

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF FREEPORT

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in a special meeting Thursday, March 5th, 2009, at the Freeport City Council Chambers at 403 N. Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

Dan Tarver (President)
Lila Diehl (Secretary)
Gilbert Cuellar
William Rains

Clan Cameron (Vice-President)
Bobby Jo Casale
Johnny McQuaig

Visitors in attendance

Larry McDonald, Rene Damian, Wright Gore III, Eric Hayes, Nat Hickey, Tobey Davenport, Joyce Atkins.

OPEN MEETING

Dan Tarver called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2/26/2009 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Cameron to approve the minutes of the February 26th 2009, meeting, seconded by Mr. McQuaig and carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Wright Gore III stated that he had received the green light on the Western Shellfish 100 foot of river front, the Banks had some requirements, but the EDC should be able to get the property. He stated that he wants to do right by this Board, because this Board has done right by him. He also wants to do right by the tax payers, and show that you don't need Eminent Domain to get things done. This project can be developed exactly as the EDC wants, in the time frame the EDC wants.

ACTING PROJECT MANAGERS REPORT – Nat Hickey

Nat Hickey had nothing to report.

PROJECT ENGINEERS REPORT – Rene Damian

Rene Damian had nothing to report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Dan Tarver reported some good information, that he had been working with the City Manager, Chief Pynes to get Freeport an Aircraft for the Memorial Park, maybe an F4 Phantom.

Also that he was moving forward with discussions with a new business that wants to come to our area.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AMENDING MIKE SORRELL TRUCKING & MATERIALS QUOTATION FOR DREDGING 10,306 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL FROM MARINA AREA.

Dan Tarver had met with Mike Sorrell, because he was concerned that the Press had made it look as though he was overcharging the City for the dredging, and he wasn't. Rene reported that Mike Sorrell had stuck with his original bid which he bid by the cubic yard, for 2000 cubic yard. He did not charge any extra, for additional equipment, and additional handling of the silt, which he will need now that there will be 10,000 cubic yards to be removed. He did not increase his bid to cover these items. This will be about a 14% savings for the City. If it had been rebid, it would have probably gone up to around \$200,000 dollars to cover the extra expense. Also to rebid would have set back dredging for about 6 weeks. The dredging would also now take 60 days to complete instead of 45 days, but that he would dredge by wet dock site first so it would not hold up construction of the docks.

A motion to approve the original bid to Mike Sorrell was made by Mr. Cameron, and seconded by Ms. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously. Rene will get the contracts done.

ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. McQuaig and seconded by Mr. Casale. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.