

MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ARTHUR SECTION 4A
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING
4173 39th Street, Port Arthur, Texas
June 29, 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 Wednesday, June 29, 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, Maria Block, and Phuong Tat. Advisory board member Barbara Mulroy was also present.

Also present were Deborah Echols, Assistant Finance Director; Mark Sokolow, City Attorney; and Valecia Tizeno, Assistant City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Linda Spears.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Spears and seconded by Maria Block to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2005 regular meeting and the June 14, 2005 special meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously.

IV. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. **To discuss and consider approving the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation.**

A presentation was made by City Attorney Mark Sokolow. The City Attorney also handed out some information to the board. A discussion was held at length regarding the amendments to the Articles and Bylaws.

A request was made to place the memo and attachments from the City Attorney into the meeting packet.

A motion to approve the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation as proposed by Germer Gertz, LLP in substantially the same form was made by Maria Block and seconded by Linda Spears. A question was raised by Maria

Block regarding the timing of councilmember terms and board member terms. The City Attorney explained that if a board member was on the board and his or her councilmember was not re-elected, that board member would continue to serve until their term expires. The vote was passed unanimously.

A motion was made to amend the bylaws to reflect that the board would consist of nine voting directors as opposed to five voting directors and that they would be appointed by their corresponding council members. The motion was made by Linda Spears and seconded by Maria Block. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Linda Spears to delete the advisory director positions. The motion was seconded by Maria Block and was passed unanimously.

A motion was made raising the requirement for a quorum from three to five voting board members. The motion was made by Linda Spears and seconded by Maria Block. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion regarding staggering board member terms so as to avoid having an inexperienced board was made. This staggering would make sure that not all board member terms would expire at the same time. The motion was made by Maria Block and seconded by Phoung Tat. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Attorney proceeded to proceed with other changes to the bylaws. The board then asked him to not go forward with any changes other than increasing the number of voting members to nine and deleting the advisory positions until they have consulted with their attorney. The board also stated that they would like to have a Bylaws Workshop before considering other changes. The board emphasized the fact that the only changes that they wish to be made were to increase the number of voting members from five to nine and that there would be no advisory members. They did not want any other changes made.

A statement was made by Linda Spears regarding State Representative Joe Deshotel and the fact that he wrote this bill to help the citizens in Port Arthur and that the board should thank him for drafting this legislation.

VI. REPORTS

None.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board retired to executive session at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REQUESTED REPORTS

The board requested these items for future meetings:

1. Update on the proposal presented by Dikita regarding Westside and Main Street development.

2. To have a report from public relations firms regarding the corporation's website.
3. To set a date for a workshop on the bylaws of the corporation.
4. Before call meetings are posted, they would like to see the agenda and would like to know at whose request the meeting is being called.

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Maria Block and seconded by Linda Spears. It was adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE 8th DAY OF August, 2005.

Cesar A. Munoz
SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION