

JUNE 1, 2020

The Common Council of the City of La Porte met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Monday June 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge

Councilwoman Feikes led the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Feikes, Galloway, Cutler, Franke, Vincent, Brown and West

Absent: None

Minutes

As each Council Member received an advance copy of the minutes from the previous meeting, Mayor Dermody asked for a motion to approve. Councilwoman Feikes moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler. The Mayor asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. As there were none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Council Appointment to the Fire Merit Commission

Councilman Franke moved to appoint Josh Huelat to the Fire Merit Commission; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes. The Mayor asked if there were any questions, as there were none the motion to appoint Josh Huelat to the Fire Merit Commission was approved.

Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance of the City of La Porte, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of the City of La Porte, Indiana, Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds (F&C Development, Inc Project), and the Lending of the Proceeds Thereof to Greater La Porte Economic Development Corporation, and Authorizing and Approving Other Actions in Respect Thereto

Councilman Vincent moved to read an Ordinance for the second and final reading by title only; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilman Vincent read an Ordinance of the City of La Porte, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of the City of La Porte, Indiana, Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds (F&C Development, Inc. Project), and the Lending of the Proceeds Thereof to Greater La Porte Economic Development Corporation, and Authorizing and Approving Other Actions in Respect Thereto by title only.

Bert Cook, Executive Director Bert of L.E.A.P., gave a brief overview of this Ordinance.

Courtney Parthun, Clerk-Treasurer, noted for the record, the Council was provided with a copy of the Loan Agreement, the Trust Indenture and the Economic Development Resolution.

Nick Otis, Attorney for the City, asked when the groundbreaking would be taking place. Mr. Cook advised they are hoping to break ground in early July weather permitting.

Motion/Vote- Adopt Ordinance 9-2020

Councilman Franke moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented; motion seconded by Councilman Vincent and was carried by a majority vote with Councilwoman Brown abstaining.

ORDINANCE 9-2020

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA, TAXABLE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (F&C DEVELOPMENT, INC. PROJECT),
AND THE LENDING OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF TO GREATER LA PORTE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND AUTHORIZING AND
APPROVING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO**

**Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance Establishing Fund 150 Transit-COVID
and Fund 151 CDBG - COVID**

Councilwoman Brown moved to read an Ordinance for the second and final reading by title only; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Brown read an Ordinance Establishing Fund 150 Transit COVID and Fund 151 CDBG COVID by title only.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported in order to receive COVID reimbursement monies, the State Board of Accounts has provided direction on how to track those funds. Setting up new funds is part of the process.

Motion/Vote- Adopt Ordinance 10-2020

Councilwoman Feikes moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented; motion seconded by Councilman Galloway and unanimously carried.

ORDIANANCE 10-2020

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FUND 150 TRANSIT-COVID AND
FUND 151 CDBG-COVID**

Introduction of an Ordinance Establishing Fund 152 Coronavirus Relief Fund

Councilwoman Cutler moved to read on Ordinance for the first time in its entirety; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Cutler read an Ordinance Establishing Fund 152 Coronavirus Relief Fund in its entirety.

Motion/Vote - Suspend Rules

Councilwoman Feikes moved to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for a second and final time; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried.

**Second & Final Reading of an Ordinance Establishing Fund 152 Coronavirus
Relief Fund**

Councilwoman Cutler moved to read an Ordinance for the second and final reading by title only; motion seconded by Councilman Galloway and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Cutler read an Ordinance Establishing Fund 152 Coronavirus Relief Fund for the second and final time by title only.

Motion/Vote - Adopt Ordinance 11-2020

Councilwoman Cutler moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented; motion seconded by Councilwoman Brown and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE 11-2020
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FUND 152 CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND

Other Business

Mayor Dermody stated tomorrow is Election Day and urged everyone to get out and vote.

The Mayor reminded everyone the City's Annual Spring Clean-Up has been moved to the week of July 13th. More information will be forthcoming on what can be put on the curb the day of your normal trash pick-up. He stated residents are not to put out items now.

Mayor Dermody reported a nearby apartment complex had a resident overdose and he stated this is unacceptable. Standards need to be set for landlords and tenants **alike**. Councilman Galloway stated the City has a Nuisance Ordinance already in place that addresses properties that have become a nuisance and require the Police and/or Fire to make numerous calls to a property. The Mayor advised the City is looking into the possibility of condemning these properties. The City Attorney reported the City does have a Nuisance Ordinance and it is being used for properties that have become a nuisance.

Public Comment:

Attorney Otis stated there are a few questions from the public. The first is from Gabrielle Leal inquiring which building the Mayor was referring to and the City should be looking at the one across from the YMCA. Mayor Dermody stated that is the building he is referring to.

Dusty Schoof asked if the building was condemned where would the tenants **go**. Mayor Dermody stated the City would help those residents to find alternative housing by reaching out to other landlords as well as the Center Township Trustee.

Discussion was held regarding how many units are in the apartment building as well as the house next to it, whether they can be brought back into compliance, the health hazards and living conditions of the buildings.

Councilwoman Feikes thanked the Mayor for keeping the City of La Porte safe during the protests. Mayor Dermody stated it was a great effort by all including the Police Department, Fire Department, Street Department, Annette Loeffler and Nick Otis. He stated it was a great team effort and he is proud of our department and the City.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Councilman Galloway moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried.

Approved: _____
Thomas P. Dermody, Mayor

Attest: _____
Courtney Parthun, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: June 16, 2020