

**CITY OF FREEPORT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

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BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in a scheduled meeting Thursday, January 27, 2011 at the Freeport City Council chambers at 403 N. Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

Jim Barnett (President)
Lila Diehl (Secretary)
Kenny Kouches
William Rains

Brooks Bass (Vice-President)
Sandra Wood-Wicke
Lon Siddall

Visitors in attendance: Manny Berlanga, Poncho Busch, Joyce Atkins, Dan Tarver, Lucky Gilbert, Annette Sanford, Eric Hayes, Nicole Mireles, Mike Jones, Mrs. Barnett, Larry McDonald Ms. Jewell and Mr. Fossi.

ANNUAL MEETING

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Barnett opened the Annual Meeting at 6:04 pm, with all members present except Mr. Brooks Bass.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Kouches made a motion to Elect Mr. Barnett as President, Mr. Rains seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Wood-Wicke made a motion to Elect Mr. Bass as Vice President, Mr. Kouches seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Wood-Wicke made a motion to Elect Ms. Diehl as Secretary, Mr. Rains seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

Everyone had a copy that Mr. Barnett had passed out at the last meeting. Since all members weren't present it was decided to have this re-agenda for the next meeting on February 10, 2011.

FINANCIAL REPORT

This item will also be re-agenda for next meeting when Mr. Welch can be present for the Financial Report.

ADJOURN ANNUAL MEETING

Ms. Wood-Wicke made a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting, Mr. Rains seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Annual Meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Barnett opened the regular meeting at 6:12 pm, with all member except Mr. Bass attending.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Joyce Atkins wanted to point out to the Board that Mr. Bass has not attended a meeting since he has been appointed.

She also wanted to know if the only time the By-Laws could be amended was in an Annual Meeting. Mr. Barnett told her, yes that was true. She questioned the items that were re-agenda from the Annual Meeting until February 10th. 2011 because then there would have to be a second Annual Meeting, Annual meaning once a year, how could we have two?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Re-agenda for February 10th meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

- a. Discuss/consider payment of lease to Briarwood Capital,
October 2009-May 2010

Mr. Rains made a motion to pay, it was seconded by Mr. Kouches and passed unanimously.

- b. discuss payment of taxes for 2010--\$9,302.43

It was decided to re-agenda for next meeting on February 10th when Mr. Welch could be present to explain.

- c. Fossi & Jewell, legal services - \$437.50

Mr. Rains made a motion to pay, it was seconded by Mr. Kouches and passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

a. UR Tract D3 Title Commitment

The land will be purchased only if they receive the Grant. There has been a notice of a Public Hearing.

b. Status of lease Busch, et al

Will have copies at the next meeting

c. Budget amendment – Bob Welch will report Feb. 10, 2011.

d. Finance report – Bob Welch will report Feb. 10, 2011.

Both c and d will be postponed until the February 10th meeting so Mr. Welch will be present to explain.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER VFW LANDSCAPING PROPOSAL

Mr. Lucky Gilbert told the Board that they had an estimate of \$2979.42 for the Landscaping and they estimated to be completed around the end of March.

Mr. Rains made a motion for the Landscaping, Ms. Wood-Wicke seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gilbert Thanked the EDC and the City for all of their help, and they will display a Thank you plaque at the site.

EXECUTIVE SESSION; 7:01 pm

550.071, Government Code

Consultation with EDC Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation settlement offers, or other matters in which his duty to the EDC under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, or clearly conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code, to-wit:

(a) Attorney

Executive Session ended at 7:49 pm.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Wood-Wicke made a motion to instruct our Council to not agree to anymore extensions and to proceed to prosecute our claims in all lawsuits, Mr. Kouches seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously

ADJOURN

Mr. Rains made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Mr. Kouches and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

These minutes were read and approved this _____ day of February, 2010.

James Barnett, President

Attested to by Lila Diehl, Secretary