

CITY OF FREEPORT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
200 West 2nd Street, Freeport, Texas 77541

MINUTES

STATE OF TEXAS)
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COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)
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CITY OF FREEPORT)

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, located at 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport, TX, for the purpose of considering the agenda items.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Quorum Present

Ed García
Lesa Girouard
Mingo Marquez Jr.
Marinell Music

Tim Kelty: City Manager
Chris Duncan: Attorney
Kenneth Green: City Council Liaison
Stephanie Russell: Finance Director

Visitors in Attendance:
Melanie Oldham

I. OPEN SESSION:

Ms. Music opened the meeting at 6:19 P.M. A quorum was present. Marinell Music, Ed Garcia, Lesa Girouard, Mingo Marquez.

II. Invocation and Pledge

Chris Duncan gave the invocation and Ms. Music started the pledge.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Marinell Music announced the opportunity for any visitors present to address the board.

Melanie Oldham stated that in the previous meeting the EDC board had talked about housing, retail, commercial. She believes there is a lot of commercial already. She stated that industry should be a bottom priority. She also mentioned that we need more downtown business and affordable housing.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 9, JUNE 11, 2019 AND TAKE ACTION ON JULY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Mr. Kelty suggested to approve all items in consent Agenda to be approved in one motion.

MOTION to approve Minutes for May 9 and June 11 was made by Ms. Girouard and seconded by Mr. Garcia. Motion **Passed** unanimously.

V. 1.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TO CONTRACT WITH CIVIC PLUS FOR FIRST FEDC WEBSITE.

Mr. Holman recommended Civic Plus as City Manager Tim Kelty and himself have used them in the past. Mr. Holman stated that Civic Plus is within the EDC's budget and if approved the website should be up within 60 days. Golden Shovel would be the second option for FEDC website, but they are not in the approved budget. Ms. Girouard asked Mr. Holman if she could get a Demo from the company Civic Plus. Mr. Holman replied and told her he would get Jason from Civic Plus to present a demonstration.

MOTION to accept the proposal from Civic Plus for the FEDC website was made by Lesa Girouard and seconded by Mr. Marquez. Motion **Passed** unanimously.

2.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF TO CONTRACT WITH ZOOMPROSPECTOR

Mr. Holman discuss what services the company ZoomProspector provides the EDC. ZoomProspector is a property locator. Mr. Holman stated that he has utilized ZoomProspector in three different cities. Courtland Holman said he would provide real estate brokers with a login/password at no cost for them to be able to enter all their commercial and industrial information. Ms. Girouard asked Mr. Holman if ZoomProspector would be link on the FEDC website. Mr. Holman replied and said yes it would be link to both the FEDC website and the State's property locator ZoomProspector. Mr. Holman also stated that if FEDC does not use a property locator people will not know about properties that are for sale.

MOTION to accept to contract with ZoomProspector was made by Ms. Girouard and seconded by Mr. Marquez. Motion **Passed** unanimously.

3) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR EDC BOARD TO ASSIGN A GRANT & CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE OF UP TO THREE VOTING BOARD MEMBERS AND TWO NON-VOTING FROM CITY STAFF OR CITY COUNCIL

Courtland Holman stated he would like to have a committee to review grants. The board appointed Lesa Girourd, Ed Garcia, Mingo Marques, Chris Duncan and Stephanie Russell with Marinell Music as an alternate if one of the voting members cannot attend. Mr. Holman stated he has a grant that he is still waiting on information from one more business to have the grant/contract committee review before it is taken to the board. Mr. Holman wants to have the majority of all contracts and grants reviewed by the sub-committee as well as other item before taken to the whole board

MOTION made by Mr. Marquez to assign a grant and contract review committee. Ms. Girourd seconded the motion. Motion **Passed** unanimously.

4.) PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS.

Mr. Duncan gave a presentation to the EDC board regarding possible future projects for the City of Freeport. He gave a brief history of the City of Freeport. Mr. Duncan also stated that we need to renew our city and make it a place that people want to live in. He also gave several examples on how the City of Freeport could possible grow.

MOTION made by Ms. Girourd to form a sub-committee consisting of Lesa, Marinell, Ed, Chris with alternate of Mingo to review possible action regarding possible future projects as presented by Mr. Duncan. Mr. Marquez seconded the motion. Motion **Passed** unanimously.

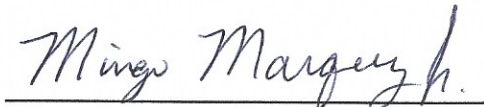
VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Directors report given by FEDC Director Courtland Holman.

VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Marquez, seconded by Mr. Garcia.

Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



Mingo Marquez Jr.
Corporation Secretary