

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 regular meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department Municipal Courtroom located at 430 North Brazosport Boulevard for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

John Smith III, President (Absent)
Ronald Theriot, Treasurer
Louis Jones
Mark Wessels

Jacque Cundieff, Vice-President
Norma Garcia, Secretary
Carlos Martinez (Absent)

Visitors: Gary Beverly

OPEN MEETING

Ms. Cundieff opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 8/23/07 MEETING

The minutes were approved on motion by Mr. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Jones with all present voting aye.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

\$ 5,000.00 – FREEPORT VFW – VETERANS MEMORIAL
\$ 1,799.86 – DAMIAN ASSOC – TRICO RELOCATION
\$ 8,747.15 – DAMIAN ASSOC – MARINA ENGINEERING
\$42,321.60 – L. L. & F. – RETAINING WALL
\$20,367.80 – OLSON & OLSON – LEGAL FEES
\$ 894.75 – PSI – RETAINING WALL
\$ 1,637.25 – PSI – RETAINING WALL

The above listed expenditures were approved on motion by Mr. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Wessels with all present voting aye.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS – GARY BEVERLY

The attached budget adjustments were approved on motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wessels with all present voting aye.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nat Hickey is down to less than 20 properties remaining to complete city ownership of the urban renewal area. Our master plan for that area is outdated and it is likely that what would have worked when it was done, will not work now. An alternate plan will be presented for board consideration at a later date.

Eric Hays owns approximately ten acres of land situated between Area Print and the Quik-Mart. He is alleging that the EDC removed 30 feet of asphalt leading to his property whenever the Phase 1 landscaping project was done. He also alleges that the removed asphalt was dumped on his ten acres. He wants to remove the landscaping to be able to give him a wider entrance to his property. Doing so would cause us to redo the irrigation system. Looking at 2000 aerial photographs taken prior to Phase 1 indicates that no asphalt in the specified area existed prior to Phase 1. The contractor adamantly denies that his company removed asphalt and states that it would have been disposed of properly if they had. A review of the deed records indicated that Mr. Hays did not own the property until two years after Phase 1 was completed. Based on these facts, removal of the landscaping has been denied.

TXDOT has awarded the Phase 2 beautification project to Bio Landscaping and Maintenance. The bids were over the estimate by about \$68,000 and the EDC will be expected to pay that difference.

The GLO has set the price on the Trico Relocation lease at just over \$1,000 per year.

Jeff Lummus will be test driving piers for the dry stack building within the next couple of weeks. The plan is to drive 110 piers to a depth of 40 feet to support the foundation.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. on motion by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Wessels with all present voting aye.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2007.

John Smith III, President

ATTEST
