



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Date Requested: <u>July 8, 2024</u>	Appropriation
Requested By: <u>Mayor Helton</u>	Source of Funds: <u>N/A</u>
Department: <u>City Council</u>	Account Number: <u>N/A</u>
<input type="radio"/> Report <input type="radio"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="radio"/> Ordinance	Amount Budgeted: <u>N/A</u>
	Amount Requested: <u>N/A</u>
	Budgeted Item: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Exhibits: None

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

At the May 13, 2024, City Council meeting, item 8.e. was presented for consideration regarding the proposed New City Hall project. Following a presentation and discussion, a main motion to “stop the City Hall project altogether” was postponed to the July 8 City Council meeting by an amended motion to postpone that included provisions to:

- 1) Allow a full Council to have been seated. The District 4 Councilperson was sworn in on June 24.
- 2) Allow staff to research legal issues related to ceasing the project. The City Attorney has advised that based on the structure and general nature of the City’s existing contract with BRW for design/architectural services, the City has the right to terminate the agreement at any time without cause, and without having to pay a separate penalty. The contract calls for BRW to invoice the city on a monthly basis for services rendered. If the City cancels the contract, its responsibility would be limited to paying BRW for all services and costs incurred by BRW up to the point of termination.
- 3) Calculate the money spent on the project thus far. The City has paid \$1,367,422.00 to BRW for the City Hall Needs Assessment and the City Hall Design.
- 4) Determine the repairs needed to the current building. The current building will require a new roof, a new updated HVAC system, and remediation of all environmental issues.

The main motion to “stop the City Hall project altogether” is now again before the Council on July 8 to take up for consideration as it was when it was postponed on May 13.

STRATEGIC PLAN STRATEGY AND GOAL

1.00 Governance - The City of La Porte is governed in a transparent, efficient, accountable and responsive manner on behalf of its citizens that actively promotes citizen involvement.

ACTION REQUIRED BY CITY COUNCIL

Take up consideration of the postponed main motion from May 13 to “stop the City Hall project altogether”.