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MINUTES OF DRAINAGE AND FLOODING COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2019

The Drainage and Flooding Committee of the City of La Porte met on Monday, December 9, 2019, 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:

Committee Members present: Jay Martin, Chuck Engelken, Danny Earp, *(Alternate Gillett available if needed)*

Committee Members absent: None

Council-appointed officers present: Corby Alexander, City Manager, Lee Woodward, City Secretary

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. STATUTORY AGENDA

- (a) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2019 meeting. [Chairman Martin]**

Committee member Engelken moved to approve the minutes; the motion was adopted, 3-0.

- (b) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to receive report regarding Harris County Flood Control District's (HCFCD) and Harris County Precinct 2's current and future plans relating to flooding in the City of La Porte. [Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer]**

Mr. Wingate announced he and Councilmember Engelken met with HCFCD on December 6 and found that the Brookglen projects might be possibly moved forward, noting that the City would be eligible for bond funds. Councilmember Engelken said he felt the HCFCD plans were to buy out pieces of Brookglen and turn them into detention ponds and expressed concern about the residents having to live with additional potential flooding occurrences. He conveyed that there was nothing received in writing and he believed the City should move forward as planned with funding and doing the projects in house.

- (c) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the statue of current projects. [Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer]**

The Committee made clear that grant applications were not forfeited until the City began to procure services for the projects. Due to the experience of the last twenty years, the Committee concluded, it was appropriate to move forward with an item on tonight's Council agenda to fund the top three priority projects but also entertained waiting up to the second quarter of 2020 to see if grant funds became available. Ultimately, they recommended moving forward with engineering and design for Bayside Terrace and Little Cedar Bayou, and put a hard deadline of the end of March for Brookglen and F10106-00.

- (d) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding additional drainage concerns and providing staff with direction. [Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer]**

Covered primarily in the items above. Mr. Wingate added that HCFCD has said they may only be able to attend once a quarter.

2. **Set date for next Drainage and Flooding Committee Meeting** - The next meeting date was set for January 13, 2020.

3. **Committee Member Comments** – There were no comments.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:36 p.m.

Lee Woodward, City Secretary