

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, February 9, 2017 at the Freeport EDC Office, 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport, TX, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Quorum Present

Troy Brimage: President
Jason Travis: Vice President
Brooks Bass
Roy Yates
Jennifer Hawkins: Director
Nat Hickey: Administrator
Chris Duncan: Attorney

Visitors in Attendance:

Gardo Campbell

OPEN SESSION:

President Travis opened the meeting at 6:00 PM. Quorum was present.

Citizens Comments:

None

Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2017:

Upon Motion by Director Bass and second by Director Travis, it was VOTED:
Minutes from January 12, 2017 be approved.

VOTE Yea 4 No 0 Motion Prevailed

Payment of Bills:

Payment due from Wells Nursery for mowing: \$300
Payment due to Brazoria County Chamber of Commerce for
advertising on new 'map': \$525

Upon a motion by Director Yates and a second by Director Travis to pay both items,

it was VOTED: 4 YEA 0 NO Motion Prevailed.

Discuss Gardo's Properties:

Mr. Gardner is requesting deeds to waterfront property in accordance with the property he currently owns. He would like to approach GLO about constructing boathouses.

Attorney Duncan advised:

- a.) If Mr. Gardner's request does not violate the EDC's promissory note to the Gore's, EDC can turn over the deeds.
- b.) If it is unclear in promissory note, Mr. Duncan can approach the Gore's personally to discuss.

Upon a motion by Director Travis and second by Director Yates that EDC approve Mr. Campbell's request if it can be achieved by either of the methods Mr. Duncan proposed,

It was VOTED: 4 YEA 0 NO Motion Prevailed.

Consideration of Sponsorship for Texas Billfish Tournament.

President Brimage informed us that our continued \$2500 sponsorship for the Texas Billfish Tournament is a good concept for Freeport. Our previous sponsorship was awarded with a free three minute video highlighting Freeport's growth and prospects and has garnered over 50K views. With our continued sponsorship we will get another such video that can highlight other aspects of Freeport: more boating and fishing activities, etc.

Mr. Campbell also stated he would like to advertise in the Texas Billfish program publication.

Upon a motion by Director Travis and a second by Director Yates to continue with sponsorship for the Texas Billfish Tournament, it was VOTED: 4 YEA 0 NO Motion Prevailed.

Discussion of Waterfront Zoning:

Zoning of Waterfront area in consideration is currently W2, marina district. To accommodate the needs of mixed use (including housing), the designation as a PUD (Planned Unit Development) fits the current agenda.

President Brimage stated it would be beneficial timewise to place the issue on a council agenda and invite the Planning Commission to attend. In this manner we could get approval from both entities needed. Will get on future council agenda.

Budget Update:

Director Hawkins gave board members a copy of current budget. EDC is on track for 2017. Director Hawkins stated a current trend of a 10% drop in monthly collections but it does not, in any way, interfere or threaten 2017 projections.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:37 pm.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:05 pm.

Action taken as a result of Executive Session:

Upon a motion by Director Bass and second by Director Travis to acquire the property at 318 W. 2nd st., it was VOTED: 4 YEA 0 NO Motion prevailed.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hawkins
Executive Director

