Bentley presided and called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Councilperson Gillett moved to require all persons attending the meeting to wear a mask. Councilperson Gillett amended his motion to only include those sitting at the dais; the motion was adopted, 7-2, Councilpersons Garza and Earp voting against. Mayor Pro Tem Bentley recessed the Council at 6:16 p.m. The Council reconvened at 6:19 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Bentley had the Sergeant at Arms to escort Councilperson Garza from the room.

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGES** - The invocation was given by Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins, 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.*)

Jami Rodriguez, Susy Smith, Carole Kimbel, Gene Sanchez, and Robert Guy spoke in support of reopening the Fairmont Park West pool. Chuck Rosa spoke against wearing masks. Randy Rowan asked questions about the Fairmont Park West pool and park.

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 June 8, 2020, City Council meeting. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]
  - b. Accept a dedication deed from Bayway Homes, Inc. to the City of La Porte, Texas, of a public alley right-of-way to be situated in Block 103, Town of La Porte, located between N. 6th Street and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. [Ian Clowes, City Planner]
  - c. Approve BuyBoard Contract 610-20 for acquisition of EMS Medical Supplies. [Lisa Camp, EMS Chief]

- d. **Award Bid #20011 for the Broadway Trail Lighting Project Phase 1 to Leggio Electric in the amount of \$349,000.00, and approve a project contingency of \$34,900.00, for a total authorization of \$383,900.00. [Rosalyn Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]**
- e. **Authorize the City Manager to issue a letter of intent to Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep to purchase an Ambulance Module with a Dodge Ram 4500 Chassis in the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year under a BuyBoard contract. [Lisa Camp, EMS Chief]**
- f. **Approve an interlocal agreement between Harris County and the City of La Porte for local bus transit services for twelve (12) month term. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Councilperson Martin moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

## **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ASSOCIATED ORDINANCES**

- a. **The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding a recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt Ordinance 2020-3790 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, Chapter 106 "Zoning" by granting Special Conditional Use Permit #20-91000002, to allow for a floral shop and tea room use to locate on a 0.75-acre tract of land, legally described as a portion of Lots 3 & 4, and a portion of Tract 5, Block 2, Payne W J Survey in the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning district; followed by discussion and possible action to consider adopting Ordinance 2020-3790 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, Chapter 106 "Zoning" by granting Special Conditional Use Permit #20-91000002 to allow for a floral shop and tea room use to locate on a 0.75-acre tract of land, legally described as a portion of Lots 3 & 4, and a portion of Tract 5, Block 2, Payne W J Survey in the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning district. [Ian Clowes, City Planner]**

*(Councilperson Lunsford signed a Conflict of Interest affidavit and did not participate in the discussion or vote on this item.)* Mayor Pro Tem Bentley opened the public hearing at 6:46 p.m. Ian Clowes, City Planner gave a brief presentation. Mayor Pro Tem Bentley closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m. Councilperson Ojeda moved to uphold the Planning and Zoning Commission approval and adopt Ordinance 2020-3790 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, Chapter 106 "Zoning" by granting Special Conditional Use Permit #20-91000002 to allow for a floral shop and tea room use to locate on a 0.75-acre tract of land, legally described as a portion of Lots 3 & 4, and a portion of Tract 5, Block 2, Payne W J Survey in the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning district; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

## **6. STATUTORY AGENDA**

- a. **Receive an Annual Presentation from the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region. [Ryan Cramer, Economic Development Coordinator]**

Chad Burke, President and CEO, provided an annual presentation from the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region.

- b. **Presentation, discussion, and possible approval of a Sublease Agreement between Tri-Star Aviation Inc. and Brandon Lunsford/Garden of Eden for the operation of a restaurant/flower shop on the La Porte Municipal Airport. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]**

*(Councilperson Lunsford signed a Conflict of Interest affidavit and did not participate in the discussion or vote on this item.)* Councilperson Ojeda moved to approve the sublease agreement between Tri-Star Aviation, Inc. and Brandon Lunsford/Garden of Eden for the operation of a restaurant/flower shop at the La Porte Municipal Airport; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

- c. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to provide staff direction on the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. [Rosalyn Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]**

Aaron Tuley of Halff Associates, Inc. presented the work accomplished in creating the master plan.

- d. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Ordinance 2020-3791, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Fairmont Park West HOA for the lease of swimming pool at Fairmont Park West, from June 22, 2020, to December 31, 2020. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]**

Councilperson Ojeda said that she did not feel like the taxpayers of La Porte should have to pay for an HOA pool. No action was taken.

## **7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

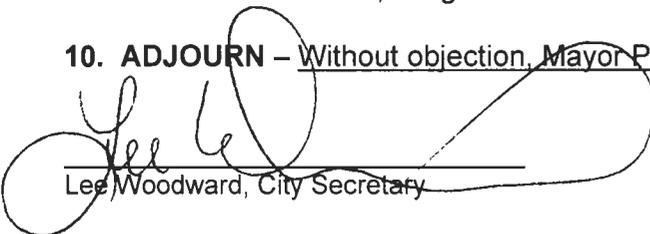
- Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting, July 13
- City Council meeting, July 13
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, July 16
- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, July 23

City Manager Corby Alexander said Ryan Cramer was leaving to go to graduate school at the University of Texas. Councilperson Gillett asked for a copy of the ESD budget before the meeting was held.

- 8. COUNCIL COMMENT 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 mused on why some are unwilling to wear masks in public and every person's right to be safe; thanked the La Porte Police Department for their service; reminded others that not all neighborhoods have pools or parks; shared that regional politicians from both major parties have asked that mask wearing not be politicized during a public health emergency; thanked Mayor Pro Tem Bentley for presiding; asked all to teach their children respect; wished everyone a Happy Father's Day; expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve; shared disappointment over how the issue of Fairmont Park West had turned out; congratulated all the year's seniors.

- 10. ADJOURN** – Without objection, Mayor Pro Tem Bentley adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

  
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Lee Woodward, City Secretary