

ORDINANCE 2021-3835

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE, TEXAS, DECLARING ELECTED THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION THAT WAS TO BE HELD ON THE 31ST DAY OF JULY, 2021, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCILPERSON-DISTRICT 1 AND THEREBY ENABLING THE CANCELLATION OF THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, On April 26, 2021, the City Council adopted Ordinance 2021-3826, calling a special election to fill a vacancy for the purpose of electing a Councilperson-District 1; and

WHEREAS, Filing for the position was conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and only one candidate, Mandi Williams, filed for a place on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, There were no declarations for write-in candidates; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has accepted a Certification of Unopposed Status for Mandi Williams for the special election;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Mandi Williams is hereby declared elected for the office of Councilperson-District 1, subject to the taking of her oath as provided by the laws of the State of Texas. Mandi Williams shall hold office for the remainder of the seat's three-year term, which concludes at the time of the holding of the May 2023 general municipal election, and any resulting runoff, for the election of members to the La Porte City Council.

SECTION 2. The special municipal election that was to be held on the 31st day of July, 2021, in the city, for the purpose of electing a Councilperson-District 1, is hereby cancelled.

SECTION 3. Actions related to this election and its cancellation shall be held in accordance with, and shall be governed by, the election laws of the State of Texas. Additionally, the City Secretary and Mayor are hereby authorized to perform all duties and take all actions as required.

SECTION 4. The City Secretary of the City of La Porte shall post notice of cancellation of said election on the bulletin board at City Hall not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before election day. Such notice shall remain posted through election day. On Election Day, this notice will also be placed on the doors of the polling location that was to be used for the election.

SECTION 5. The Mayor and/or the City Secretary of the City of La Porte are hereby authorized to execute and/or issue, for and on behalf of the City, such orders, documents, and forms as may, from time to time, be promulgated by the Secretary of State of the State of Texas in conjunction with the election herein ordained.

SECTION 6. Each and every provision, paragraph, sentence and clause of this ordinance has been separately considered and passed by the City Council of the City of La Porte, Texas, and each said

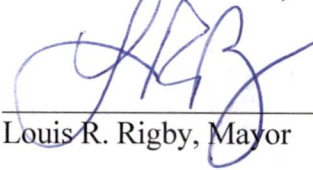
provision would have been separately passed without any other provision; and if any provision hereof shall be ineffective, invalid or unconstitutional, for any cause, it shall not impair or affect the remaining portion, or any part thereof, but the valid portion shall be in force just as if it had been passed alone.

SECTION 7. The City Council officially finds, determines, recites, and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place, and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by Texas open meetings law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 14th day of June 2021.

CITY OF LA PORTE, TEXAS



Louis R. Rigby, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lee Woodward, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Clark T. Askins, Assistant City Attorney