



## MINUTES OF THE LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Members Present:** Nancy Ojeda, Chuck Engelken, Danny Earp, Brent McCaulley, John Blakemore

**Members Attending Remotely:** None

**Members Absent:** Richard Warren, Amanda Gerrish

**Council-appointed Officers Present:** Corby Alexander, City Manager; Clark T. Askins, City Attorney; Lee Woodward, City Secretary

The La Porte Development Corporation Board of Directors met on March 23, 2026, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 5:00 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - President Ojeda called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **CITIZEN COMMENT** - There were no comments.

### 3. **AUTHORIZATIONS**

a. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026, meeting of the La Porte Development Corporation Board of Directors. [Lee Woodward, City Secretary/PIO]**

Member Engelken moved to approve the minutes; Member Earp seconded the motion; the motion was adopted, 5-0.

b. **Port Houston Presentation - Presentation by Callie Barnes, Director of Freight Mobility, on the Port of Houston Authority's roadway needs and priorities. [Haley Bowers, Economic Development Manager]**

*This item was pulled before the meeting.*

c. **Enhancement Grant Policy Updates - Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve proposed amendments to the La Porte Enhancement Grant Policy. [Haley Bowers, Economic Development Manager]**

Mrs. Bowers provided an overview. Member Engelken moved to approve proposed amendments to the La Porte Enhancement Grant Policy; Member Earp seconded the motion; the motion was adopted, 5-0.

- d. Houston Med Spa and Aesthetics LLC - Enhancement Grant - Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve an enhancement grant incentive agreement between the La Porte Development Corporation and Houston Med Spa and Aesthetics LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$2,543.88, for signs and related improvements at business site located at 111 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, La Porte, Texas. [Haley Bowers, Economic Development Manager]**

Mrs. Bowers provided an overview. Member Engelken moved to approve an enhancement grant incentive agreement between the La Porte Development Corporation and Houston Med Spa and Aesthetics LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$2,543.88, for signs and related improvements at business site located at 111 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, La Porte, Texas; Member Earp seconded the motion; the motion was adopted, 5-0.

- e. Enhancement Grant Reimbursement - GW Group Properties LLC - Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve a reimbursement payment in an amount not to exceed \$13,500.00 to GW Group Properties LLC, under terms of the Economic Development Incentive Agreement dated February 9, 2026, for enhancements to employee parking lot at its business property located at 101 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, La Porte, Texas. [Haley Bowers, Economic Development Manager]**

Mrs. Bowers provided an overview. Member Engelken moved to approve a reimbursement payment in an amount not to exceed \$13,500.00 to GW Group Properties, LLC, under terms of the Economic Development Incentive Agreement dated February 9, 2026, for enhancements to employee parking lot at its business property located at 101 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, La Porte, Texas; Member Earp seconded the motion; the motion was adopted, 5-0.

- f. Amended Project - Public Hearing and Approval of Project Amendment - The La Porte Development Corporation Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to receive comments on an amendment to a previously approved project of the La Porte Development Corporation for baseball field maintenance by: 1) changing the name of the project from Pecan Park Field Upgrades to Baseball Field Maintenance; 2) decreasing the cost of the project from the original amount of \$2,000,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00, and 3) changing the scope of the project from design, construction and replacement of grass fields at Pecan Park with turf, to maintenance of all baseball fields owned by the City of La Porte, Texas; followed by discussion and possible action to approve proposed amendment to a previously approved project of the La Porte Development Corporation for baseball field maintenance by: 1) changing the name of the project from Pecan Park Field Upgrades to Baseball Field Maintenance; 2) decreasing the cost of the project from the original amount of \$2,000,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00, and 3) changing the scope of the**

**project from design, construction and replacement of grass fields at Pecan Park with turf, to maintenance of all baseball fields owned by the City of La Porte, Texas. [Haley Bowers, Economic Development Manager]**

President Ojeda opened the public hearing at 5:11 p.m. Mrs. Bowers provided an overview. Mr. Alexander confirmed the work has been completed to be sure the fields were playable by opening day. Member Earp asked that the original turfing proposal be reconsidered in the future. President Ojeda closed the public hearing at 5:18 p.m.

Member Engelken moved to approve proposed amendment to a previously approved project of the La Porte Development Corporation for baseball field maintenance by: 1) changing the name of the project from Pecan Park Field Upgrades to Baseball Field Maintenance; 2) decreasing the cost of the project from the original amount of \$2,000,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00, and 3) changing the scope of the project from design, construction, and replacement of grass fields at Pecan Park with turf, to maintenance of all baseball fields owned by the City of La Porte, Texas; Member McCaulley seconded the motion; the motion was adopted, 5-0.

- g. Receive the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) report for La Porte Development Corporation funded projects [Haley Bowers, Economic Development Manager]**

Mrs. Bowers and Mr. Daeumer provided updates.

#### **4. STAFF REPORTS**

Mrs. Bowers announced that the Texas Downtown Association's regional meeting here in February had over 50 attendees; she attended ICSC Red River, and that the City's retail consultant had 19 meetings there on the City's behalf; she will be attending ICSC Las Vegas; she will be hosting *Canva for Beginners* with neighboring communities; and asked members to send her projects for pre-budget for LPDC.

- 5. SET NEXT MEETING - Without objection, the next meeting was set for April 27.**

- 6. BOARD COMMENTS - Members thanked Mrs. Bowers and Mr. Daeumer for their work.**

- 7. ADJOURN - Without objection, President Ojeda adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.**

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Lee Woodward, City Secretary