

**CITY OF FREEPORT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
430 North Brazosport Blvd., Freeport, Texas 77541**

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 regular session Thursday, February 27, 2014, at the Freeport City Council Chambers, 430 North Brazosport Blvd., for the purpose of considering the agenda items.

**Members present:**

Brooks Bass, President (late)  
Troy Brimage, Vice President  
Mark Friudenberg  
Roy Yates  
Trent Allen  
Chris Duncan, Attorney  
N C Hickey, Administrator

**Visitors in attendance during open session:**

Sandra Barbree, City Council Liasion

**OPEN MEETING**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

Meeting called to order at 6:42 o'clock, p.m., by the Vice-President. Quorum present.

**ATTENDING CITIZENS AND THEIR COMMENTS**

No citizen comment

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED:

Minutes of February 4 and February 13, 2014, be approved.

Vote: Yea 4 No 0. Motion prevailed

STATUS OF OLD BANK BUILDING:

Director Yates reported he had met with Mike Sorrell on site regarding possible demolition. Sorrell advised would require an asbestos survey prior to any demolition. After general discussion the Administrator was instructed to obtain information and report at next meeting. Director Brimage advised he was aware of a company named ARC that had done work in the area.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Schiffer Odom Hicks & Johnson PLLC	
Bill No. 2977, Freeport EDC v. Royall	\$1,050.00
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Bill No. 2976, Briarwood v. Freeport EDC	1,436.02

Upon motion dully made and seconded, it was VOTED:

Schiffer Odom Hicks & Johnson invoices #2976 & 2977 in the total amount of \$2,486.02 be approved for payment.

Vote: Yea 4 No 0 Motion prevailed.

STATUS OF TITLE POLICY ON GORE PROPERTY:

Director Yates reported he had been in contact with Wright Gore and had e-mailed him information the title Company would require regarding Ice Dock Co and Western Shellfish. Gore had replied by e-mail that he would begin work on same on Friday and advise. Director Bass suggested the Board should be very agressive in pursuit of the information since Western Seafood was having problems, and who would have authority to authorize sale of the property.

REVIEW OF BY-LAWS:

Chris Duncan provided copies of recommended changes in the By-Laws as well as the addition of **Section 2.11** regarding Open Meetings Act.

Section 5.03 be amended to read:

“All checks or demands for money and notes of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board may from time to time designate, provided that in no event shall a check be negotiable until it is signed by at least one officer. All checks, demands for money, notes and expenditures must be approved by resolution passed by majority vote of a quorum of the Board prior to issuance.”

The Administrator reported that invoices are approved by the Board and are covered by an EDC Purchase Order prior to payment.

Upon motion by Director Bass, seconded by Director Yates, it was VOTED:

Amendments to the By-Laws, as submitted, be approved.

Vote: Yea 5 No 0 Motion prevailed.

Sandra Barbree, Council Liaison, was requested to remain for Executive Session

Retired into Executive Session at 7:15 o'clock p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Consultation with FEDC attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offers concerning:  
FEDC v. Royall
- b) Discussion regarding value or transfer of property
- c) Discussion of certain economic development matters
- d) Discuss / consider specific personnel matters

Closed Executive Session, 7:40 o'clock, p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Director Brimage presented one application for the position of Executive Director as a result of advertisement in the Facts for two weeks. Recommended said application be included with those on hand and be re-agenda to March 13, 2014 meeting.

The chair advised the March 13, 2014, meeting will be at the proposed City Hall office, 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned. Adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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N C Hickey, Actg Secretary