

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR LA PORTE, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION OF SUCH BODY; ABOLISHING THE YOUTH COMMISSION OF LA PORTE; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

WHEREAS, the youth of La Porte are an important and valuable part of the community with ideas and perspectives that offer unique insight into our City's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and City administrators of the City of La Porte make decisions routinely that affect the youth of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to provide the youth of La Porte with an opportunity and a vehicle to respond to and provide input into the decisions and policies that are made that affect young persons; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council that the best interests of the citizens of the City of La Porte would be served by establishing a Youth Advisory Council for the City of La Porte and providing guidelines for the operation of such body; NOW THEREFORE:

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

Section 1. The Youth Commission for the City of La Porte is abolished. Resolution 2003-05, which established the Youth Commission for the City of La Porte, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. A Youth Advisory Council (the "Advisory Council" herein) is hereby established for the City of La Porte, Texas. The goals and objectives of the Advisory Council shall be to develop an alliance among youth, youth agencies, city government, schools, and the community to secure for all children and youth the highest advantage in physical, mental, social, and moral development, and to advise on how to solve the problems encountered in providing services to the youth of the community. Furthermore, the Advisory Council will work towards unifying the youth of La Porte into a positive force for the good of the community.

Section 3. The Advisory Council will act as an advisory committee to the Mayor and City Council on youth issues. The Advisory Council shall consist of 9 student members in grades 9 - 12. They will be representatives from La Porte High School. Terms of office will be for one (1) year. Students desiring to serve on the Advisory Council will complete an application for a position and will be interviewed and recommended by the City Manager or his designee(s). The recommendations will be submitted to the City Secretary's Office and forwarded to the City Council for final consideration and formal appointment of students to the Advisory Council. The City Manager or his designee will serve as staff liaison to the Advisory Council.

Section 4. Regular meetings of the Advisory Council will be held during the school year at a time established by a majority of the Advisory Council members. A simple majority of members shall constitute a quorum, and a majority vote of the quorum shall be required for any action to be taken by the Commission.

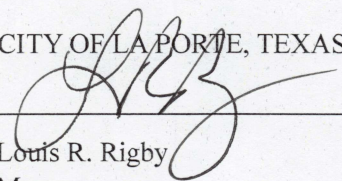
Section 5. The Advisory Council shall select a chair and vice-chair from among its membership at its initial meeting. Said officers shall serve for one (1) year.

Section 6. An annual report shall be presented by the chair of the Advisory Council to the Mayor and City Council of the Advisory Council's interactions, activities, and progress as related to its established purpose not later than June 30 of each year. Additional reports shall be submitted as requested by either the City Council or the Advisory Council.

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 offices of City of La Porte for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the 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 resolution 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.

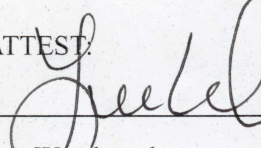
Passed by the City Council this 11th day of Sept. 2023.

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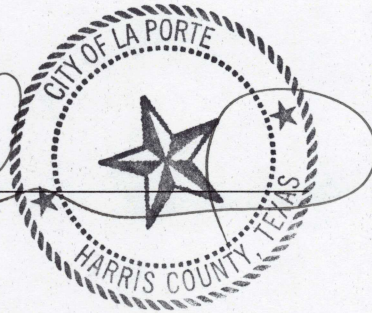


Louis R. Rigby
Mayor

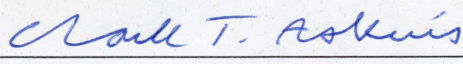
ATTEST:



Lee Woodward
City Secretary



APPROVED:



Clark Askins
City Attorney