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COUNCILPERSON

MINUTES OF THE DRAINAGE AND FLOODING COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2021

The Drainage and Flooding Committee of the City of La Porte met on Monday, November 8, 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, Mandi Williams

Committee Members attending remotely: Bill Bentley (alternate)

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.

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 October 11, 2021, meeting. [Councilperson Martin, Chairman]

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

b. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the status of property located at the intersection of State Hwy. 146 and McCabe Road and owned by Dutko Family Partnership, Ltd. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]

Mr. Wingate said the City received a copy of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wetlands Determination Letter, which indicates that the property does not fall within the USACE's jurisdiction. Mr. Alexander said the City was going to solicit the services of someone to review the situation. Chair Martin requested no dirt permits be issued until the Committee's questions have been answered. Planning Director Evans noted at least a portion of the property was in a PUD, so a SCUP would be required as part of the development process. Mr. Alexander said the developer had indicated a desire to incorporate the development into the MUD serving the Morgan's Landing development.

c. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding status of 100 acre-foot detention pond project near the Pasadena Convention Center and Brookglen Subdivision, in connection with amended interlocal agreement between the City of La Porte and the City of Pasadena. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]

Mr. Wingate said the agreement had been passed by the City of Pasadena and no difficulties were anticipated.

- d. **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]**

Mr. Wingate said an interlocal agreement was still being negotiated for Brookglen and F-216. Johnathan St. Romain, of the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), noted their traffic study indicated closing Gladwyne Lane. Member Engelken spoke against doing so, citing concerns including flawed traffic study methodology and first responder access.

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

Mr. Wingate said the Bayside Terrace project would require communication with property owners concerning the established trees. Mr. Alexander said there was a tree fund that could be used to place trees on the owners' properties. Mr. Wingate said he would be speaking to the HOA on Tuesday, November 9.

- f. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the status of traffic impact analysis associated with proposed detention pond development in Brookglen Subdivision. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]**

This item was covered in discussion on item d.

- g. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to provide administrative staff of the City with direction, if necessary, regarding additional drainage concerns. [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]**

Member Williams asked about the sanitary sewer lift stations and how they are impacted during rain events; Mr. Mayo communicated that the Lomax Lift Station Consolidation Project should improve the issue and would be out for bid soon, pending Texas Water Development Board approval of the bid/construction documents.

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

5. **Committee Member Comments** – Members had no comments.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:30 p.m.



Lee Woodward, City Secretary

