

CITY OF TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
September 6, 2016

Regular meeting of the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation, September 6, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 501 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas.

Present: David Smith, Denise Hitt, Shawn Cass, Judy Fonville, Noel Snedeker, Leonard Vasquez, Pattie Martinez

Absent: None

Visitors: Donnie Riojas, Martin Salcido, Ray De La Santos, Jose G. Garcia, Mark Zans, Roxanne Controneo

This meeting has been posted in accordance with Article 551.001, Texas Open Meetings Act, with a quorum present.

Agenda Item #2 – Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 2, 2016

Denise Hitt moved and Shawn Cass seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 2, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 – Discuss, Consider and Act on the Treasurer’s Report

- a. Wells Fargo Checking Account
Balance in the checking account is \$77,692.79 as of July 31, 2016. Prosperity Bank Account balance \$9,660.76
- b. Security Service Certificates of Deposit
There are two Certificates of Deposits in the amount of \$26,890.00 and \$52,666.43
- c. Savings Account
There is \$3,392.09 in the savings account
- d. Accounts Payable
SMMP Invoice #4025, Check #1192 in the amount of \$3,000.00
Roxanne Pais Controneo, Invoice #199, Check #1191 in the amount of \$1,425.00
Akers & Akers, LLP, Invoice #3628, Check #1193 in the amount of \$45.00
- e. Sales Tax Pending:
August 2016 - \$10,188.71
- f. Prosperity Bank Loan Balance - \$352,675.51

Noel Snedeker moved and Leonard Vasquez seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 – Public Comments

Donnie Riojas attended a meeting of the Corpus Christi EDC in which they talked at length about a cruise liner coming to Corpus Christi.

Agenda Item #5 – Developing a COTEDC funding application for requested grants or incentives

Shawn Cass moved and Denise Hitt seconded the motion to have Ray De La Santos with SMMP and Roxanne Controneo develop a grant format. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 – Board’s final approval of COTEDC Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 to be submitted to the Taft City Council

Denise Hitt moved and Pattie Martinez seconded the motion to approve the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017, that was submitted to the City of Taft. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 – Funding request from Martin Salcido to develop his property located at Packinghouse Road and Highway 181

Mr. Martin Salcido addressed the Board about developing his property on Packinghouse Road and Highway 181 which would consist of a tire shop, parking for semi –trucks and showers. Mr. Salcido has secured all the necessary permission from the state and will be drawing up plans for the project.

Dennis Hitt moved and Judy Fonville seconded the motion to table this agenda item until Mr. Salcido has plans completed. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 – Site Work at Green Avenue and Mathis Street Property

Noel Snedeker moved and Leonard Vasquez seconded the motion to have more information from the City of Taft crews submitted to the COTEDC before a decision is made. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #9 – Ground Maintenance Proposals for COTEDC owned properties

- a. Ray De La Santos discussed the changes to the Ground Maintenance Proposals with the Board.
- b. Denise Hitt moved and Shawn Cass seconded the motion to pay the invoice from McNamee Nursery for work done on the Toland Road property in October of 2015 in the amount of \$2,032.50. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #10 – Qualification of Taft Business Park with the Corpus Christi Council 2016 Economic Develop

Ray De La Santos talked to Tommy Kerts with the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation on getting the business park as a qualified site.

Agenda Item #11 – Approval to attend the Texas Economic Development Council 2016 Economic Development Sales Tax Workshop

Shawn Cass moved and Denise Hitt seconded the motion to expend \$525.00 to attend the Texas Economic Development Sales Tax Workshop, join the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) and pay for a city representative to attend the workshop. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #12 – Purchase tickets to serve a public purpose and attend the San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation Banquet October 25, 2016

Pattie Martinez moved and Shawn Cass seconded the motion to purchase a table for eight in the amount of \$1,000.00 for San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation Banquet on October 25, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #13 – GIS funding request from the San Patricio Economic Development Corporation

Mr. Mark Zans, GIS Analyst with the San Patricio Economic Development Corporation addressed the Board. He produces maps showing property lines, utilities, infrastructures, sewer lines, etc. on properties within San Patricio County.

Agenda Item #14 - Closed/Executive Session

President Smith declared that the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation on September 6, 2016 at 8:49 p.m. to be in closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.00 et. Seq.

Agenda item #15 – Reconvened from Closed Session – The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as Discussed in Closed Session.

President Smith declared the meeting open to the public at 9:45 p.m. on September 6, 2016.

No Action Taken

Agenda Item #16 – Agenda Items for the Next Regular meeting October 4, 2016

- a. City of Taft Economic Development Corporation Sales Tax Workshop
- b. Development of the property at Packinghouse Road and Highway 181
- c. Grounds Maintenance

Agenda Item #14 – Adjourn

Denise Hitt moved and Leonard Vasquez seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:


Secretary