

CITY OF DEL RIO, TEXAS
DEL RIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS-CITY HALL
109 W. BROADWAY ST.
APRIL 6, 2017 @ 12:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Frank Larson called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Frank Larson, Don Newton, Lucas Gilliam, Antonio Rodriguez, Jerry Simpton, James Wacaser

The following members were absent: Roberto Garza-Crosby, Manuel Pacheco

Others Present: Ori Fernandez, Manuel Chavez, Gilbert Sanchez, Suzanne West, Gloria M. Barrientos, Henry Arredondo

3. INVOCATION

Lucas Gilliam gave the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March minutes were approved unanimously 6-0.

5. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Frank Larson thanked Sylvia Owens for her time on the EDC Board as she submitted her letter of resignation in March.

Frank Larson spoke of the new air service commencing on May 1. He mentioned how and where to book online. He mentioned the times of departure and arrival from Del Rio to Dallas and vice-versa.

Frank Larson thanked the Bank & Trust for their help and financial commitment to provide air service in Del Rio.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Discussion of assigning/hiring a secretary to take minutes

Ori Fernandez expressed that Council suggested that the EDC hire or appoint an individual to take minutes at future meetings. She volunteered herself for the role of taking minutes after viewing the meetings. Frank Larson stated that he was thankful and told Ori to let the EDC Board know if it became too much. She said she would if it did get to that point.

7. Financial Report

Gilbert Sanchez gave the financial report with the following information stated: Sales Tax Revenue for March 2017 was \$446,580.02, with the EDC portion being \$37,215.00. The total balance for the EDC is \$168,862.73. He also pointed out that overall there has been a 2-3% decrease in sales tax revenues this year compared to last year.

Lucas Gilliam inquired if a separate bank account had been opened for the EDC or if it was just a general ledger entry. Gilbert Sanchez stated that the EDC does have a separate bank account at Texas Community Bank. Lucas suggested that a reconciliation statement be presented in future meetings. Gilbert agreed that he would.

Lucas Gilliam made a motion to approve the financial statement.

Antonio Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion unanimously passed 6-0.

8. Confirm May 2017 Meeting Date

Meeting was confirmed for Thursday, May 4 at 12 noon.

9. Additional Item

Jerry Simpton shared some demographic information on population growth for Texas and selected areas. He said the growth pattern is pointing to outside the city limits.

Frank Larson mentioned the area between New Braunfels and Austin exploding. Jerry Simpton stated that the state recognizes that the big growth will be in the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston metropolises. Over half the state's growth is in those two areas.


Frank Larson asked about having a section for general comments. Suzanne West clarified that if something substantive needs to be discussed, it needs to be listed on the agenda.


10. ADJOURNMENT

Jerry Simpton made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Antonio Rodriguez seconded the motion.
The motion unanimously passed 6-0.

There was no further business to come before the EDC Board; therefore, Frank Larson adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

ATTEST:


FRANK LARSON
DREDC President


JERRY SIMPTON
DREDC Vice-President