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VICE-PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

The City of La Porte Development Corporation Board met on Monday, September 27, 2021, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 4:30 p.m., with the following in attendance:

Board members present: Richard Warren, Nancy Ojeda, Chuck Engelken, Danny Earp (*arrived 4:41 p.m.*), John Blakemore, Brent McCaulley, Rachel Cotton (*arrived at 4:54 p.m.*)

Board members attending remotely: None

Board members absent: None

Council-appointed members present: Corby Alexander, City Manager, Lee Woodward, City Secretary; Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney (*arrived 4:41 p.m.*)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Warren called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.
2. **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.*)

There were no speakers.

3. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 26, 2021. [President Warren]**

Member Engelken moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021, meeting; the motion was seconded by Member Ojeda; the motion was adopted, 5-0.

- (b) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to elect a President and Vice-President for the La Porte Development Corporation Board for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Member Engelken moved to elect Richard Warren as President and Nancy Ojeda as Vice-President for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; the motion was seconded by Member McCaulley; the motion was adopted, 5-0.

- (c) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve a reimbursement payment in the amount of \$7,408.50 to applicant Patrasia Hefley, in connection with Enhancement Grant Project approved on June 28, 2021, for parking lot and drainage enhancements to property located at 831 & 901 S. Broadway Street in La Porte, Texas. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Member Ojeda moved to approve a reimbursement payment in the amount of \$7,408.50 to applicant Patrasia Hefley, in connection with Enhancement Grant Project approved on June

28, 2021, for parking lot and drainage enhancements to property located at 831 & 901 S. Broadway Street in La Porte, Texas; the motion was seconded by Member Earp; the motion was adopted, 6-0.

- (d) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve publishing a notice to begin a 60-day comment period for eight (8) projects totaling \$1,791,031 for fiscal year 2021-2022: Downtown Lighting & Enhancements - \$150,000.00; Enhancement Grant Program - \$100,000.00; Fairmont Park Splash Pad (1/3 Funding) - \$200,000.00; Dog Park at Fairmont Park - \$212,275.00; Broadway Street Trail Lighting Phase II - \$390,156.00; Signage Project Phase I - \$350,000.00; Fairmont Park Improvements (Exercise Shade Structure) - \$52,600.00; and Pecan Park Parking Lot Improvements - \$336,000.00. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Member Earp pulled the dog park item.

Member Earp moved to approve publishing a notice to begin a 60-day comment period for seven projects totaling \$1,578,756.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022: Downtown Lighting & Enhancements - \$150,000.00; Enhancement Grant Program - \$100,000.00; Fairmont Park Splash Pad (1/3 Funding) - \$200,000.00; Broadway Street Trail Lighting Phase II - \$390,156.00; Signage Project Phase I - \$350,000.00; Fairmont Park Improvements (Exercise Shade Structure) - \$52,600.00; and Pecan Park Parking Lot Improvements - \$336,000.00; the motion was seconded by Member Ojeda; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

Member Earp moved to approve publishing a notice to begin a 60-day comment period for the dog park at Fairmont Park, less the splash pads but with some watering station option, for an amount not to exceed \$72,275.00; the motion was seconded by Member Ojeda; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

- (e) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve funding for the La Porte Gold Star Families Monument Committee of an amount up to \$22,000.00 for installation of a monument at Five Points Plaza Park. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Member Engelken moved to approve funding for the La Porte Gold Star Families Monument Committee of an amount up to \$22,000.00 for installation of a monument at Five Points Plaza Park; the motion was seconded by Member Earp; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

- (f) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve revisions to the La Porte Enhancement Grant Program policy. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Member Earp to approve revisions to the La Porte Enhancement Grant Program policy; the motion was seconded by Member Blakemore; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

- (g) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action on a proposal for financial incentives to Mark Rosado, applicant, for construction of Battleground Saloon, located at 116 S. Broadway Street in La Porte, Texas. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Member McCaulley moved to approve a proposal for financial incentives not to exceed \$27,308.00 and the publication of a notice to begin a 60-day comment period, for construction of Battleground Saloon, located at 116 S. Broadway Street in La Porte, Texas; the motion was seconded by Member Earp; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

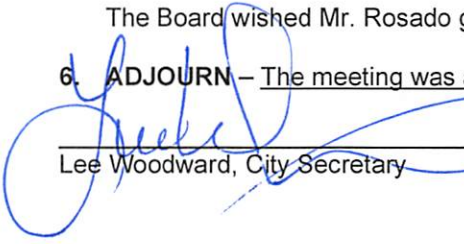
4. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was scheduled for October 25, 2021.

- 5. BOARD COMMENTS *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 Committee members and City staff, for which no formal action will be discussed or taken.***

The Board wished Mr. Rosado good luck in his business.

6. **ADJOURN** – The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:48 p.m.



Lee Woodward, City Secretary

