

**MINUTES OF THE RIVER OAKS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

PRESIDENT JOANN GORDON  
JAY TANNER  
JOANN BUTLER  
JOE CREWS  
GREG HENDRICKSON  
LEIGH ANN TURNER

**STAFF PRESENT:**

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY  
OFFICE MANAGER PAULA BAGWELL

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

VICE-PRESIDENT STEVE HOLLAND

**STAFF ABSENT:**

EDC COORDINATOR BILL CREWS

**1. Call to Order**

With a quorum present, President Gordon called the Special Called Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2009 at River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

**2. Invocation**

The Invocation was delivered by Member Butler.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance to United States Flag and the Texas Flag**

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered by Member Turner.

**4. Consider Approval of the Minutes from the October 27, 2009 Meeting.**

Member Crews moved to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of October 27, 2009 as presented. Motion seconded by Member Hendrickson. All voted "Aye".

**5. PUBLIC HEARING: Hearing to consider the recommendation of approval of the Business Improvement Grant Application request of Rivas Mexican Restaurant at 5442 River Oaks Blvd. By Juan Rivas.**

At 7:02 p.m. President Gordon opened the public hearing, and invited audience members to comment and ask questions. Mr. Rivas explained the project to the board. Member Crews questioned the amount on the application which differs from what EDC Coordinator Crews had written up. Mr. Rivas said the quote of \$24,500 is correct. Member Crews asked the builder how long would it take to complete this project. The builder stated it would take about a month. Member Butler asked about the color. Mr. Rivas stated he is unsure of what color but probably will be a light color. He is focusing

on the money part right now. Member Turner questioned what are the posts going to be built of. Mr. Rivas stated it would be stucco and it is very durable. President Gordon asked Mr. Rivas about signage. Mr. Rivas stated that the only signage at this point will be on the pole. Will look at additional signage at a later date. President Gordon asked about the builders business card. His business card states he does trim and doors. President Gordon asked if there will be subcontractors and if this builder was the same one who remodeled on the inside of the building. The builder stated he did have subcontractors and he is the one who did the remodeling on the inside. Member Crews asked the builder when the project can be started. The builder can start as soon as this application is approved. Member Turner asked if everything was going to be stucco and also asked about the existing stucco wall. Mr. Rivas stated that everything will be stucco and as for the existing stucco wall, that wall will be painted. President Gordon asked Mr. Rivas if this project will be financed. Mr. Rivas responded that it will not be financed.

Mr. Rivas asked about the parking lot issue. CS Gregory explained the situation about if TXDOT comes in, there will be no parking in the front. TXDOT is supposed to send us another plan, but at this time, we have not received it. Mr. Rivas said he is getting a lot of complaints about water standing in the parking lot. And he will put some signage about additional parking in the back at some point. CS Gregory stated that TXDOT does not move very fast. Everything has been moved to Austin, Texas. There is no way to drain the area except naturally. He thinks that maybe grading the parking lot would increase the natural flow. Member Crews commented that it could be a year before anything can be done. President Gordon stated that we will continue with this issue until it is resolved. Mr. Rivas asked if the city can do some patching since this issue will get worse. CS Gregory stated that patching in the past has caused the problem. All patching will do is clog the drain up. No matter what we do, TXDOT will have to approve. The street sweeper does help suck up some of that standing water, but as of right now, the sweeper is in the shop getting worked on. But will send the sweeper out as soon as it is fixed.

At 7:16 p.m. President Gordon closed the public hearing.

**6. ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING: Recommendation of approval of the Business Improvement Grant Application request of Rivas Mexican Restaurant at 5442 River Oaks Blvd. by Juan Rivas.**

Member Crews moved to approve the BIG Grant Application request of Rivas Mexican Restaurant at 5442 River Oaks Blvd by Juan Rivas with the correction of \$24,500 on the application, and with the cities part of \$10,000. Motion seconded by Member Butler. All voted "Aye".

Member Crews asked about the sign out front. CS Gregory stated that he had received an email this morning and the application is in Austin, Texas.


**7. Adjourn**

At 7:19 Member Crews moved, seconded by Member Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".

**APPROVED:**

  
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**JoAnn Gordon, President**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Marvin Gregory, City Secretary**