

**CITY OF FREEPORT**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
200 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Freeport, Texas 77541

STATE OF TEXAS            )  
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COUNTY OF BRAZORIA    )  
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CITY OF FREEPORT         )  
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BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in regular session Tuesday, April 19, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Conference Room, located at 200 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Freeport, TX, for the purpose of considering the agenda items.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:** Quorum Present

Trey Sullivan – President  
Mark Friudenberg – Vice President  
Jason Travis  
Brad Stephens  
Jeff Pena

Jennifer Hawkins: Director  
Chris Duncan: Attorney

**Visitors in Attendance:**

Ken Green  
Kim Townsend  
Rick Byers  
Kirk Paschal  
Gurmukh Jolly  
Kenny Kouches  
Paul Crow

**1. OPEN SESSION:**

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

**2. Citizens Comments:**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes for March 6, 2018.**

Upon motion by Director Travis and second by Director Friudenberg it was VOTED: to accept Minutes from December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

VOTE: Yea 5 No 0 Motion prevailed.

**4. Discussion concerning sponsorship of Texas Billfish Tournament, 2018.**

In the absence of TBT president, Jasen Gast, Director Travis presented the sponsorship video from 2017. Director Travis reported: There are 219 anglers participating in TBT 2018. There were 1200 spectators in 2017. All proceeds from the tournament go to The Armed Alliance to benefit veterans of foreign wars. Director Pena inquired about use of EDC monies as sponsorship. Attorney Duncan assured all present that 10% of EDC's budget can be used for such. Director Travis reported that weigh in for the fish will be at a local marina (currently under construction) on the Brazos River. Director Friudenberg stated the marketing appeal of continuous activity on the river. In return for sponsorship, EDC and City of Freeport receive a marketing video from the TBT.

Upon a motion by Director Friudenberg and second by Director Pena, it was VOTED to continue sponsorship of Texas Billfish Tournament at the \$2,500 level.

VOTE: Yea: 5 No: 0 Motion Prevailed

**5. Discussion concerning sponsorship of Freeport Annual Kids Fest:** Discussion tabled pending required presence of museum director, LeAnn Strahan as per President Sullivan.

- 6. Parks Director Kim Townsend: Discussion concerning donation to splash pad.** Ms. Townsend informed the board the splash pad has already been paid for, all donations will go to repayment of splash pad. She stated installation should start June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Ms. Townsend has asked for a \$10,000 donation. President Sullivan suggested an executive session to work out affordability and any other issues not considered at this point.
- 7. Gardner Campbell: Deeding property at 618 W. 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion concerning 600 block of 1<sup>st</sup>. street. Discuss purchase of guard shack and propellers on Western Seafood Property.** Mr. Campbell wants deeds to adjacent waterfront property before he builds a home. Mr. Campbell would like to market the property as waterfront property in order for property price to adequately reflect its true value. He is requesting the purchase of waterfront property adjacent to 618 W. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Campbell is also requesting the three year time limit to finish building homes in his original contract be extended to five years, thus giving him approximately two additional years to finish the homes. Attorney Duncan stated a revision to the original contract might work best as opposed to execution of new contract.  
Mr. Campbell stated he would like to purchase three propellers and one guard shack from the Western Seafood property. Director Hawkins will accompany Mr. Campbell on a walk through so that Mr. Campbell can determine his price offer. Mr. Campbell also reminded the board about a previous assurance that EDC would pay to fence off both ends of his 1<sup>st</sup> street property. Directors Travis, Friudenberg and Hawkins confirmed the previous assurance (these three being the only remaining members when original assurance was made).
- 8. Discuss Outcome of Iron Horse visitation concerning cleanup of metal, etc. on entire Western Seafood Property:** Tabled
- 9. Discuss Mission Statement for EDC and Immediate Plans for Development as requested by Kendig Keast.** Tabled.

**10. Discuss Sunset Sip: Tabled**

**11. Directors Report: Tabled**

**Open session closed at 7:33 pm.**

**Executive Session started at 7:33 pm.**

**Executive Session closed at 9:17 pm**

**Open session resumed at 9:17 pm.**

Upon a motion by Director Travis and second by Director Mark Friudenberg,  
It was VOTED:

VOTE:     Yea: 4                      No: 0                      Abstain: 1

Mr. Campbell's original contract would be amended from a three year extension to a five year extension; replacing the original three year extension. Mr. Campbell's contract would also be amended to state that waterfront property would be deeded to him upon the application for a building permit for each home and would include a claw back provision.

The meeting was adjourned by President Sullivan at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer Hawkins*

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Executive Director