

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 Thursday, April 14, 2016, 8:00 am at the Freeport EDC Office, 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport, TX, for the purpose of considering the agenda items.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Quorum Present

Troy Brimage, President
Roy Yates
Jason Travis
Mark Fruidentburg
Chris Duncan, Attorney
N.C. Hickey, Administrator
Jennifer Hawkins, Director

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jerry Graham
Diana Kile

Citizens Comments

None

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting called to order at 8:06 a.m. by the President.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Director Travis, second by Director Yates, it was VOTED:

Minutes of March 7, 2016 be approved.

Vote: Yea 5 No 0 Motion prevailed.

Update on 80 Oak St.

Mr. Kouches is in compliance with City requirements and is working rapidly to get house in condition to move.

Directors Report:

Update on Freeport First, shop local campaign. Director is visiting personally with businesses and retailers in Freeport to educate them about the program and to invite them to the Heritage Ballroom on May 12th to receive supplies (buttons, stickers) and a detailed explanation of campaign: website, survey link (to give webmaster info on each business), facebook, youtube, etc.

Budget Review:

EDC has spent 41.75% of approved budget. Q2 revenue (\$550,481.00) is approximately 1% over budget estimate of \$540,000.00.

Executive Session:

The Board retired into Executive Session at 8:21 am

Open Sesssion:

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:38 am
No action taken as a result of Executive Session

Discussion of 1495 Bridge

Jerry Graham of LJA Engineering was present to determine the concerns of City pertaining to TXDOT's existing plan for rebuilding FM 1495.

Director Yates pointed out that Hwy 36 is also going to be widened (date unknown) and could possibly add to traffic problems if FM 1495 is shutdown during construction of new bridge. He also mentioned the possibility of an elevated entrance to Port Freeport's new entrance.

Director Yates emphasized that all entities impacted by FM 1495 new construction should gather to determine a common plan (City of Freeport, Port Freeport, EDC) before we consult with LJA again.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:37 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Hawkins
Director

Current estimate for Freeport First.net totals: \$2850.00
Estimate includes:

Video Equipment. Domain name acquisition, creation of logo and website by Kayleigh Lebak, 1000 three inch campaign buttons, and billboard rental.

Director Hawkins requested a pull down screen be purchased for conference area to accommodate future meetings concerning Master Plan. Director Brimage suggested a television instead so that we can utilize more functions than just a screen.

Executive Session

The Board retired into Executive Session at 8:33 a.m.

Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:30 a.m.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned by Chair at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Hawkins
Executive Director