

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, June 11, 2009, at the Freeport City Council chambers at 403 N. Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering The following agenda items.

Dan Tarver (President) (absent)
Lila Diehl (Secretary)
Gilbert Cuellar
William Rains

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

Visitors in attendance

Larry and Rosa McDonald, Eric Hayes, Rene Damian, Nat Hickey, Mr. Worley, Jeff Pynes, Melanie Oldham, Cele Damian, Patrick Gore.

OPEN MEETING

Clan Cameron called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, with Lila Diehl, Gilbert Cuellar, Johnny McQuaig, and William Rains in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SECTION 551.072

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

Estimated duration: 30 minutes

ACTION AS A RESULT OF ITEM #2 EXECUTIVE SESSION.

None taken.

CONSIDERATION APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 5/14/2009 and 5/28/2009 MEETINGS.

A motion was made by Mr. McQuaig to approve the minutes of the May 14th, 2009, and the minutes for May 28th 2009, it was seconded by Ms. Diehl and passed unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No citizens comments.

ACTING PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT – Nat Hickey

Fuel Station

Rene contacting sun Coast Petroleum along with other possible vendors for quote on lease and /or purchase of fueling facilities. Originally the responsibility of Walker's group.

Sprinkler System

The water line from Cherry to the Dry Stack vicinity has been installed. Have contacted three possible vendors, Firetrol, Dewley Tackleburger and one other. Firetrol only vendor showing an interest. He visited the site when first discussed and I understand he is still interested. Contact to see if can be present during testing.

It is estimated the cost of the installation should be in the vicinity of \$400,000 to \$500,000. The fire Marshal has advised the system will be required to comply with Code.

Docks

Talked with ShoreMaster today and was advised complete schedule will be forwarded on/about June 12. They advised Docks F & G and the staging area docks were of first priority. We are attempting to have them in place by the end of August since Houston Yacht Club has expressed an interest to be here during the Blues Festival.

Pump out

Awaiting reply from Texas Parks & Wildlife regarding grant. Plan on using the old sewer line from the old Trico location to the lift station if in usable condition.

Paving

Discussed with Rene June 10th. Advised staging area would be a 12" thick concrete pad with heavy reinforcing rebar. The bulkhead in front of the old staging area would be sheet metal rather than plastic due to the weight of the forklift and placing and removing boats to and from drystack.

The paving area in front of the dry stack building to be concrete to accommodate usual vehicle traffic. The paved area from Cherry Street, over the levee to East 2nd to be on a crushed concrete base with black-top overlay.

Ship Store

Met with the architect today at the dry stack building to discuss construction, materials and possible color combinations of the facility for presentation to the EDC board and the City Council.

Dredging

The dredging appears to be complete. They are in the process of removing the remainder of the dredging, tires, piling, etc., and smoothing the area in preparation for the paving area.

PROJECT ENGINEER'S REPORT – Rene Damian

Trico

The Trico Building frame and foundation have been removed from the site.

Trico Shoreline

The shoreline clean up is about 75% complete. The contractor is in the process of a final sweep of the shoreline and will begin to haul the material off site.

Dredging

the contractor has completed the dredging work. A survey of the dredge site will begin tomorrow and compare the “as built” to the required profile

Ship's Store

We meet with the architect on-site this morning to go over flooring samples, wall colors, column accents, etc. they will take the final information and complete the drawings and prepare a cost estimate. Project is approximately 85% complete.

Fire Suppression

I have continued talks with Firetrol concerning the sprinkler system for the Dry Stack Building. I have scheduled them to come down next week while we collect flow and pressure data in the new water line.

Docks

Shoremasters continues with fabrication of F,G, and the staging docks. I should be receiving a shipping schedule on Monday of next week.

Paving

I have sent a PDF of the paving plan to a contractor for a budget number. The original paving plan called for all concrete. I have been asked to look at paving around the Dry Stack building, and asphaltting the remaining road. Will get cost together for next meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

DISCUSS/CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR SUPER S GROCERY STORE

Mr. Worley with Brazoria County EDC addressed the Board and listed different options available to the Board to offer Super S Grocery other than just tax abatements. It was also stated that any new business coming to Freeport or any business making improvements are all eligible to apply for tax abatements.

The Item was tabled.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

\$81.34 – Lunch with Mark Thomas and Dan Kind – Renew Blue

\$350.00 – Joseph A Fischer & Co., -- Appraisal of Tract 1C, 0087-0010-000

A motion was made by Mr. Rains to approve the expenditures and seconded by Ms. Diehl and it carried unanimously.

DISCUSS / CONSIDER THE SALE OF TRACT 91-91E, A-49, 2114-0053-120

A Motion was made by Mr. McQuaig to approve the sale of the land, seconded by Mr. Rains and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Rains to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Diehl and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.