

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF PORT ARTHUR SECTION 4A**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING**  
**4173 39<sup>th</sup> Street, Port Arthur, Texas**  
**June 14, 2005**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Directors of the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation met in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION & PLEDGE**

The following board members were present: Linda Spears, Eli Roberts, Cesar Munoz, and Maria Block. Advisory board member Lloyd Christian arrived at 5:42 p.m.

Also present were Deborah Echols, Assistant Finance Director; Steve Fitzgibbons, City Manager; Guy Goodson and Kate McGlynn of Germer Gertz, L.L.P.

The invocation was given by Linda Spears.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation.

**III. MINUTES**

None.

**IV. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. To discuss and consider approving an incentive agreement with GP Industrial Contractors, Inc.**

The motion was made by Linda Spears and seconded by Cesar Munoz. Before the motion was brought to a vote, Boardmember Maria Block questioned Pat Guillory of GP Industrial Contractors, Inc. regarding who would be responsible for providing documentation to the EDC about the incentive if they were to receive it. Ms. Block stated that documentation in the file showed that there was a problem in obtaining information from the company. Ms. Guillory rebutted that their company would have to resubmit information to Mr. Mills on several occasions, but that the information would be submitted on time. The motion was then brought to a vote. The vote passed unanimously.

**VI. REPORTS**

None.

## VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board retired to executive session at 5:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

After Executive Session the board acted on the following items:

A motion was made by Maria Block for the EDC to join the City's current lawsuit against Bill Diamond regarding the business park. The motion was seconded by Cesar Munoz. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Linda Spears to allow Harvey Robinson, Director of Human Resources for the City of Port Arthur to pursue the search for an EDC Director.

There was some clarification needed as to whether Ms. Spears' motion included that Mr. Robinson would use a contractor similar to the one used for the search in Katy, Texas. Ms. Spears stated that was not her intent that Mr. Robinson would use a contractor. The motion failed to gain a second after clarification.

A motion was made by Cesar Munoz to allow Human Resources to pursue a search for an EDC Director through the use of a contractor similar to the contractor used for the search in Katy, Texas. The motion was seconded by Maria Block. Before the motion was taken to vote, Ms. Spears stated that she wanted the record to reflect that she is voting against the motion. She stated that the example from Katy was nice, but she was concerned about the City of Port Arthur and felt that Human Resources could handle the job.

The City Manager stated that the City would put together its own criteria "like Katy", but that it was just an example to go by.

The vote was 3-1 with Spears opposing. The motion passed.

## VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REQUESTED REPORTS

None.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Cesar Munoz and seconded by Maria Block. It was adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE 20th DAY OF June, 2005.

Cesar O. Munoz  
SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION