

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 Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Conference Room of the Building Department, located at 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport, TX, for the purpose of considering the agenda items.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Quorum Present

Trey Sullivan: President (Absent).
Mark Friudenberg – Vice President
Jason Travis
Brad Stephens
Jeff Pena
Ed Garcia
Mingo Marquez

Jennifer Hawkins: Director
Chris Duncan: Attorney
Kenneth Green: Council Liaison

Visitors in Attendance:

Melanie Oldham
Annette Sanders

1. OPEN SESSION:

Vice President Friudenberg opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Quorum was present.

2. Citizens Comments:

Ms. Oldham expressed concern as to who would be monitoring Realty World's progress.

3. Approval of Minutes for June 19, 2018.

Upon motion by Director Travis and second by Director Garcia it was VOTED: to accept Minutes from June 19th meeting.

VOTE: Yea 5 No 0 Motion prevailed.

4. Payment of bills:

Brazoria County Septic, Wharton Journal Spectator, Kendig Keast, Duncan Law Firm (\$173.00, \$149.10, \$2213.68, \$3462.50). Director Garcia suggested the board should have more documentation about payment of bills than invoices. Director Hawkins replied she would provide a spreadsheet listing payment amounts with individual copies of invoices going forward.

Upon a motion by Director Travis and second by Director Stephens, it was VOTED to pay submitted invoices.

VOTE: Yea: 5 No: 0 Motion Prevailed

5. Executive Director's Report:

Director Hawkins stated that fiscal year 2018-2019 would not contain the debt due to Western Seafood, and Southside Bank's final note is due in first month of the new fiscal year. This will relieve EDC of \$744,565.50 in annual debt service. This will free up funds to allow EDC to further their mission of economic development. Director Hawkins suggested that EDC meet every other week for an indeterminate amount of time to focus on our goals. Director Hawkins asked that EDC conduct several brainstorming events. Ideas should be researched, viable and funding for new projects should be presented as well. All ideas will be presented without being dismissed immediately by board members. All presentations

must stick to the goal of economic development guidelines for Freeport. There is no limit to how many ideas can be presented by one person.

6. **Vice President** Friudenberg closed open session at 7:28 pm.
7. **Vice President** Friudenberg opened Executive session at 7:30 pm.
8. **Vice President** Friudenberg closed Executive session at 7:55 pm.
9. **No action was taken as a result of Executive session.**
Vice President Friudenberg adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm during open session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hawkins

Jennifer Hawkins
Executive Director