

**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, September 8, 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
Mingo Marquez Jr. (absent)

Brooks Bass (Vice-President)
Willie Garcia
Lon Siddall

Visitors in attendance: Annette Sanford, Mrs. Barnett, Joyce Adkins, Nicole Mireles, Ms. Sandra Barbree.

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Barnett opened the meeting at 6:05 pm, with all members in attendance, with the exception of Mr. Mingo Marquez Jr.

ATTENDING CITIZENS AND THEIR COMMENTS

None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Siddall made a motion to approve minutes of August 25, 2011, with correction made adding that Mr. Bass was absent from the meeting. Mr. Kouches seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hickey reported that he had checked the status of clean-up of the old bank building at 103 Cherry St.

The Clean-up and removal of debris from outside of building and the removal of trees and brush complete except for removal of tree stumps. Leaving the removal of fencing until last so as to have more or less secure area for large equipment. Looks good.

He stated that the clean-out of the building began on or about September 1, 2011. There is a crew working in the two-story part of the building and another working

in the addition on the back part of the building. Mr. Hickey had walked through the back side of the building and it does look different with a majority of the debris removed. Estimate approximately 1/3 of the back area cleaned out. He talked with Matamoros today and he said they were on schedule, however, could not give an estimate of completion. Work appears to be continuing in an efficient and orderly fashion.

Mr. Hickey also reported that the sales tax income is still strong. Sales tax received for August 2011 = \$56,996. He gets his totals from Mr. Welch.

Mr. Barnett spoke with Mr. Matamoros who had asked about a partial payment. Mr. Siddall made a motion to pay Mr. Matamoros a partial payment of \$6250.00. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Bass and Mr. Kouches both voting no.

CONSIDER BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO COVER COST OF OLD BANK BUILDING CLEAN UP AMOUNT OF \$24,750.00

It was decided to add this item to the agenda of the next meeting, and ask Mr. Welch to attend the meeting.

AGENDA PROJECT IDEAS

Mr. Kouches asked what happened with the Wetland project. Mr. Barnett said that Mr. Jeff Pynes is handling it.

Mr. Bass inquired about the City taking over the debt for the Marina Obligations so that the EDC could focus on what the EDC is supposed to do. Ms. Mireles informed him that there was to be a meeting with her, Mr. Bolton, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Hickey and Mr. Pynes to discuss this at 3:30 Friday afternoon.

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

B. 551.087, Government Code:

(1) To discuss or deliberations regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations:

(2) To deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to a business prospect described by Sub-section (1), to wit:

- a. Old Bank Building, Tarpon Inn Block, lot 4A
- b. TIC Proposal

ACTION(S) AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

Mr. Siddall made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Mr. Bass and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

These minutes were read and approved this _____ day of September, 2011.

James Barnett, President

Attested to by Lila Diehl, Secretary