

**CITY OF FREEPORT**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
200 West 2nd Street, Freeport Tx 77541

STATE OF TEXAS            )  
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COUNTY OF BRAZORIA    )  
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CITY OF FREEPORT        )

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in regular session Thursday, January 29, 2015, at the Freeport EDC Office, 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport Tx, for the purpose of considering the agenda items.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:**

Troy Brimage, President  
Trent D Allen  
Jason Travis  
Roy Yates  
Brooks Bass  
Jennifer Hawkins, Exec. Director  
Chris Duncan, Attorney  
N C Hickey, Administrator

**VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Annette Sanford; G. Matamoros; Manny Berlanga

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:**

President Brimage opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Quorum present.

**VISITORS COMMENTS:**

Mr Manny Berlanga requested a 30 day extension for removal of his vessel from the marina premises. He advised that the vessel had been sold, however, the purchaser was working out of Florida and would not be present in Freeport until the end of February 2015. The President advised Mr Berlanga that the EDC could not grant a 30 day extension since the marina would change hands effective February 2, 2015. Mr Berlanga requested a phone number he could contact and was advised to contact the Administrator for that info.

Mr. G. Matamoros addressed the Board regarding payment of an \$18,000 contract on the old Texas Gulf Bank Bldg on Cherry Street. The President advised Mr Matamoros this item was quite old, there had been no activity on the request for some time, and a majority of the Board was not present at the time the project was initiated and were were not aware of the circumstances. The President advised Mr Matamoros that the matter would be investigated prior to the next meeting and would have information at the EDC meeting on February 19, 2015.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Director Travis, second by Director Brooks, it was VOTED:  
Minutes of the January 8, 2015, EDC Meeting be approved as presented.

Vote: Yea 5 No 0 Motion prevailed

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Upon motion by Director Travis, secondy Director Broos, it was VOTED:

Payment of the following bills:

Dole & Wachstetter - survey of marina property	\$10,000.00
Kenemer, Masters & Lunsford - audit	2,828.75
Schiffer Odom Hicks & Johnson - Legal, Nov-Dec 2014	17,311.13

Vote: Yea 5 No 0 Motion prevailed

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Printed copy of report provided each Director with a copy of the report included as a part of these minutes. The Director gave a detailed report/discussion on the incubator program, contacts made with various companies regarding locating in Freeport, and a comprehensive discussion of the Alliance report on the serious prospects, announced projects and a project status of the various projects in and around Freeport. Copy of this report attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

A report on the Clute Special Assistance Grant program was presented with a recommendation if such a grant is proposed for Freeport, a section regarding landscaping be included. It was felt this would require an ordinance fom the City. The question was raised as to who would make such a request. It was suggested that possibly it could be raised through Citizens Comments at a Council meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The President opened an executive session at 6:49 p.m. for discussion with EDC attorney regarding Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant for Municipal park. Returned to open session 7:44 p.m. Action taken as a result of Executive Session - None

**OPEN SESSION**

**DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The President advised the Board that he had requested the EDC attorney investigate and prepare a proposed development plan for development of the river corridor within the City as well as a plan for business development.

A detail plan was presented and discussed regarding new and renovated business and buildings, the river corridor from SH 288 Municipal Park to Downtown, along with successful methods for these types of development(s) used by other cities.

Copies of the plan was presented to each member of the Board with a request that the plan be reviewed for discussion at the February 19, 2015, meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Upon motion by Director Yates, second by Director Allen, it was VOTED:

Meeting adjourn.

Vote: Yea 5 No 0

Motion prevailed.

Respectfully submitted:

N C Hickey  
Acting Secretary