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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

Notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the La Porte City Council to be held on July 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 Pastor Joey Whitener.

PLEDGES - The pledges will be led by Landon and Chase Dobson.

U.S. Flag

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

3. 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.

4. Presentations

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

4.a Presentation of the Rotary Club 4th of July parade awards. [Matt Daeumer, Assistant City Manager]

4.b Presentation from Kendig Keast Collaborative (KKC)

Presentation from KKC regarding their analysis of the City's current zoning and development regulations (Chapters 106 and 86 of the Code of Ordinances). [Ryan Hvítløk, Director of Planning and Development]

5. 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.

- 5.a Approve the minutes of the June 22, 2026, City Council meeting. [Lee Woodward, City Secretary/PIO]**
- 5.b Ordinance 2026-5052 - Alternate Judge**
Adopt Ordinance 2026-5052 to appoint Kelly Benavides as an alternate judge to the City of La Porte Municipal Court of Record for the unexpired term expiring on September 30, 2028. [Janikka Bratton, Municipal Court Judge]
- 5.c Appoint/reappoint members of boards, committees, and commissions. [Lee Woodward, City Secretary]**
- 5.d Harris County Transit Authority Fixed Bus Route Agreement**
Authorize the Mayor to execute an interlocal agreement between Harris County and the City of La Porte, Texas, for local bus transit services with an expenditure of \$85,000.00 for the period of twelve (12) months with two (2) automatic additional one-year terms. [Matt Daeumer, Assistant City Manager]
- 5.e Approve Purchases of Solid Waste Equipment**
Approve the purchases of heavy trash and garbage collection equipment from Houston Freightliner through BuyBoard Contract HT06-20 for a total expenditure of \$694,293.03 [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]
- 5.f Resolution 2026-14 - SETH**
Adopt Resolution 2026-14 to approve the assignment of private activity bond authority to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in accordance with Texas Government Code Sec. 1372.044. [Matt Daeumer, Assistant City Manager]
- 5.g Approve Commercial Solid Waste Rate Increase**
Approve a 3.81% cost of living rate adjustment to commercial dumpster service fees to take effect November 1, 2026, in accordance with contract between GFL Environmental and the City of La Porte, Texas. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]
- 5.h Resolution 2026-11 - Hazard Mitigation Plan**
Adopt Resolution 2026-11, a resolution adopting the 2025 Harris County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. [Johnny Morales, Emergency Management Coordinator]
- 5.i Brookglen Drainage Improvements Phase II - Construction Materials Testing**
Authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services contract between the City of La Porte, Texas, and Terracon Consultants, Inc., for construction materials testing for the Brookglen Drainage Improvements Phase II project, in the amount of \$120,855.00. [Jameson Appel, Assistant Director of Public Works]

5.j Main Street Water Tower Lighting

Authorize the City Manager to execute a construction contract between the City of La Porte, Texas, and National LED to provide equipment and lighting installation for Main Street Water Tower through BuyBoard Contract #779-25 in the amount of \$113,800.00 and provide a construction contingency of \$939.00 for a total authorization of 114,739.00. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]

6. Public Hearings and Associated Ordinances

State law provides for public hearings on particular items, such as the annual City budget, tax rate, and some land use decisions. Members of the public may speak when the presiding officer calls for comments, without signing up in advance. (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 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 until the public hearing is closed and the item is placed before them for consideration.

6.a Public Hearing on Emergency Services District Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 Adopted Budget

The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed budget of the La Porte Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District for Fiscal Year 2026-27, as approved by the La Porte Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District Board of Directors at its meeting held on June 16, 2026; followed by discussion and possible action to approve or deny the Fiscal Year 2026-27 proposed budget of the La Porte Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District. [Chris Pettis, Fire Chief]

6.b Chapter 106 Amendment - Section 106-746 "Location of Heavy Truck Uses"

The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding a recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission to adopt Ordinance 2026-5050 on proposed amendments to Chapter 106 "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, Texas, by amending Sec. 106-746 "Location of Heavy Truck Uses" by adding 1) West Main Street/Spencer Highway from South 16th Street approximately 1,000 feet west to the rail line corridor, and 2) West A Street from South 16th Street approximately 630 feet west to its terminus, to the high frequency truck route; followed by discussion and possible action on the same. [Ryan Hvitlok, Director of Planning and Development].

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 Resolution 2026-15 appointing new alternate to the 2026 Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors/General Assembly [Rick Helton, Mayor]

7.b Nominations for TML IRP Board of Trustees

Presentation, discussion, and possible action to make nominations to the Texas Municipal League's Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees. [Lee Woodward,

7.c Benefits Consultant

Presentation, discussion, and possible action to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of La Porte, Texas and Higginbotham Insurance Agency, Inc. to serve as the City of La Porte's employee benefits consultant. [Matt Hartlieb, HR Manager]

7.d Dangerous Buildings - 4901 Valley View Drive

Presentation from the Dangerous Building Inspections Board on inspection results for building located at 4901 Valley View Drive, La Porte, Texas, followed by discussion and possible action authorizing administrative staff to notify the owner of the determination of the Dangerous Building Inspections Board that the building at 4901 Valley View Drive, La Porte, Texas, is dangerous, and to schedule a public hearing. [Ryan Hvitlæk, Director of Planning and Development]

7.e Ordinance 2026-5043 - Feeding Feral Ducks and Feral Cats

Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve Ordinance 2026-5043, amending Chapter 14, "Animals" of the City of La Porte Code of Ordinances, to regulate the feeding of feral ducks and feral cats. [Scott Pullig, Chief of Police]

7.f Ordinance 2026-5047 - Street and Alley Closure (SAC) Request #SAC-2025-0016 and #SAC-2026-0003

Presentation, discussion, and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2026-5047 for approval of Street and Alley Closure SAC-2025-0016 and SAC-2026-0003 for the purpose of vacating, abandoning, and closing the North Iowa Street 60-foot right-of-way between Barbours Cut Boulevard and North E Street and consisting of approximately 24,000 square feet, and the north half of North E Street 60-foot right-of-way between North Broadway Street and center line of North Iowa Street, La Porte, Harris County, Texas and consisting of approximately 8,800 square feet. [Matt Daeumer, Assistant City Manager]

7.g Brookglen Drainage Improvements Phase II - Construction Award

Presentation, discussion, and possible action to award construction bid #26012 for the Brookglen Drainage Improvements Phase II project and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Tandem Services, LLC, awarding a total bid of \$6,957,404.00 with a construction contingency of \$500,000.00 for a total amount of \$7,457,404.00 [Jameson Appel, Assistant Director of Public Works]

7.h Ordinance 2026-5051 - Authorized Emergency Vehicles

Presentation, discussion, and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2026-5051, designating City of La Porte Emergency Management vehicles as authorized emergency vehicles for purposes of Texas Transportation Code Section 541.201 and authorizing submission of the designated vehicles to the Harris County Toll Road Authority for authorized emergency vehicle verification. [Johnny Morales, Emergency Management Coordinator]

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 Receive report of the La Porte Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting held on July 13, 2026. [Councilperson Martin, Chair]

8.b 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 Texas Government Code Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters

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 Secretary Lee Woodward.

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 July 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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