

**MINUTES OF THE RIVER OAKS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
JUNE 12, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

PRESIDENT DARREN HOUK
VP CHARLES RICHARDSON
DAN CHISHOLM
DAVID BEDFORD
STEVE HOLLAND
BUCK BYBEE

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK

MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, President Houk called the Regular Called Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation to order at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023 at River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd, River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

Member Holland gave the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG.

Member Holland led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

4. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC OR ANY AGENDA ITEM BEFORE AN DURING THE MEETING BY RAISING YOUR HAND TO BE RECOGNIZED; HOWEVER, UNLESS THE ITEM IS SPECIFICALLY NOTED ON THIS AGENDA, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. IS REQUIRED UNDER THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO LIMIT ITS RESPONSE WITH A STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC FACTUAL INFORMATION, RECITING THE CITY'S EXISTING POLICY ON THAT ISSUE, OR DIRECTING THE PERSON MAKING THE INQUIRY TO VISIT WITH CITY STAFF ABOUT THAT ISSUE, AND NO EDC BOARD DELIBERATION IS PERMITTED FOR TOPICS NOT SPECIFICALLY LISTED ON THIS AGENDA.

Julie Green with Texas Hearth of Faith was present. She has a thrift store on Jacksboro Hwy and all proceeds help the victims of human trafficking. Would like to open a store in River Oaks and also looking for homes.

5. MEMBER ROLL CALL

All members were present.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 10, 2023 REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

Member Chisholm moved, seconded by Member Bybee to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2023 Regular Called Meeting. All voted "Aye".

UPDATES FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON EDC BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR TERM YEAR 2023.

Member Beford will be resigning from the EDC Board due to taking on a full-time job as a teacher. Member Chisholm agreed to remain on the board as a resident member. That will leave two openings and there are a lot of applicants that applied. President Houk pursued Blurberry Barber Shop. Member Holland recommends Carley Myers who has applied to be on other boards. Heather Knight, Jennifer Gansert, Raul Sanchez, and Brent Forester are online. Bob Jamison was in attendance. All applicants that were in attendance and online were given a chance to tell a little about themselves and why they thought they would be a good board member on EDC. Brent Forester pulled his application due to two council members already on the EDC Board and felt the rest of the places needed to be resident members. CM Turner suggested a ranking system.

8. UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT HOUK ON ARTICLE BEING FEATURED IN AN UPCOMING ISSUE OF THE BUSINESS VIEW.

Was contacted by a national magazine about an article about River Oaks. People who have moved away from the city are moving back. Collier with Grumps was invited to attend the interview and he bragged about how River Oaks was easy to deal with and bragged on the city employees. The article should be out in late June and will be in a magazine. Article revisions were made and sent back to the magazine.

9. UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT HOUK REGARDING NEW BUISNESES OR PROPERTIES FOR SALE OR LEASE.

The dentist office and practice has sold. The tint shop moved out and a motorcycle shop went into that location. Jolly's is moving slowly again. The martial arts place said maybe another year before starting to build next to Josephina's. The Bengale's building has a new owner and has been remodeling. The funeral home is now there permanently. Fort Worth Roots Podcast just released the latest podcast and it is interviewing different businesses at Springfest. The Baptist Church on Long has donated the building to another church in the northside area.

10. UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT HOUK ON RIBBON CUTTING EVENTS.

Kelly's Resale Boutique had their ribbon cutting recently.

11. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN ORDER TO MARKET THE CITY AND TO PROMOTE AND EXPAND DEVELOPMENT AS PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT DARREN HOUK.

Nothing was discussed.

12. UPDATE ON THE JUNE 24, 2023 ALL-AMERICAN FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS SHOW.

Met with Victory Church and they donated \$3,000.00 to the city towards the fireworks. The church will have food trucks and bounce houses. There will be no rides.

Going back to Item #7. If the board agrees, we can do a private ranking and turn it over to the City Council or to the City Manager.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) FROM TIME TO TIME ON ANY POSTED AGENDA ITEM TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEY AS PERMITTED BY LAW DURING THIS MEETING. THE BOARD MAY CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

- a. Section 551.071- To seek advice from attorney;
- b. Section 551.072- Discussion regarding possible sale, lease or acquisition of real estate; and
- c. Section 551.087- Discussion or deliberation regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body.

NONE

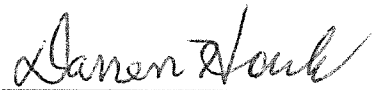
14. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

NONE

15. ADJOURN

At 7:29 p.m., President Houk adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:



Darren Houk, President

ATTEST:


Paula Luck, City Secretary