

**MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ARTHUR SECTION 4A
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING
4173 39th Street, Port Arthur, Texas
September 7, 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, September 7, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION & PLEDGE

The following board members were present: Barbara Mulroy, Maria Block, Eli Roberts, Kim David Klahsen, Kerry Thomas and Antonio Aguilar, Richard Wycoff. Board member Linda Spears arrived at 5:49 p.m. and board member Lloyd Christian arrived at 5:52 p.m.

The invocation was given by Kerry Thomas.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation.

III. MINUTES

None.

IV. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

A. Presentations

1. Jimmy Scott regarding the purchase of the building.

Jimmy Scott made a presentation regarding the catering business that he and his wife would like to operate. He stated that after a study of city owned properties he discovered that the building located at 743 Procter Street and wishes to purchase it from the EDC.

A motion was made by Barbara Mulroy and seconded by Linda Spears to instruct the EDC attorney to research the sale of an EDC owned building. The motion was passed unanimously.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. To discuss, consider and adopt the budget of the corporation for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Deborah Echols, Asst. Director of Finance answered the questions the board had regarding the upcoming budget year. The board requested changes and moved to adopt the budget with changes. Questions were asked for

clarification by Irving Escagne. The motion was made by Maria Block and seconded by Richard Wycoff. The motion passed unanimously.

2. To discuss and consider an incentive agreement with Pleasure Island Seafood House.

This motion was tabled until after executive session.

3. To discuss, consider and approve payment of invoices of the corporation.

Invoices 3 and 4 were pulled at the Administrative Assistant's (no. 3 to the TEDC) and the board's (Sandra's Enterprises for landscape maintenance at the business park) request. Invoices 1 and 2 (Germer & Gertz) were approved. The motion was made by Linda Spears and seconded by Lloyd Christian. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. REPORTS

1. July 2005 Financial Report.

The report was accepted. The motion to accept the report was made by Maria Block and seconded by Richard Wycoff. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board retired to executive session at 6:50 p.m., and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

After executive session, the board voted on the following item:

1. A motion was made by Linda Spears to grant Pleasure Island Seafood House a conditional grant in the amount of \$500,000 to build a new dock with progress payments. It was stipulated that the applicant would employ 75 persons within one year, make quarterly reports, and that the EDC would have a second lien on the property. Ms. Spears also stated that this is the first phase of the project and that the contract can be revisited at another date once this phase of the contract is completed. The motion was seconded by Kerry Thomas. The motion passed unanimously.

Also, the board asked a question of Doreen Badeaux of 120 Dryden Place regarding the religious affiliation of the Seafarer's Center. Ms. Badeaux explained the origination of the organization and how it was formed. She stated that the organization is not affiliated with one specific religion and that different ministers, priests and those of various religious affiliations are volunteers with the organization. The board let those representatives of the Seafarer's Center know that they are exploring all options regarding location and that they would let them know something soon.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REQUESTED REPORTS

The following items were requested for a future agenda:

1. An action item to revisit the job training item previously voted on.

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Maria Block and seconded by Kim Klahsen. It was adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE 14th DAY OF December, 2005.



SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION