

**MINUTES OF THE RIVER OAKS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

PRESIDENT DARREN HOUK
VP CHARLES RICHARDSON
DAN CHISHOLM
HEATHER KNIGHT-6:05 p.m.
STEVE HOLLAND
BUCK BYBEE
RAUL SANCHEZ

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 Special Called Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2023 at River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd, River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

VP Richardson gave the Invocation.

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

President Houk 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.

NONE

5. MEMBER ROLL CALL

All members present.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

Member Holland moved, seconded by Member Chisholm to approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2023 Regular Called Meeting. All voted "Aye".

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER APPROVAL TO CONTINUE, RENEW AND FUND THE AGREEMENT WITH FORT WORTH TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR BUS AND PARATRANSIT (MITS) SERVICE THROUGH MARCH 27, 2026.

8. PUBLIC HEARING: IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT AND TESTIMONY ON FUND PARATRANSIT ACCESS SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY; RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FORT WORTH TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR MOBILITY-IMPAIRED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.

9. ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER APPROVAL TO QUALIFY THE EXPENDITURE OF EDC FUNDS FOR RELATED TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 505.152 "PROJECTS RELATED TO RECREATIONAL OR COMMUNITY FACILITIES" OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FORT WORTH TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR MOBILITY-IMPAIRED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.

Items #7, #8, and #9 were discussed at the same time.

Other options if the board decides to not renew the bus service and MITS service:

-Catholic Charities is \$37.00 for a one-way trip in Tarrant County. If outside of Tarrant County, the cost is \$75.00 per hour. Operations hours are only Monday thru Friday.

-Paramount Transport is \$35.00 plus mileage charges.

-Ride-n-Safe did not quote.

FWTA is \$40.33 per trip for paratransit only. Would remove the bus stops and shelters at no cost if we go with the paratransit. Operation hours are 7 am-11 pm seven days a week.

Concerns were if we stayed with MITS, they have left people stranded. If we get rid of the bus service, concerned about the ones who use the bus. Another concern is their customer service.

If we take no action tonight, we will continue paying to March 2024.

President Houk-have the same service thru March 2024 and at that point, cancel the bus service and use MITS only and use this time to get more information from other companies.

Member Chisholm-does not want to cancel the bus service.

Member Sanchez-would like to continue the bus service through March 2024 then cancel the bus service and use MITS only.

VP Richardson-prefers MITS only after March 2024 and can look at negotiating the bus service.

Member Holland-does not want to cancel the bus service.

Member Knight-There are so many other services that can get people to places. Supports the MITS.

Member Knight moved, seconded by Member Bybee that the River Oaks Economic Development Corporation finds that pursuant to the Local Government Code Title 12 "Planning and Development", Chapter 505 "Type B Corporations" that a project related to public transportation as a mobility-impaired transportation service having been found suitable by the Board of Directors for related transportation facilities pursuant to Section 505.152 "Projects related to Recreational or Community Facilities" of the Texas Local Government Code and therefore qualifies for the expenditures of EDC funds and further recommend that the City Council as the governing body authorized to enter into contracts and agreement on behalf of the City of River Oaks consider approving the Agreement with FWTA for Mobility-Impaired Transportation Service. And to leave the bus service on the table until March 2024 and try and renegotiate that service. All voted "Aye".

UPDATES FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

10. UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT HOUK REGARDING NEW BUSINESSES OR PROPERTIES FOR SALE OR LEASE.

No updates.

11. UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT HOUK ON RIBBON CUTTING EVENTS.

Had an open house at We Care Clinic on Roberts Cut Off. Will reach out for a ribbon cutting event.

Member Knight mentioned of a lease space available on Roberts Cut Off next o Kelly's Botique.

12. 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.

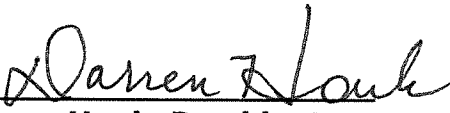
13. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

NONE

14. ADJOURN

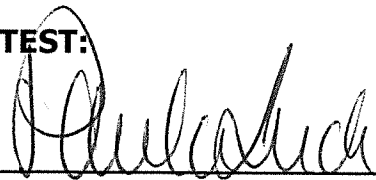
At 7:26 p.m., President Houk adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:



Darren Houk, President

ATTEST:



Paula Luck, City Secretary