

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

MINUTES

STATE OF TEXAS)
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COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)
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CITY OF FREEPORT)

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Freeport Police Department Municipal Court Room, located at 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, TX, for the purpose of considering the agenda items.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Quorum Present

Trey Sullivan- President
Lesa Girouard
Kenny Hayes
Mingo Marquez
Marinell Music
Jeff Pena
Ed Garcia- Present Via Teleconference

Tim Kelty: City Manager
Chris Duncan: Attorney
Stephanie Russell: Finance Director

Visitors in Attendance:

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Sullivan opened the meeting at 6:00P.M. A quorum was present. Trey Sullivan, Lesa Girouard, Mingo Marquez, Jeff Pena, Marinell Music, Kenny Hayes and Ed Garcia (Via Teleconference).

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Tim Kelty led the invocation and Trey the Pledge

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Sullivan announced the opportunity for any visitors present to address the board. No citizens commented.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 17, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MOTION made by Mr. Hayes to approve the meeting minutes for March 17, 2020 regular board meeting, **seconded** by Ms. Girouard. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

B) APPROVE FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

MOTION made by Mr. Pena to approve February financial statement, **seconded** by Mr. Marquez. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING: (PENA)

(1) CITY WI-FI IN DOWNTOWN, PARKS AND OTHER AREAS

(2) DEVELOPMENT OF BRYAN BEACH ENTRY AND POSSIBLE LONG-TERM GOALS

(3) MEMORIAL PARK FOUNTAIN OPERATIONAL STATUS

(4) DOWNTOWN STREET/ BRIDGE LIGHTING OPERATIONAL STATUS DUE TO NEW INVESTMENT FORTH COMING BY ACTIVE DEVELOPERS

(5) REGARDING OVERPAYMENT OF SALE TAX TO EDC

(6) WINDOW SIGNAGE/STOREFRONT CAMPAIGN FOR BOARDED UP BUILDINGS. THE EDC PRINTS SIGNAGE AND OFFERS OWNERS WINDOW DRESSING SIGNANGE OF RENDERING OF SHOPS, BETTER THAN BOARDED UP WINDOWS.

(7) COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO BUSINESSES TO VOLUNTEER FOR TOILETRIES AND SUPPLIES DRIVE. EDC SPONSOR TOILETRIES DRIVE...VOLUNTEER EFFORT WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES/ RESTAURANTS.... A CHANCE TO HELP PROMOTE THEIR BUSINESSES AS GOOD NEIGHBORS AS WELL AS ALLOW THEM A CHANCE TO GET MORE VISIBILITY BUDGET REQUEST FOR \$5K

(8) INITIATE DISCUSSION FOR ANNUAL REVIEW OF EDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LIVING BRAZOS THE FOG ON THE RIVER PROJECT

C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOX POP A CONTAINER RETAIL VENUE

Trey discussed that it may not be the best time for items A, B and C to be on the agenda as it is difficult for the public to attend via phone and video conference.

MOTION made Kenny Hayes requested that items A, B and C be tabled for another date after the city is re-open for normal meetings. Lisa **seconded** by Ms. Girouard. Motion **PASSED** 4-3.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION-ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

It is now 6:15 p.m. and I hereby recess the regular session of the Freeport Economic Development Corporation April 14, 2020 meeting and do hereby convene and executive session, said executive session authorized under the following sections of the Texas Government Code: (1) Government Code, Section 551.087 (Economic and Community Development Matters), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)

In Accordance with the Texas Government Code:

- A. Section 551.087 (Economic and Community Development Matters)
 - 1. Project Sky High

Reconvene into Open Session

It is now 6:48 p.m. and I hereby close the executive session of the Freeport Economic Development Corporation and do hereby reconvene the regular open session.

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- A. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING ENGAGEMENT LETTER AND TEXAS ENTERPRISE FUND LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PROJECT SKY HIGH**

MOTION made by Mr. Marquez to approve engagement letter and Texas enterprise fund letter of support for project sky high, **seconded** by Mr. Pena. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Directors Report given by FEDC Director Courtland Holman.

IX. ADJOURN

MOTION to adjourn was made by Mr. Marquez, **seconded** by Mr. Hayes. Motion **PASSED** unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mingo Marquez". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mingo Marquez - Secretary