

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 Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Conference Room, located at 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport, TX, for the purpose of considering the agenda items.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Quorum Present

Trey Sullivan – President
Brad Stephens
Ed Garcia
Roy Yates
Mark Friudenberg
Jeff Pena
 Jennifer Hawkins: Director
 Nat Hickey: Administrator
 Chris Duncan: Attorney
 Nicole Mireles: City Council Liaison

Visitors in Attendance:

Paul Crow
Gardner Campbell
Christopher Motley

1. OPEN SESSION:

President Sullivan opened the meeting at 6:03 PM. Quorum was present.

2. Citizens Comments:

Director Garcia suggested the possibility of floating a bond for the sports complex be put on agenda for council.

3. Approval of Minutes for January 9, 2018.

Upon motion by Director Garcia and second by Director Friudenberg it was VOTED: to accept Minutes from January 9th meeting.

VOTE: Yea 6 No 0 Motion prevailed.

4. Election of Vice President:

Director Yates nominated Director Friudenberg. Director Friudenberg accepted the nomination. Directors Yates, Garcia and Pena voted to accept Director Yates nomination of Director Friudenberg. No Discussion.

Vote: Yea 5 No 0 Motion prevailed

5. Discuss purchase of freezer unit from Texas Seafood Building:
Tabled.

6. President Sullivan's Mission Statement:

President Sullivan asked each member to remember that EDC is here to move forward and minimize concerns about the past as it convolutes progressive efforts.

7. Amend by laws:

Attorney Duncan suggested the following updates:

- Remove verbiage pertaining to notification by telegraph
- Emergency meetings will follow the same rules as Texas open meeting act.
- A board member that misses 3 consecutive meetings (without notice or excuse) will qualify for replacement. Any member of the board can request replacement.

8. Update on Skinner Street Project: EDC will not be involved with Skinner Street Project going forward. It will remain with the City of Freeport.

9. Update on Community Strategic Plan:

Director Yates stated that he would like answers to questions such as: How many people can actually live in Freeport and give us direction as how to increase our population rather than reiterating the need for infrastructure improvements as that is already recognized and being addressed. Director Yates would like to see quicker results than what he's seen. The next joint workshop including EDC, Council, PORT and Planning Commission is scheduled for Thursday, March 8th at 6:00 pm in council chambers.

10. Discussion concerning 4 lots owned by EDC at Maple and Brazos Street:

Mr. Motley expressed interest in purchasing these lots from EDC to build a residence. To date, EDC has not made a decision as to the future use of these lots.

11. Discussion about Bryan Beach Park: Attorney Duncan informed the board that it is a 'public' park and as such it is permissible for private parties to build cabins, etc. there. Mr. Gardener informed the board that eighty six acres of privately owned property on Bryan Beach was currently being considered by LNG.

12. Discuss Promotion of Façade Grant: The following methods were suggested to promote EDC's façade grant:

- City water bill
- Social Media
- City website

13. Discuss Spring Event: A downtown event with art, food, entertainment and winery and brewery in late April or early May. A suggestion was made to ask the Brazoswood Jazz Band to be part of

entertainment. B' wood jazz band has a great reputation and it would bring parents and other folks from Lake Jackson. Director Hawkins will contact Haak Winery and Karbach Brewery for availability.

14. Finance Review: President Sullivan had previous meeting with Mr. Welch to review income statement and balance sheet and will receive reconciliation statements from Mr. Welch for president to review. Directors Garcia and Pena expressed the desire for a broader snapshot of finances. Pena would like to see how performance compares to 2016 (sales tax amounts in particular).

15. Pay Bills: Payments were made to the following:

Kendig Keast:	\$6,805.23
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City of Freeport:	\$13,475.00
Jennifer Hawkins:	\$188.84
Nat Hickey:	\$1775.00

OPEN SESSION CLOSED AT 8:16 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION OPENED AT 8:16 pm

Items for consideration in Executive Session:

- Update on Matamores Case
- Personnel Changes
- Gardener Campbell – Gardo's Properties Complete Purchase of Levee Property
- Discuss Terms of Original Contract

EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSED AT 8:47pm

OPEN SESSION RESUMED AT 8:47 pm

President Sullivan informed Mr. Campbell the deed to levee property at 614 W. 1st would be transferred upon receipt of code enforcement and landscaping compliance. Upon such proof Mr. Campbell receive deed and proceed with payment to EDC.

Mr. Campbell informed the EDC he had fulfilled the landscaping requirements himself without having to engage an outside company. A copy of certificate of occupation from code enforcement can easily be obtained by EDC.

President Sullivan requested that Mr. Gardner be put on the following agenda to address Mr. Gardner's request to extend the original timeline for completion of project and acquiring levee property in its entirety.

Open session closed at 9:12 pm.

The meeting was adjourned by President Sullivan at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hawkins

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Executive Director