RESOLUTION NO. 11-242

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS OF \$153,776.63 FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE DOWNTOWN PAVILION UNDER THE OPERATION DOWNTOWN SITE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2009, a ballot proposition was presented to and approved by the qualified voters in the City of Port Arthur, Texas (the "City") for the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation (the "PAEDC") to utilize Section 4A sales and use tax funds for "the cost of demolition of dilapidated structures and infrastructure limited to streets and roads, rail spurs, water and sewer utilities, electric and gas utilities, drainage, site improvements and related improvements necessary to promote or develop new or expanded business enterprises within a project area from 7th Street to the Intracoastal Canal and from Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to Lake Charles Avenue within the City"; said authority limited to the PAEDC's expenditure of not more than \$750,000 per year for said projects (the "Ballot Proposition"); and

WHEREAS, the City has submitted an Application for the architectural/engineering design phase services, contracted with URS, related to the renovations of the Downtown Pavilion in accordance with the Application and made a part hereof for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2010, the Board of Directors of the PAEDC considered and approved funding the Application of the City in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the architectural/engineering design phase related to the renovations of the Downtown Pavilion as outlined in the Application; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2010, the Board of Directors of the PAEDC considered and approved funding an additional \$89,875 for the architectural/engineering design phase related to the renovations of the Downtown Pavilion as outlined in the Application; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2010, the City Council approved funding an additional \$89,875 for the architectural/engineering design phase related to the renovations of the Downtown Pavilion as outlined in the Application; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2011, the Board of Directors of the PAEDC considered and approved amending the policies and procedures for Operation Downtown adding that the City of Port Arthur and the PAEDC Board of Directors may each make a request for a grant for a new or existing project without the requirement for matching funds during the 4th quarter of each year of the Operation Downtown project if funds are available and with applications from private property owners or tenants having priority for such funds. Any approved project by public or private applicants must be completed within twelve (12) months from the effective date of a grant and/or conditional loan subject to the option of PAEDC to extend the completion period; therefore, an additional funding of \$153,776.63 was approved for the renovations of the Downtown Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, funds are available during fiscal year 2010-2011 from the funds allocated in the Ballot Proposition for improvements outlined in the Application.

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 PAEDC is hereby authorized to allocate additional funds of \$153,776.63 from the Ballot Proposition for fiscal year 2010-2011 to fund the renovations of the Downtown Pavilion.

Section 3. That a copy of this Resolution shall be spread upon the Minutes of the City

READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this day of A.D., 2011, at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas, by the following vote:

AYES:

Mayor Frincl; Mayor From Albrught

Councilmembers State, Stafen, Williamson,

Employed and Stafen, Williamson,

MOES: One.

Deloris "Bobbie" Prince, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherri Bellard, Acting City Secretary

APPROVED:

Floyd Batiste, PAEDC CEO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Guy N. Goodson, PAEDC Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Valecia R. Tizeno, City Attorney