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Councilperson District 5
ROBBIE MCLARRIN
Councilperson District 6

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, April 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the La Porte City Council to be held on April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action.

1. **Call to Order**

The Mayor will determine that a quorum of Councilpersons is present and open the business meeting.

2. **Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance**

INVOCATION - The invocation will be given by Father Houston Okonma.

PLEDGES - Will be led by Ethan Scroggins.

U.S. Flag

Texas Flag: Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state, under God, one and indivisible.

3. **Recognitions**

3.a Recognize Public Official of the Year, Corby Alexander [Rick Helton, Mayor]

3.b Recognize National Telecommunicator Week, April 12-18

3.c Recognize National Animal Care and Control Week, April 12-18

3.d Recognize National Volunteer Week, April 19-25

4. **Citizen Comment**

State law provides that members of the public may speak before the Council considers an item of business. Complete a sign up sheet before speaking. (Generally limited to five minutes per person; the time may be reduced if there is a high number of speakers or for other considerations.) Members of the Council may ask questions or make statements of fact in response to comments but are not obligated to respond and will not participate in debate or take action during this portion of the agenda. Items may be requested for future agendas in accordance with the adopted Rules of Procedure.

5. **Presentations**

Non-standard updates from staff and community partners may periodically appear here.

5.a Fleet Week Presentation

Presentation on Fleet Week Houston, highlighting its significance, regional impact, and the City of La Porte's role in hosting historic maritime events and community engagement opportunities. April 15-22, 2026, the inaugural Fleet Week Houston will bring multiple U.S. Navy vessels and Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen to the city for a series of events and experiences. [Kayla O'Bryan, Marketing & Special Events Coordinator]

6. Consent Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda items authorizes each to be implemented in accordance with staff recommendations provided. An item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the Statutory Agenda for full discussion upon request by a member of the Council present at this meeting.

6.a Approve the minutes of the March 23, 2026, regular and March 28, 2026, special City Council meetings. [Lee Woodward, City Secretary/PIO]

6.b Updated Central Count Station appointments for May 2, 2026, election cycle [Lee Woodward, City Secretary/PIO]

6.c Northwest Park Bridge

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract between the City of La Porte, Texas, and Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds and Water Parks for purchase and installation of pedestrian bridge at Northwest Park, in the amount of \$549,813.05, through BuyBoard Contract #679-22. [Tim Miller, Director of Parks and Recreation]

6.d Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of La Porte, Texas, and the La Porte Livestock and Rodeo Association for the use of Lomax Arena. [Tim Miller, Parks & Recreation Director]

7. Statutory Agenda

Councilpersons will engage in debate in accordance with their adopted parliamentary authority. Members of the public may be permitted to answer questions from the Council or provide information if requested by the Council (either without objection or on a majority vote in favor).

7.a Linear Park Sound Wall - Design Services

Presentation, discussion, and possible action to authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services contract between the City of La Porte, Texas, and Cobb Fendley & Associates, Inc. for design of the Linear Park Soundwall project, in the amount of \$155,500.00. [Jameson Appel, Assistant Director of Public Works]

7.b Ordinance 2026-5037 - Repeal Chapter 22 Regarding Mobile Food Vendors

Presentation, discussion, and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2026-5037 repealing regulations applicable to mobile food vendors as codified in Chapter 22 "Businesses", Section 22-58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, Texas. [Ryan Hvitlæk, Director of Planning of Development]

7.c Ordinance 2026-5039 - Bird Sanctuary

Presentation, discussion, and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2026-5039

amending Chapter 14 of the City of La Porte, Texas, Code of Ordinances to exempt Muscovy ducks and other non-protected birds from the City of La Porte's bird sanctuary regulations and to allow for the removal of same by citizens and/or provide administrative staff with additional direction. [Councilpersons McLarrin, McCaulley, and Guerra]

7.d Presentation, discussion, and possible action to provide administrative staff with direction on staffing at the police department. [Rick Helton, Mayor]

8. Reports

Presentation on major projects and/or departures from current practices are often provided here. Reports from selected committees and periodic updates may also be provided.

8.a Report of the Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting held on April 13, 2026 [Councilperson Martin]

8.b Explanation of property tax valuation processes [Rick Helton, Mayor]

8.c Administrative Reports [Corby Alexander, City Manager]

9. Items of Community Interest

Per Texas Gov't. Code Sec. 551.0415, the Council may receive from staff and/or may make a report about items of community interest during a meeting without having given notice of the subject of the report, if no action is taken and, except as provided by Section 551.042, possible action is not discussed regarding the information provided in the report. 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 Mayor, Councilpersons, and City staff, for which no formal action will be discussed.

10. Executive Session

The portion of the Texas Gov't. Code known as the Texas Open Gov't. Act (TOMA, TGC Ch. 551) provides a limited set of circumstances that allow the Council to meet in a session closed to the public. The Council will first meet in an open session, announce the exception that allows it to meet in a closed session, and announce the time it is convening in closed session. The Council will post executive sessions it is aware of in advance, but may go into an executive session if a situation arises during a meeting that calls for an appropriate exception.

The Council will convene in executive session without a vote unless an objection is raised by a member of the Council.

If, during the course of the meeting and discussion of any items covered by this notice, City Council determines that a closed or executive session of the Council is required, then such closed meeting will be held as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 consultation with counsel on legal matters; Section 551.072 - deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; Section 551.073 - deliberation regarding a prospective gift; Section 551.074 - personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; Section 551.076 - implementation of security personnel or devices; Section 551.087 - deliberation regarding economic development negotiation; Section 551.089 - deliberation regarding security devices or security audits, and/or other matters as authorized under the Texas Government Code. If a closed or executive session is held in accordance with the Texas Government Code as set out above, the City Council will reconvene in open session in order to take action, if necessary, on the items addressed during executive

session.

10.a Personnel Matter

Texas Government Code Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters. Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee - City Council will meet in closed session with Municipal Court Judge Janikka Bratton.

10.b Personnel Matter

Texas Government Code Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters. Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee - City Council will meet in closed session with City Manager Corby Alexander.

11. Reconvene

The Council will reconvene in open session and consider action, if any, on item(s) discussed in executive session. Only action of the Council decided on in an open session is legal. The Council will announce the time it reconvenes before resuming consideration or adjourning.

12. Adjourn

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office (281-470-5021), three working days prior to the meeting for appropriate arrangements.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.127, on a regular, non-emergency basis, members may attend and participate in the meeting remotely by video conference. Should that occur, a quorum of the members will be physically present at the location noted above on this agenda.

CERTIFICATE

I, Lee Woodward, City Secretary, do hereby certify that a copy of the April 13, 2026, City Council agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, www.LaPorteTX.gov, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

DATE:

TIME:

TAKEN DOWN:

Lee Woodward, City Secretary

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