

RESOLUTION NO. 11-371

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR
A GRANT FOR PROCTER STREET PROJECT UNDER THE
OPERATION DOWNTOWN SITE IMPROVEMENT GRANT
PROGRAM AS REQUESTED BY THE DOWNTOWN
RENAISSANCE DISTRICT BOARD.

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, it is deemed in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Port Arthur to authorize the City to apply for a \$250,000 Site Improvement Grant Program under Operation Downtown for capital expenditures for the 1QProcter Street Project, as

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requested in a letter from the DRDB, attached hereto as 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.

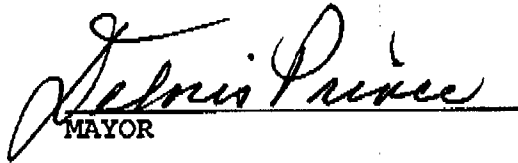
Section 2. That the City, is herein authorized to apply for the Site Improvement Grant Program under Operation Downtown for \$250,000 for capital expenditures for streetscape projects as requested in a letter from the DRDB, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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

READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 23rd day of Aug., A.D., 2011, at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, by the following vote: AYES:

Mayor Prince; Mayor Pro Tem Dauch
Councilmembers Hott, Segler, Albright, Beard,
Williamson, Freeman and Thomas

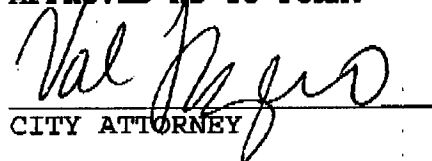
NOES: None


MAYOR

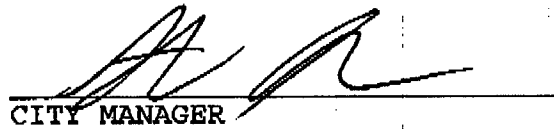
ATTEST:


ACTING CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED FOR ADMINISTRATION:


CITY MANAGER

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Exhibit "A"



August 16, 2011

**Downtown Renaissance District Board
444 4th Street- (P.O. Box 1089)
Port Arthur, TX 77641-1089**

**City Manager, City Council
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Port Arthur, TX 77641-1089**

Re: Requesting funds for *Downtown Renaissance District Board* project

The Downtown Renaissance District Board is petitioning that the Council request funding from the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation for "Procter Street Project", on the DRDB's behalf. The project will be between Houston Avenue and Lake Charles Avenue in the long range plan (over the next 5-6 years), but, in the short range plan (1- 2 years) the group desires to begin between Shreveport and Fort Worth Avenue.

The grant funds will be in the amount of \$250,000; it will be used for streetscapes and some pavement work as suggested by the *LaBiche Architectural Group, Incorporated*. The schematics and quotes are attached. The schematics cover 20 blocks, but the initial start is with our festival areas as mentioned above. The preliminary schematics are being edited to be more accurate and factual for the EDC Board meeting September 5, 2011.

Respectively Submitted

Mark E. Viator, Chairman, Downtown Renaissance District