

MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ARTHUR SECTION 4A
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING
4173 39th Street, Port Arthur, Texas
September 14, 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, September 14, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION & PLEDGE

The following board members were present: Richard Wycoff, Maria Block, Linda Spears, Eli Roberts, Kerry Thomas and Antonio Aguilar. Board member Lloyd Christian arrived at 6:03 p.m.

The invocation was given by Linda Spears.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation.

III. MINUTES

1. August 8, 2005 Special Meeting.
2. August 10, 2005 Regular Meeting
3. August 15, 2005 Special Meeting.

A motion to approve all minutes stated above was made by Linda Spears and seconded by Kerry Thomas. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

IV. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

A. Presentations

1. Hargie Savoy regarding the MLK Day Celebration.

Madeline Savoy made the presentation. She stated that this is the organization's 20th year anniversary. She detailed the different types of workshops and classes offered to those in attendance as well as youth. She stated that there would also be a brunch.

2. Joe Arnold regarding public relations for the corporation.

Mr. Arnold passed out information and his standard rate schedule. There was a brief discussion by Ms. Block about the video previously used by the EDC in marketing. She asked about the cost to create a tool similar to that one and Mr. Arnold stated that it costs about \$1,000 per minute. He also stated that websites usually start at around \$7,500 and brochures \$3,000 to \$4,000. He stated that he was in no rush and that this information was for the board to consider and he was available at the board's request.

3. KT Maintenance regarding grant application.

Representatives from this entity did not show as they were not ready to present.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. To discuss and consider the hiring of an interim CEO for the corporation.

This item was tabled until after executive session.

2. To discuss and consider providing training for LNG facilities at a cost not to exceed \$115,000.

The motion was made by Linda Spears to accept training as written in the paragraph by the EDC attorney incorporated herein:

The motion was seconded by Tony Aguilar. Discussion on providing training to various entities took place. The City Manager stated that the City Council, Port Arthur Industrial Group are trying to go through Texas Workforce and that the plan would be put together by Texas Workforce. Kate McGlynn stated that this would all be worked out at a later date. The entities discussed for providing training

3. To discuss and approve a budget amendment to pay for the water line at the business park as previously approved by the EDC Board of Directors.

There is \$400,000 remaining in this project. The transfer will be from general operating funds to business park project fund. Ms. Block stated that the EDC had already paid \$124,855 towards this project. The City Manger explained that was for a water line and sewer near the hospital site.

The motion was made by Linda Spears and seconded by Lloyd Christian. Ms. Block voted against this action item. The motion carried.

4. To discuss and consider the release of option on land at the medical park.

Lloyd Christian made a motion to release the option on this land. It was seconded by Kerry Thomas. The vote was unanimous.

VI. REPORTS

1. Report on upcoming training sessions.

On September 21, 2005 the board will have "Team Talk" with Johnson & Associates. On September 28, 2005 the board will have an Open Government Session with Germer Gertz, LLP.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board retired to executive session at 6:49 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 Lloyd Christian and seconded by Kerry Thomas to provide \$5,000 for marketing for the MLK Support Group for the MLK Day Celebration/Youth Conference. The vote was unanimous.
2. Kerry Thomas made a motion to have Johnson & Associates search for a local, qualified interim within one week and to have that person in place by September 21, 2005. The motion was seconded by Lloyd Christian. Linda Spears made the statement that she was voting against this measure because she has voted against Johnson & Associates from the beginning and that her feelings continue in that the City's Personnel Department could handle this task. Linda Spears and Maria Block voted against this measure. The motion carried.
3. Kate McGlynn read a motion into record that the incentive agreement with Pleasure Island Shrimp House, Inc. be changed from a \$500,000 conditional grant to a \$500,000 conditional grant **and** a \$250,000 loan. The motion was seconded by Linda Spears. The vote was unanimous.
4. A motion was made by Kerry Thomas and seconded by Lloyd Christian to pay Jim Wimberley, former EDC Attorney, his unpaid retainer in the amount of \$3,000. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Antonio Aguilar to extend the purchase agreement on the land adjacent to West 7th Street from October to December 2005. The motion was seconded by Richard Wycoff. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REQUESTED REPORTS

The following items were requested for a future agenda:

1. An item regarding the location of the EDC office.

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Maria Block and seconded by Kerry Thomas. It was adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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


SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION