

CHUCK ENGELKEN COUNCILPERSON

BILL BENTLEY, ALTERNATE COUNCILPERSON

MINUTES OF THE DRAINAGE AND FLOODING COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 9, 2021

The Drainage and Flooding Committee of the City of La Porte met on Monday, August 9, 2021, 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, Bill Bentley (alternate)

Committee Members attending remotely: None

Committee Members absent: None

Council-appointed officers present: Corby Alexander, City Manager (attended remotely); Lee

Woodward, City Secretary; Clark T. Askins, Assistant

City Attorney

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

3. STATUTORY AGENDA

a. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021, meeting. [Chairman Martin]

Member Engelken moved to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Member Bentley; the motion was adopted, 3-0.

b. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding status of drainage infrastructure project for property near the Pasadena Convention Center, under terms of the interlocal agreement between the City of La Porte and the City of Pasadena. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]

Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Public Works Director, said negotiations with the consultant on the proposal have begun and staff review was expected to be complete by the end of the week.

c. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Harris County Flood Control District's (HCFCD) and Harris County Precinct 2's current and future plans related to flooding in the City of La Porte. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]

Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Public Works Director, announced that applications had been submitted to Harris County Precinct 2, regarding a partnership and interlocal agreement on Bayside Terrace and Brookglen, to be considered by the Harris County Commissioners Court in September.

d. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the status of current drainage projects. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]

Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Public Works Director, confirmed that he believed the Bayside Terrace and Brookglen agreements were close to resolution and that the first four projects on the list overall were still in progress and waiting on draft interlocal agreements with the County.

e. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to provide staff with direction, if necessary, regarding additional drainage concerns. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]

Chair Martin said he had forwarded concerns from Bay Harbor. Mr. Wingate confirmed it had been addressed previously and that he believes there is a fairly easy resolution to the low area. Member Engelken asked for attention to be paid to the poorly maintained Harris County buyout lots in Brookglen and suggested taking action on the violations to spur maintenance. Mr. Alexander said he would have it addressed by Code Enforcement first thing in the morning. Member Engelken noted Harris County Flood Control District representatives had agreed to attend these meetings but had not done so in some time.

4. Set next meeting - The next meeting date was set for September 13, 2021.

5. Committee Member Comments – Member Engelken asked that the Pasadena item continue to appear on each agenda.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:14 p.m.

Lee Woodward, City Secretary