

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, March 26, 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)
Gilbert Cuellar (Absent)
William Rains (Absent)

Clan Cameron (Vice-President)
Bobby Jo Casale
Johnny McQuaig

Visitors in attendance

Larry & Judy Schafer, Rex Maugens, Tobey Davenport, Larry & Rosa McDonald, Eric Hayes, Rene Damian, Nat Hickey.

OPEN MEETING

Dan Tarver called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3/12/2009 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Cameron to approved the minutes of the March 12, 2009 meeting, seconded by Ms Diehl and carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Eric Hayes thanked the Board for everything they have done, for the City and the Marina project. He then questioned again the statement that was made to the newspaper, by Mr. Casale, that still had not been retracted, nor apologized for. He stated that he thinks that the Board should act on this. He believes that someone who is representing the city on the EDC should not be making these type of statements about the City in which he is supposed to be representing.

ACTING PROJECT MANAGERS REPORT – Nat Hickey

Nat Hickey reported that everything was running smooth and up to date.

PROJECT ENGINEERS REPORT – Rene Damian

Rene Damian reported
Trico Demolition – an asbestos survey was performed on the building. No

asbestos was found. Completed the State Demolition application. Application to be sent to State. Permit to be issued by City of Freeport. It will be submitted soon.

Dredging – Mike Sorrell Trucking ready to begin upon receipt of signed Contracts.

Wet Slips – Shoremasters is ready to get going upon receipt of executed Notice of Award. Contracts have been prepared and will be executed soon.

Sprinkler system – Water line is being installed. Veolia is installing the water line as Their schedule allows. This portion of the project was assigned by previous City Manager. The operating pressures and flowrates are required to design the booster Pumps and storage tanks. Alternative: Bid out to private contractor.

AT&T invoice, trying to set up a meeting to discuss the bill, the first part of next week.

We should have some docks in the water by July, but the Sprinkler system would take About 2 months. He has let them know that they are holding up progress.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. McQuaig asked what was the delay on signing the contracts

Mr. Casale stated that he spoke with the newspaper and that they would not retract what was printed. He said that what he had originally said to the paper was he would not eat or shop at any establishment that allowed smoking due to the smoke makes him sick, and that he, nor the newspaper want to make a big issue out of it.

Dan Tarver reported that Renew-Blue wants to move forward on their project, it Should be about 155 million dollar project and they needed about 5 acres to Develop on Bryan Beach. He also reported that he had been talking to Mr. Maugens about having a Sailboat race at the Bikes and Blues festival on Labor Day.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING INVOICES:

Olson&Olson Invoice 22417, 2-28-2009	\$2,405.23
Olson&Olson Invoice 22384, 1-31-2009	\$3,780.76

Due to some discrepancies in the invoices the Board decided to table the invoices so they Had time to go over them and ask some questions to Olsen & Olsen. A motion was made By Mr. Casale, seconded by Mr. Cameron and carried unanimously. Dan also reported that he had a meeting with Jim Phillips on the phone at which time Jim told him that he had spoken to Olsen & Olsen and they had given him information that was discussed during Executive session of the EDC. The Board decided to set up a meeting with Mr. Hightower With Olsen & Olsen to discuss this matter.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER SIGNING INTEGRATED ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING SERVICES IN THE EXISTING DRY STACK BUILDING.

A motion was made by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. McQuaig and carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER SIGNING RESOLUTION #2009-0012 APPLYING FOR TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE GRANT FOR PUMP-OUT/DUMP-OUT/DUMP STATION FACILITY ON THE BRAZOS RIVER AT 2002 EAST 2ND STREET, FREEPORT, TEXAS.

A motion to sign a request for a \$15,000 grant to be used for a Dump Station, was made by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. McQuaig and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SECTION 551.074

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: Executive Director

ACTION AS A RESULT OF ITEM 10 EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. McQuaig and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.