

MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ARTHUR SECTION 4A
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING
4173 39th Street, Port Arthur, Texas
October14, 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. This meeting was the rescheduled meeting from September 21, 2005 due to Hurricane Rita. The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION & PLEDGE

The following board members were present: Richard Wycoff, Barbara Mulroy, Maria Block, Linda Spears, and Kerry Thomas. Board member Eli Roberts arrived at 10:17 a.m. Board member Lloyd Christian arrived during the meeting.

The invocation was given by Linda Spears.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation.

III. MINUTES

None.

IV. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

A. Presentations

1. **Presentation by Chloe Johnson of Johnson & Associates regarding the search for the CEO of the corporation.**

This item was moved to executive session.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. **To discuss and consider the renewal of the lease of the EDC location at 4173 39th Street.**

This item was tabled until after executive session.

VI. REPORTS

1. Report on upcoming training sessions.

New dates for the Open Government session will be October 18th, 24th, or 27th at 5:30 p.m. The board will also travel to Austin, TX on for sales tax training on December 9, 2005.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board retired to executive session at 10:26 a.m., and reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

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

1. A motion was made by Lloyd Christian and seconded by Linda Spears to reduce the collateral on the incentive for Abraham Manufacturing from building and equipment to building and land only. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
2. Linda Spears made a motion to bring in Mr. Floyd Batiste as Interim CEO effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Kerry Thomas. Mr. Roberts wanted to be sure that the interim would understand that this is only an interim position and not a permanent position and would in no way guarantee that this would mean that he would certainly get the permanent position. Ms. Block voted no because Mr. Batiste is a candidate for the permanent position. The motion carried.
3. Eli Roberts made a motion that in the event Mr. Batiste accepts the interim position, the City Manager needs to be advised that he is no longer needed in an interim capacity. The motion was seconded by Linda Spears. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Kerry Thomas and seconded by Lloyd Christian to lease the Spur 93 Business Park to the City for \$1,000,000 annually. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Maria Block and seconded by Kerry Thomas to accept the lease terms for the building at 4173 39th Street from Mr. Basco on a month to month basis. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Kerry Thomas to direct the City of Port Arthur Inspections Department to inspect the Masonic Temple. 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 to ratify all action items since the filing of the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation has been delayed.
2. The approval of the lease of the business park or counteroffer.

3. Items on Pleasure Island Shrimp House, Inc., Abraham Manufacturing and Eco Sepa were requested.

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Linda Spears and seconded by Maria Block. It was adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

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


SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION