

**MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ARTHUR SECTION 4A
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING
4173 39th Street, Port Arthur, Texas
March 23, 2005**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at 5:07 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The following board members were present: Eli Roberts, Cesar Munoz, Maria Block, and Morris Carter. The following advisory board members were present: Barbara Mulroy, Lloyd Christian, and Kerry Thomas.

Also present were Deborah Echols, Assistant Finance Director; Mark Sokolow, City Attorney; and Jana Barnes, Administrative Assistant.

III. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Kerry Thomas.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation.

V. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

A. Review and consider the selection of an attorney for the Section 4A Economic Development Corporation.

The item was introduced by board member Morris Carter and discussed by members of the Board. The board discussed Guy Goodson and his municipal and administrative law background. The board also discussed the fact that Mr. Goodson is a city councilmember for the City of Beaumont and the fact that other lawyers from the Gerber & Gertz firm would be involved in representing the corporation. The board concluded in agreement to hire attorney Guy Goodson of the Germer & Gertz law firm in Beaumont, Texas.

The motion was made by Eli Roberts and seconded by Maria Block. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

B. Review and consider the selection of the President of the corporation.

Morris Carter was nominated for President of the corporation. The motion was made by Maria Block and seconded by Eli Roberts. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

C. Review and consider the selection of the Vice President of the corporation.

Eli Roberts was nominated for Vice President of the corporation. The motion was made by Cezar Munoz and seconded by Maria Block. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

D. Review and consider the selection of Secretary of the corporation.

Cezar Munoz was nominated for Secretary of the corporation. The motion was made by Morris Carter and seconded by Eli Roberts. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

E. Review and consider the selection of the Treasurer of the corporation.

Maria Block was nominated for Treasurer of the corporation. The motion was made by Morris Carter and seconded by Cezar Munoz. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

F. Review and consider the designation of a Registered Agent for the corporation.

Discussion was held regarding who should be the registered agent for the corporation. It was decided among the board that Mark Sokolow, City Attorney should be the registered agent for the corporation until the corporation has retained another attorney.

The motion was made by Eli Roberts and seconded by Cezar Munoz. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

VI. REPORTS

The board discussed the financial reports given to them prior to the meeting. The reports were for the months of January and February 2005.

Following were speakers/presentations made to the board:

Mike Jorgensen of Eco Sepa spoke to the board regarding his application. The City Manager spoke to the board regarding Eco Sepa.

Andy Green spoke to the board regarding a company from Mexico that is in the composite business and would like to relocate to Port Arthur. The company has a partnership with Lamar University.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

After Executive Session the board made a motion to take the building of Southeast Texas Community Development, Inc. It was stated that if the deed to the building is not given to the corporation, litigation would ensue.

The motion was made by Maria Block and seconded by Eli Roberts. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REQUESTED REPORTS

The board members would like meeting packets delivered on Fridays.

The board requested a summary report on debts, obligations, and payment or installment schedules of the corporation.

The board requested a status report on incentives.

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Eli Roberts and seconded by Cesar Munoz. It was adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE 11th DAY OF May, 2005.

Cesar A. Munoz
SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION