

RESOLUTION NO. 06-513

**A RESOLUTION AS IT PERTAINS TO
DEMOLITION WITH CITY OF PORT ARTHUR
SECTION 4A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION FUNDS AS AUTHORIZED BY
PROPOSITION 9 IN THE MAY 2006 ELECTION.**

WHEREAS, the citizen of Port Arthur approved Proposition 9 in the May 2006 election which allows for funds from the City Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation (PAEDC) to be used for demolition; and

WHEREAS, plans for use of said funds was presented by the City of Port Arthur to the Board of Directors of the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation on December 13, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors approved the City of Port Arthur demolition program as described in Exhibit "A".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR:**

Section 1. That the facts and opinions in the preamble are true and correct.

Section 2. That the plan for demolition with Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development funds as described in Exhibit "A", is hereby approved up to \$250,000.

Section 3. That a copy of the caption of the Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council.

READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED ON THE 19th day of December

A.D. 2006, at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas by

the following vote: AYES:

Mayor Ortiz; Mayor Pro Tem Prince;

City Council: Lewis, Barker, Henderson,
Flood, Beard, Williamson and
Sinegal.

NOES: None.

Oscar D. Ortiz
OSCAR ORTIZ, MAYOR

Attest:

Evangeline Green
EVANGELINE GREEN, CITY SECRETARY


APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Sokolow
MARK T. SOKOLOW, CITY ATTORNEY

Germer & Gertz
Germer & Gertz, L.L.P.

EXHIBIT “A”

Memo

To: Floyd Batiste, EDC Director
From: Lawrence Baker, Director of Community Services 
CC: Steve Fitzgibbons, City Manager
Date: 12/13/2006
Re: Report on Demolition Funds Provided by EDC and Request for Additional Funding

The \$250,000 that was provided to the Community Services Department for demolition was used to address the list of commercial locations I submitted to the Board during my presentation on June of 2006.

All of those locations have been demolished, except 5158 S. Gulfway Dr. the Blasé on West 7th Street. I was notified on November 13, 2006, that the City completed the purchase of this property. I have attached a list of those structures, along with dates, and the demolition cost of the completed sites.

As I stated to you during my presentation in June that I would make every effort to use those funds for commercial as well as residential structures. I believe we have been able to do just that. Currently, we have encumbered a total of \$170,802. That leaves a balance of \$77,505, remaining from the EDC demolition funds.

We have received grant money for demolition from the State, these monies can only be used to demolish Hurricane damaged homes and businesses. That still leaves a large amount of structures that were tagged before the Hurricane that need to be demolished, which I am hoping to do with the new funds from the EDC.

So, I am requesting an additional \$250,000 to begin addressing those structures that have been in the system prior to Hurricane Rita. These groups will contain a large amount of residential structures. However, we will still use EDC Funds to demolish the Blasé as I proposed to you in June, along with other commercial properties on Procter Street.

Cc: EDC Board Members

Memo

To: Floyd Batiste, EDC Director
From: Lawrence Baker, Director of Community Services *LBaker*
CC: Steve Fitzgibbons, City Manager
Date: 12/13/2006
Re: EDC Demolition Funded Projects Report

This is a listing of all structures demolished by the Demolition Division where funding was provided by the EDC. It shows the cost for the demolition and abatement of each building. The administrative fees associated with asbestos reports and fees for disposal of the asbestos are also included.

1. 501 W. 7th Street (Freeman Building) *** \$24,240
2. 5139 S. Gulfway Dr. (Big Ear's) Sabine Pass *** \$3,000
3. 5157 S. Gulfway Dr. (Channel Inn) Sabine Pass *** \$13,800
4. 5125 S. Gulfway Dr. (Grocery Land) Sabine Pass *** \$21,000
5. 5158 S. Gulfway Dr. (Sabine Food Store) Sabine Pass *** \$13,500 (SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION IN JANUARY 2007)
6. 2601 7th Street; Industrial Filters (next to Dequeen School) *** \$21,600
7. 831-35 Houston Avenue *** \$25,768
8. 4717 Lewis Drive *** \$6,480
9. 702-04 Gulfway Drive *** \$4,977
10. 600 E. 7th Street *** \$7,637
11. 612 E. 7th Street *** \$7,150

12. 5943 West Port Arthur Road * \$13,800**

Administrative Cost associated with asbestos abatement of commercial properties at this time total \$9,542.50.

Total cost associated with EDC Demolition Projects CIP614 is approximately \$170,802.

Remaining funds available is \$77,505.50. These funds are earmarked for residential demolition.