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RANDY WOODARD, BOARD MEMBER
NANCY OJEDA, BOARD MEMBER

MINUTES OF LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The City of La Porte Development Corporation Board met on **February 8, 2016**, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, 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 5:03 p.m. The following members of the La Porte Development Corporation Board were present: Board members Engelken, Woodard, Martin and Ojeda. Absent: Vice-President Cooksley and Board member Clausen. Staff Present: Corby Alexander, Traci Leach, Patrice Fogarty, Scott Livingston, 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 of minutes of the La Porte Development Corporation Board meeting held on January 11, 2016 – P. Fogarty

(b) Receive Financial Report – S. Livingston

(c) Consider approval or other action authorizing staff to execute payment in the amount of \$100,000.00 to Gantstein Esquire, LLC., (the Pipeline Grill) for completed infrastructure, site improvements, and other related improvements for building site at 1003 Spencer Hwy., in accordance with terms of incentive agreement – S. Livingston

Regarding Item B, Board member Engelken questioned if the projected year end fund balance is \$3.4 million or \$2.4 million. Economic Development Coordinator responded 3.4 million.

Board member Engelken moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items pursuant to staff recommendations. Board member Woodard seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0. Vice-President Cooksley and Board member Clausen were absent.**

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed Economic Development Strategic Plan Update – S. Livingston

Economic Development Coordinator Scott Livingston presented a summary for updating the 2009 Economic Development Strategic Plan and it being a necessary tool to acquire certification as an Accredited Economic Development Organization.

Board member Engelken asked if the 2009 Economic Development Strategic Plan is available on the City's website. Economic Development Coordinator Scott Livingston responded he will have to check the website for confirmation. Board member Engelken commented the plan should have been available on the website for potential investors.

Board member Ojeda commented not much has changed from the 2009 Economic Development Strategic Plan. It would be nice to have an updated plan; and if it is needed for accreditation, a new plan should be done.

President Warren commented he likes the idea of acquiring certification as an Accredited Economic Development Organization and understood that is why the funds were budgeted.

Board member Woodard suggested the update be done in-house by Mr. Livingston.

City Manager Corby Alexander asked the Board if Staff should change from a heavy incentive base or go to quality of life issues. Mr. Alexander then suggested Staff come back to narrow down a topic of discussion on specific areas for updating the Economic Development Plan.

4. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Board members set the next meeting dates for Monday, February 22, 2016, and Monday, March 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Livingston advised he will tentatively schedule a Workshop meeting at the end of March.

5. 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 Ojeda requested an update on the quality of life project.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Board member Engelken moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Board member Woodard seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0. Vice-President Cooksley and Board member Clausen were absent.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

Passed and approved on this 22nd day of February 2016.

President Richard Warren