

CITY OF FREEPORT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
200 West 2nd Street, Freeport, Texas 77541

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COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)
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BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in regular session Thursday, July 14, 2016, 8:00 am at the Freeport EDC Office, 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport, TX, for the purpose of considering the agenda items.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Quorum Present

Troy Brimage, President
Roy Yates
Jason Travis
Mark Fruidenburg
Drew Ryder
Chris Duncan, Attorney
N.C. Hickey, Administrator
Jennifer Hawkins, Director

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Gardner Campbell
Rico Torres
Janna Williams
Jeff Pynes

Citizens Comments

None

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting called to order at 8:03 a.m. by the President.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Director Travis, second by Director Ryder, it was VOTED:

Minutes of June, 6, 2016 be approved.

Vote: Yea 5 No 0 Motion prevailed.

Finance Update:

Director Hawkins reported that EDC revenue to date (July 14, 2016) is \$28,178.00 over projected revenues. EDC has spent 51 % of it's proposed budget as of July 14, 2016 and will have an estimated unrestricted revenue of \$80,000 for the remainder of 2016 fiscal year.

Façade Grant:

Revised guidelines for Freeport EDC's Special Grants Assistance Program was presented with appropriate matching fund allotments suitable for the grant type being applied for:

- Façade
- Signage Update
- Parking Improvements
- Landscaping
- Painting
- Fencing/Screening

Issuance of Grants will be decided on case by case applications. All applicants must meet all requirements of Grant application process. At the EDC's discretion, in accordance with budget constraints, may cap its annual allotment for grants when/if deemed necessary by the EDC.

Upon Motion by Director Travis, second by Director Ryder. It was VOTED:

Façade Grant guidelines and application process be approved.

VOTE: Yea 5 No 0 Motion Prevailed

Sponsorship of Kid’s Fest

Kids Fest is an annual event in downtown Freeport that draws thousands of kids throughout the Brazosport area. The donation request was proposed by Jeff Pynes.

Upon a motion by Mr. Yates and a second by Director Friudenberg it was

VOTED:

Sponsorship be approved in the amount of \$2500.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0 Motion Prevailed

Freeport Commercial for Marketing

The Texas Billfish Tournament (Jason Gest) has requested sponsorship in the amount of \$2,500 from EDC. In exchange for sponsorship, Mr. Gest agreed that the film crew handling the tournament will do a special marketing film for Freeport. The City of Freeport is matching this amount for a video marketing tool Freeport can use in multiple outlets. Previous quotes for such videos have been \$20,000 and upward.

Upon a motion by Director Yates and a second by Director Ryder it was VOTED:

To sponsor Texas Billfish Tournament in exchange for professional video of Freeport.

VOTE: Yea 5 No 0 Motion prevailed

Bayou City Water Park

Rico Torres, director of Bayou City Water Park stated the company has not received more than 6-9 customers per day each weekend. Mr. Torres proposed that EDC finance their operations through August at a rate of

\$500 per day of operation (Saturday and Sunday) and paddleboard and kayak rentals would be free to public during this time in an effort to draw more participants. Mr. Torres said that in preparation for 2017 there were grants, corporate sponsorships and outdoor group activities he would look into to benefit Riverplace Water Park where they are operating out of now.

Upon a motion by Director Yates and second by Director Friudenberg, it was VOTED:

To contribute to economic development for tourism through Bayou City Water Adventures with a \$500 per operating day allowance.

VOTE: Yea 5 No 0 Motion Prevailed

FM 1495 Update

Jerry Graham of LJA Engineering was not present. Director Yates reiterated the need for a committee consisting of: Port Freeport, The City of Freeport and Freeport EDC to collaborate on bridge needs/design.

Open Session

The Board came out of open session at 9:23 am

Executive Session

The Board retired into executive session at 9:24 a.m.

Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:53.

No action taken as a result of Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hawkins
Executive Director, Freeport EDC