

MINUTES
ENNIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBER
CITY HALL, 115 W. BROWN
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015
4:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order:
2. Roll Call:
 - a. Board Members Present: Abram, Haupt, Montgomery, Newsom, Jones and Thomas
 - b. Members Absent: Ventura
 - c. Staff Present: Nelson, Ewings, Batchler, McCarty, Welch and Hager
3. Pledge of allegiance was recited
4. Invocation was offered by Thomas
5. Consider approving the minutes of 10 June 2015
 - a. Motion by Mr. Thomas; second by Mr. Haupt to approve the minutes as presented.
 - b. Six Ayes
6. Citizens Request for Public Hearing
 - a. No citizen addressed the Board
7. Finance review was conducted
 - a. Mr. Nelson reviewed the FY 15-16 budget
 - b. Mr. Welch reviewed the current finance report.
8. Economic Development Update was presented
 - a. Industrial Development
 - i. Polyguard land sale was reviewed
 - ii. Schirm land sale was reviewed
 - b. Downtown Development
 - i. Historic Preservation Grant application for 210 N. Dallas (Ennis Auction House) with a project cost estimate of \$38,446.62 and grant request of \$8,458.26 (22%) was reviewed for further action.
 - ii. Façade Improvement Grant application for 113 W. Knox (Dlabaj) with a project cost estimate of \$38,523.20 and grant request of \$7,500.00 was reviewed for further action.
 - iii. The Tax Increment Financing Zone "TIRZ" was reviewed
 - iv. The Downtown Master Plan was reviewed
 - v. Ms. McCarty reviewed Main Street activities and events.
 - c. Commercial Development
 - i. Permitted total is \$1,772,797 (7 projects)
 - ii. Planning total is \$821,440 (2 projects)

- d. Retail Development
 - i. Westgate was reviewed
 - ii. I-45 was reviewed

9. Executive Session:

- a. Mr. Montgomery read the announcement from the Certified Agenda regarding the subjects of the Executive Session and convened the Executive Session at 4:26Pm.
- b. Executive Session authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Local Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551.087, Economic Development Deliberations and Chapter 551.072, Real Estate for Project Firebird, potential real estate acquisitions and Project Stargazer.
- c. Mr. Montgomery read the announcement from the Certified Agenda regarding the completion of the Executive Session.
- d. Following the Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Meeting at 5:11Pm

10. Actions:

- a. Consider authorizing the President to enter into an economic development agreement with Project Firebird.
 - i. Motion by Mr. Haupt; second by Mr. Jones authorizing the President to enter into an economic development agreement with Project Firebird.
 - ii. Six Ayes
- b. Consider approving a budget amendment in an amount that allows the purchase of a certain tract of land for Project Firebird.
 - i. Motion by Mr. Jones; second by Mr. Newsom approving a budget amendment in an amount that allows the purchase of a certain tract of land for Project Firebird.
 - ii. Six Ayes
- c. Consider authorizing the President to enter into a land purchase contract for a certain parcel of land for Project Firebird.
 - i. Motion by Abram; second by Mr. Haupt authorizing the President to enter into a land purchase contract for a certain parcel of land for Project Firebird.
 - ii. Six Ayes
- d. Consider approving the FY 2015-2016 Budget.
 - i. Motion by Jones; second by Mr. Newsom approving the FY 2015-2016 Budget with the following changes (Downtown Façade Grants from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and Historic Preservation Grants from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000).
 - ii. Six Ayes
- e. Consider approving a Façade Improvement Grant application for 113 W. Knox (Dlabaj).

- i. Motion by Haupt; second by Mr. Jones to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for 113 W. Knox in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.
 - ii. Six Ayes
- f. Consider approving an HP Grant application for 210 N. Dallas (Ennis Auction House).
 - i. Motion by Newsom; second by Mr. Jones to approve the Historic Preservation Grant application for 210 N. Dallas in an amount not to exceed \$8,458.26 (22%).
 - ii. Six Ayes

11. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 Pm CST.



RUSSELL R. THOMAS
Secretary

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