

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

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COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)
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BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in regular session Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Conference Room, located at 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport, TX, for the purpose of considering the agenda items.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Quorum Present

Mark Friudenberg – Vice President
Brad Stephens
Ed Garcia
Mingo Marquez
Jason Travis

Jennifer Hawkins: Director
Chris Duncan: Attorney
Ken Green: City Council Liaison

Visitors in Attendance:

Melanie Oldham
Scott Chelootz

1. PUBLIC HEARING:

Vice President Friudenberg opened the public hearing at 6:00 PM.
Quorum was present.

2. Citizens Comments:

Scott Chelootz of Houston, TX expressed an interest in investing in the Western Seafood office property (and building) and Texas Seafood property (and building). It was suggest by Vice President Friudenberg that Mr. Chelootz create a proposal and he would be added to the agenda when proposal was complete.

3. City Secretary swearing in of renewing members: In the absence of President Sullivan and Director Pena, Director Garcia was the sole renewing member to be sworn in.

4. Approval of Minutes for May 14, 2018. Upon a motion by Director Travis and second by Director Marquez it was VOTED:

Yes 4 No 0 To approve May 14 2018 Minutes.

5. Conduct public hearing regarding an “Economic Development Project” to negotiate development agreements for residential construction on real property owned or acquired by the FEDC. Interested citizens of the city are invited to attend this public hearing and participate in the same.

Attorney Duncan stated that one of EDC’s purposes was to increase inventory (housing) and in this context we are also for the public good. He continued to state that land acquired by the Urban Renewal Agency must be a paid transaction. EDC can choose the best developer(s) with development deadlines, claw back revisions and infrastructure specifications.

Director Garcia asked if we would have a new agreement with each transaction. Attorney Duncan said EDC can flesh out any procedures if necessary. Attorney Duncan will draft the agreement.

Melanie Oldham stated that the Urban Renewal Agency was short by two members.

Attorney Duncan added that he will place a three year claw back revision in the agreement with the City. He also stated all EDC

agreements will be thorough. Director Friudenberg reiterated EDC agreements need to be as foolproof as possible.

Miss Oldham expressed concern that 380 agreements might be given out carelessly and was concerned that housing be affordable. Director Friudenberg reiterated EDC agreements need to be as foolproof as possible from the start.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:35pm

Open session resumed at 6:36 pm.

6. Museum Director LeAnn Strahan sent email invitations to EDC members to the Museum Soiree fund raiser in lieu of attending the meeting.

7. Discussion concerning Rockin the River concert series and budget suggestion. Director Hawkins commented the series were happening every other week on the Brazos Landing. The first one was well received. Bands are charging a bit more due to the fact they have to provide and set up (and break down) their own equipment. There is also a charge for port o cans and handwashing station, minimal adverting in The Facts online. Director Hawkins suggested a budget of \$800 per concert.

Upon a motion by Director Travis and a second Director Marquez it was VOTED:

Yes 4 No 0

To proceed with Rockin the River Concert Series with a budget of \$800 per concert.

8. Pay bills: Kendig Keast Collective May services came to a total of: \$3359.85

Upon a motion by Director Stephens and a second by Director Travis it was VOTED:

Yes 4 No 0

To pay Kendig Keast for May services.

Open session was closed at 7:07 pm by Vice President Friudenberg.

Executive Session opened at 7:07 pm by Vice President Friudenberg.

Vice President Friudenberg resumed open session at 7:23 pm.

Action taken as a result of Executive Session: With a motion by Director Garcia and a second by Director Marquez, it was VOTED:

Yes 4 No 0

To allow President Sullivan to organize a committee of 2 EDC members to negotiate with developers along with Attorney Duncan, Executive Director Hawkins, Mayor Brimage along with President Sullivan.

Meeting was adjourned by Vice President Friudenberg at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hawkins
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Executive Director