

**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, July 28, 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
Mingo Marquez (absent)

Brooks Bass (Vice-President)
Willie Garcia
Lon Siddall

Visitors in attendance: Joyce Adkins, Annette Sanford, Nicole Mireles, Lucky Gilbert, Manny Berlanga, Melanie Oldham, Sandra Wood-Wicke, Mrs. Barnett.

REGULAR MEETING

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Barnett opened the regular meeting at 6:00 pm, with all members present except Mingo.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mrs. Joyce Adkins thought that it would be nice if the Officers names were printed on the agenda like they used to be.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Siddall to approve the minutes of 7/14/11 as written, the motion was seconded by Mr. Bass and passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Siddall to pay both

- a. Joseph A. Fischer & Co. for Appraisal - \$700.00 and
- b. Kennemer & Masters – 2011 Audit balance - \$3203.50

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kouches, and passed unanimously.

It was decided to wait on the money for the Laptop for more clarification.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hickey's report will be on other agenda items at that time, both the budget and renewal of Poncho Busch and Manny Berlanga's lease.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2011-2012 BUDGET

Mr. Welch was out of town and there was a computer glitch, so Mr. Siddall made a motion to put this item on the next agenda, so everyone would also have a chance to look it over. Mr. Bass seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY COUNCIL LIAISON AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Bolton is the new Liaison, but wasn't present. Mrs. Mireles was present in his absence. Mr. Willie Garcia and Mr. Mingo Marquez were announced as the new members to the board, Mr. Garcia was introduced, but Mr. Marquez was not present.

CONSIDER VFW POST 4341 PROPOSAL FOR BLUES FESTIVAL FUNDS

Mrs. Barnett stated that she was against donating anything to them because one of the other sponsors on the brochure was Eros and she didn't feel that the FEDC should be associated with them. She also didn't think that the girls in bikinis were appropriate either.

Mr. Gilbert said that Eros donated \$10,000 to the Blues Festival last year, that he could only donate \$5000.00 this year because he donated the other \$5000.00 to the City of Freeport's Bryan Beach Bash, and the City accepted the money for a City function. He informed the board that Eros had also donated \$5000.00 to the Museum, which meant that he had donated \$25,000 over the year to the City of Freeport functions.

Mr. Kouches made a motion to put this item on the next agenda, Ms. Diehl seconded the motion. The motion passed, with Mr. Siddall voting no.

Mr. Gilbert graciously thanked the board and expressed his gratitude to them whether they decided to donate or not, but invited them to all come and have a good time.

CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF LAPTOP COMPUTER FOR FEDC

This item is to be put on the next agenda so Mr. Hickey could check to see if the City might have a spare.

CONSIDER RENEWAL OF R.C. (PONCHO) BUSCH AND MANNY BERLANGA LEASE FOR THE PERIOD FO AUGUST 1, 2011 – JANUARY 1, 2012

Mr. Siddall made a motion to extend the lease, Mrs. Diehl seconded the motion. The motion passed, with Mr. Kouches abstaining from the vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. 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; and
- (2) To deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to a business prospect described by Sub-section (1), to wit:
Old Bank Building, Tarpon Inn Block, lot 4A
TIC Proposal

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. 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. FEDC vs. Briarwood

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bass made a motion to appoint Mr. Siddall a committee of one to initiate proceedings to hire someone to evaluate the Old Bank Bldg. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kouches, and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Ms. Diehl made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Mr. Garcia and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

These minutes were read and approved this _____ day of August, 2011.

James Barnett, President

Attested to by Lila Diehl, Secretary