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, November 12, 2009 at the Freeport City Council chambers at 403 N. Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

Dan Tarver (President)    Clan Cameron (Vice-President)
Lila Diehl (Secretary)     Sandra Wood-Wicke
Jack Taylor      Larry Shaefer
William Rains (Absent)

Visitors in attendance: Larry and Rosa McDonald, Judy Shaefer, Rex Maugans, Rene Damian, Nat Hickey.

OPEN MEETING
Dan Tarver called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, with Clan Cameron, Lila Diehl, Sandra Wood-Wicke, Jack Taylor and Larry Shaefer in attendance.

CONSIDERATION APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF
A copy of the minutes of the 10/22/09 were not available so Mr. Shaefer moved to table approval of minutes until the next meeting. Mr. Taylor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS
None

ACTING MANAGER’S REPORT – Nat Hickey
Contractor is finishing between Cherry and Navigation driving pilings on fingers. Forbes is dredging and pulling out lots of pilings underwater that couldn’t be seen. Need to post the No Trespassing sings, Nat will ask the City to post them, so they can be enforced.
PROJECT ENGINEER’S REPORT – Rene Damian

DOCKS: All docks and finger piers are in place with the exception of the Staging Docks. They will be placed tomorrow, Friday November 13. Rene will be verifying the top elevation of all piling as soon as the Staging docks are in place.

DREDGING: Mike Sorrell sub-contracted the dredging out to Forbes Construction. They already had equipment on-site from a previous project. Forbes made a first pass on the dredging. The field survey showed that additional dredging was required. The second sweep was to be completed today.

PAYMENTS: Over the past two weeks, Forbes and Shoremasters and Mike Sorrell have contacted me concerning invoices that have been approved by the EDC but payment has not been received. I am hearing the Finance office is not returning calls. Shoremasters and Mike Sorrell invoices were approved October 1, 2009-11-30 (which was re-scheduled from September 24, 2009). Forbes was approved after October 1, 2009. Is there anything I need to provide to get these moving forward.

REMAINING TASKS:
The following are major tasks to be contracted out:
- Store Build-Out
- Paving and Board Walk Contract
- Sprinkler Contract
- Electrical Contract

Can the bid packages for these items be prepared and advertised? Keep in mind it takes up to 6 weeks for a Contractor to begin work from the time the project is advertised.

To date, I have not been given a direction. Has a decision been made on what we can bid? Last I heard about the paving in a meeting on June 23, 2009, was that the City (or EDC) was going to look at re-dedicating the closed asphalt road back to the City so the County could possibly assist with asphalting the paving through an inter-local agreement. I am not sure where that stands.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT
None

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES
DAMIAN & ASSOCIATES - $3275.60 – Marina inspection and Pump out.
Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve, Mr. Cameron seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
SHOREMASTERS - $624,464.15 – Construction of Docks B,C,D,F&G and associated finger piers – less retainage of $69,384.91. Mr. Cameron made a motion to approve, Ms. Woode-Wicke seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION 2009-14
Mr. Cameron made a motion to approve, Mr. Shaefer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SECTION 551.072
6:31 PM
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
6:49 PM

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

ADJOURN
A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Ms. Diehl and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.