

**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, September 9, 2010 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 (Absent)

Elliott Cundieff (Vice-President)
Sandra Wood-Wicke
Lon Siddall

Visitors in attendance: Nicole Mireles, Joyce Atkins, Eric Hayes, Nathaniel Lukefahr, Richard Rangel, Mrs. Barnett, Nat Hickey.

OPEN MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Barnett at 6:00 pm, with all Board members in attendance except Mr. Rains.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Joyce Atkins stated that she felt that there was a real problem with ethics in the City of Freeport. She thought that Mr. Barnett should know about what was going on since he was the Mayor when it all started, but in articles in the paper and on the news he stated that he didn't know what was going on. She also thought that Mr. Cundieff should know all about it since his wife was on the EDC Board then.

DISCUSSION WITH CITY MANAGER JEFF PYNES ON ISSUES RELATED TO HOUSING STRATEGIES AND FREEPORT MUNICIPAL MARINA

Mr. Pynes Explained his Housing Strategies to the Board. He said there were approximately 940 lots in Freeport that weren't a part of the Urban Renewal that could be used in some way to build on. He had some developers who were also interested. He wanted the Board that he would assist in any way he could

DISCUSS/CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Mr. Barnett received in the mail a proposal from Kennemer, Masters & Lunsford who are the auditors for the City. Mr. Siddall made a motion to accept the proposal, Mr. Kouches seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF NEW FEDC BUDGET

Mr. Welch explained the 2010-2011 Budget; he estimated that there would be approximately \$117,000.00 after the debt payments, there would be about \$99,000 to budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Section 551.074 Government Code

Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employment or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to-wit:

FEDC Attorney, FEDC Administrator

B. Section 551.071 Government Code

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

Briarwood Capital Corporation

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Cundieff to hire Mr. Hickey as the EDC Administrator for 3 months, the motion was seconded by Mr. Siddall, and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Siddall; it was seconded by Mr. Kouches and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

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

James Barnett, President

Attested to by Lila Diehl, Secretary

