

**CITY OF FREEPORT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

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BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in a scheduled meeting Thursday, December 22, 2009 at the Freeport City Council chambers at 403 N. Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

Dan Tarver (President)
Lila Diehl (Secretary)
Jack Taylor (absent)
William Rains

Clan Cameron (Vice-President)
Sandra Wood-Wicke
Larry Shaefer

Visitors in attendance: Judy Shaefer, Larry and Rosa McDonald, Eric Hayes, Rex Maugens.

OPEN MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Dan Tarver at 6:05 pm, with all Board members in attendance except Jack Taylor.

CONSIDERATION APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 12/4/09 AND 12/10/09 MEETINGS

A motion to approve both was made by Mr. Rains, seconded by Mr. Cameron and passed unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Judy Shaefer wanted to let the Board know that she thought the Marina was coming along nicely and that it looked good.

PROJECT ENGINEER'S REPORT – Rene Damian

Dredging – Weather has hampered. They keep turning the material so that it will dry out and Sorrell can then remove it.

Shoremasters – They have lowered pilings, a couple are still a foot high but they are aware of it and are to take care of them because they are noticeable and there will be no additional cost because this is the way it was bid.

ACTING MANAGER'S REPORT – Nat Hickey

Nothing to report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Larry Shaefer has pictures of Wanda Jones building and has posted “NO TRESPASSING” passing. He has also asked the people who were living in it to leave, and has also asked the City to board it up again.

Dan Tarver reported on getting to ride on Rex Maugens boat out to the Flood Gate and back to see how it looked coming in to the Marina. Also that we have had a lot of people calling about prices and how soon they could move in. He had pictures of the bottom where some pilings are left, they all show to be more than ten feet down, which is what they are supposed to be. The boats would just have to watch their depth and make note of them.

Nat said that he has had about 3 requests to move in, and that he is keeping a log book so there will be a list.

Rene informed the Board that the phone line has been run, there is a line there it just needs to be hooked up.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER SETTING ADVERTISEMENT DATES AND BID OPENING DATES FOR MARINA SECURITY FENCING.

Clan requested that we have a drawing so that we have some idea what the finished Marina is supposed to look like, before we make a decision on a fence. It was discussed that we might go with decorative gates to the piers with locks instead of an unsightly fence. It was also discussed to start putting out some kind of pictures so the public could also see it.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER SETTING ADVERTISEMENT DATES AND BID OPENING DATES FOR MARINA DOCK ELECTRICAL AND WATER CONNECTIONS.

Again, Clan requested that we have a drawing so that we have some idea of what the finished Marina is supposed to look like, before we continue with the electrical.

Rene will email a PDF of the drawing that he has so the Board can look at it before continuing, so they know more about what needs to be bid.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER SETTING ADVERTISEMENT DATES AND BID OPENING DATES FOR MARINA PAVING.

There was discussion about what to pave the parking lot with, but again it was decided to wait until there was a drawing to look at to see what the finished Marina would look like.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

M2L Associates invoice #12 – \$14,073.89 for City Entrance Beautification Project. It has been researched by Nat Hickey and found that this was all handled and paid for in the past by the City, not the EDC. It will be turned back over to the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SECTION 551.072

Deliberations concerning the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property when deliberations in an open meeting might have a detrimental affect on the position of the Board of Directors in negotiations with a third party, to-wit: Briarwood Capital.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF #11 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Put on a future agenda to discuss putting up a display of the Marina at City Hall.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Rains and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.