

**CITY OF FREEPORT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF BRAZORIA**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in a scheduled meeting Thursday, July 14, 2011 at the Freeport City Council chambers at 403 N. Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

Jim Barnett (President)  
Lila Diehl (Secretary)  
Kenny Kouches

Brooks Bass (Vice-President)  
Sandra Wood-Wicke  
Lon Siddall

Visitors in attendance: Lucky Gilbert, Joyce Adkins, Debra Timbeross, Annette Sanford Nicole Mireles, Sam Reyna, Guadalupe Gonzales, Roy Averett, Shannon Averett, Mrs. Barnett, Eric Hayes.

**REGULAR MEETING**

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Barnett opened the regular meeting at 6:30 pm, with all members present

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mrs. Joyce Adkins asked who wrote the agendas for the Board, because she felt that they are too vague and needed more information about the meeting.

Ms. Nicole Mireles want to know what was being done with the old bank building downtown that the EDC owns. Others thought there should be an add put in the paper to get bids to clean it up. Eric Hayes offered to get bids for clean up if the Board would make a list of everything they need done.

PRESENTATION BY VFW POST 4341

Lucky Gilbert presented a Plaque to the Board as a Thank you for the donation of The funds for the landscaping at the new VFW building.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Wood-Wicke made a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2011. There was no quorum June 23, 2011 so there will be no minutes to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kouches and passed unanimously.

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Kouches made a motion to pay the bill from the EDC attorney Schiffer Odom Hicks & Johnson for \$19,556.12. Ms. Wood-Wicke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hickey reported that the old bank building down town does need to be cleaned up or maybe renovated and could then be leased out for office space. It still has people living there and it is filled with trash, but he thought the Board should get an Engineer to look at it to see if it was rebuildable. Ms. Adkins stated that she felt like the City & EDC should be held to the same code enforcement that the residents are so that it would get cleaned up. It was decided to be put on the next agenda to be discussed and action could be taken.

#### DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2011-2012 BUDGET

It was decided to have this item put on the next agenda and to invite Mr. Bob Welch to attend to answer question.

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT

A letter of engagement was received from Kennemer, Masters & Lundsford to use them again next year with an estimated fee of \$8590.00. Mr. Kouches made a motion to approve the letter of engagement of the year ending 9/30/11; the motion was seconded by Ms. Wood-Wicke and passed unanimously.

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 400 ACRE ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT AND PAYMENT THEREOF

The site assessment was done on the Urban Renewal property for \$2850.00. Mr. Kouches made a motion to pay the amount, Ms. Wood-Wicke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LAPTOP COMPUTER FOR EDC NOT TO EXCEED \$1000.00

Mr. Hickey informed the EDC that the computer that is being used for all of the EDC paperwork is about to quit and is very old and outdated and needs to be replaced. Mr. Barnett thought that there might be an old one from the City that we might be able to get. It was decided to reagenda this item until that could be answered.

DISCUSS PROPOSAL TO STREAMLINE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Wood-Wicke made a motion to approve giving the Administrator of Freeport EDC the authority to sign all purchase orders that have been approved by the FEDC Board of Directors and to approve for payment of invoice(s) against the respective purchase order(s). Mr. Kouches seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. 551.071, Government Code

Consultation with FEDC attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation Settlement offers or other matters in which his duty to the FEDC under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of professional conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly Conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code, to-wit:

- a. FEDC vs. Damian & Associates
- b. FEDC vs. Briarwood

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

Ms. Wood-Wicke made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Mr. Kouches and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

These minutes were read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2011.

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James Barnett, President

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Attested to by Lila Diehl, Secretary