

## **Ad hoc committee to investigate the possibility of building a new conference center/multipurpose center at 1106-1198 Bayshore Drive, La Porte, Texas**

### **Purpose:**

To establish an ad hoc committee to investigate the feasibility, design, location, and financial implications of building a new conference center/multipurpose center at 1106-1198 Bayshore Drive, La Porte, Texas. The committee will evaluate various aspects of the proposed project, including economic impact, community benefits, environmental sustainability, and design aesthetics.

### **Objectives:**

- Conduct research on the potential impacts of the conference/multipurpose center.
- Organize and participate in community engagement activities.
- Review and evaluate design proposals, environmental assessments, and financial plans.
- Collaborate to produce a final report with recommendations for the City Council.
- Evaluate the project based on the following criteria:
  - Economic Impact: Potential for job creation, revenue generation, and overall economic growth.
  - Design Aesthetics: Architectural design, integration with the surrounding area, and public space enhancement.
  - Community Benefits: Access to facilities, enhancement of community services, and alignment with community needs.

### **Committee Composition:**

Jay Martin, Councilperson, Chair  
Robert Guerra, Councilperson  
Doug Martin, resident  
Mark Follis, resident  
Brian Moore, resident

Each member is selected based on their expertise, community involvement, and interest in the development of local infrastructure.

### **Timeline and reporting:**

- The committee shall endeavor to hold its initial meeting in September and provide updates at a Council meeting every 30-60 days.
- Every effort will be made in this regular reporting rhythm to aid Councilpersons in being prepared as early as possible to consider items related to the committee's work at the 2025 budget retreat.
- A final report, including recommendations, justifications, and any dissenting opinions, will be presented by the committee chair at or before the March 24, 2025, Council meeting.

### **Meetings:**

- The committee is expected to meet at least monthly and in adherence with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- The committee is expected to identify at least two points in its work where public feedback should be sought and considered, in addition to input received during *Public Comment* at meetings. The committee should work with City team members to best engage the public,

considering a variety of outreach methods and seeking response from all stakeholder groups. The material collected will be included in the committee's deliberations and a synopsis of the feedback covered in the reports to the Council.

- Draft meeting minutes will be provided promptly to committee members after each meeting and generally handled as for the Council and Council committees.

**Support:**

- Committee members will have access to City planning documents, financial reports, and legal advice, as necessary and appropriate.

**Legal and Ethical Guidelines:**

- The committee will operate within legal parameters and adhere to ethical standards, including:
  - Transparency: Open meetings and accessible records.
  - Conflict of Interest Policies: Members must disclose any potential conflicts of interest.
  - Confidentiality: Sensitive information will be handled with appropriate confidentiality.