

**CITY OF FREEPORT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF BRAZORIA**

**CITY OF FREEPORT**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in a scheduled meeting Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the Freeport City Council chambers at 403 N. Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

Jim Barnett (President)  
Lila Diehl (Secretary)  
Kenny Kouches  
William Rains

Brooks Bass (Vice-President)  
Sandra Wood-Wicke  
Lon Siddall

Visitors in attendance: Annette Sanford, Eric Hayes, Mrs. Barnett, Nicole Mireles, Joyce Adkins.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Barnett opened the Annual Meeting at 6:10 pm, with all members in attendance.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

After discussion it was decided that Mr. Bass will bring two copies of the By-Laws to the next meeting. One with Article 8, adding Robert's Rules of Order and the second one without Article 8 so the Board can decide at that time which one to accept.

ADJOURN ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **OPEN MEETING**

Mr. Barnett opened the regular meeting at 6:30 pm, with all members in attendance.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Rains made a motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2011. With one correction to be made. The motion was seconded by Mr. Siddall and passed unanimously. Correction will be made before submitting the minutes.

### **CONSIDER/APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT**

None.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Hickey informed the board that we received the tax money. For April the amount was \$61,429.99.

### **DISCUSS/CONSIDER FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MAIN STREET POTTERY PROJECT**

Mr. Pynes informed the Board of the improvements they are trying to do to stimulate business in the downtown.

Ms. Adkins stated that when Mr. Bottoms was here they did a project comparable to this and after they painted etc. the buildings downtown, the property owners just boarded up the windows again, so it was just wasted time and money. She thinks that the property owners need to be responsible to fix their property just like the homeowners are.

Mr. Barnett said to do nothing just complicates the problem. He thinks that maybe they could get the Owners together with this and find away to fix up the downtown.

This will just be Pottery Pots to put downtown to help beautify the downtown. They would be put on the City right of way. Mr. Siddall made a motion that as long as they were on the City right of way the EDC should help financially.

Mr. Rains seconded the motion. All members voted in favor except Mr. Bass and he stated that we should know more about it and get a firm figure before we voted.

### **DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF ENTRANCE CORRIDOR PROJECT AT RAILROAD TRESTLE, 600 BLOCK WEST 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET**

Mr. Pynes explained the project to the Board and listed others who have already donated to the project. Mr. Siddall made a motion to consider financial support

and that the amount would be decided at a later date. Mr. Rains seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Bass.

Mr. Rains asked that this be put on the next agenda because Mr. Welch will be at the next meeting to discuss the Board's financial status, and at that time an amount could be decided.

#### DISCUSS/CONSIDER FREEPORT CENTENNIAL, NOVEMBER 2012

Lon Siddall brought the Board up on what was being done so far, with the Logo etc. It was decided to put this on the next agenda to decide after hearing from Mr. Welch on the finances.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### 551.074, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to-wit:

Public Sector Position

##### 551.071, Government Code

Consultation with FEDC attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation Settlement offers or other matters in which his duty to the FEDC under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of professional conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly Conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code, to-wit:

- a. FEDC vs. Damian & Associates
- b. Summary letter of Fossi & Jewell

##### 551.072, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property when deliberation in an open meeting might have a detrimental effect on the position of the FEDC in negotiations with a third person, to-wit:

- a. Old bank building on Cherry Street

##### 551.087, Government Code

(1) To discuss or deliberations regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations:

(2) To deliberate the offer of financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Sub-section (1), to-wit:

City Manager

#### ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Mr. Siddall made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Ms. Wood-Wicke the motion passed with all members in favor except Mr. Bass who voted no. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

These minutes were read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2011.

---

James Barnett, President

---

Attested to by Lila Diehl, Secretary