

CITY OF DEL RIO, TEXAS
DEL RIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS-CITY HALL
109 W. BROADWAY ST.
JANUARY 11, 2017 @ 12:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sylvia Owens called the meeting to order at the above date at 12:14 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Roberto Garza-Crosby, Lucas Gilliam, Frank Larson, Don Newton, Sylvia Owens, Manuel Pacheco, Antonio Rodriguez, Jerry Simpton, James Wacaser

Others Present: Ori Fernandez, Manuel Chavez, Gilbert Sanchez, Suzanne West, Henry Arredondo

3. INVOCATION

Jerry Simpton gave the invocation.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Election of Officers:

Lucas Gilliam nominated Jerry Simpton for president. Jerry Simpton declined the nomination and nominated Frank Larson for president.

Don Newton seconded the nomination.

The board unanimously voted for Mr. Larson for president 8-0, with Mr. Larson abstaining from voting for himself.

Lucas Gilliam nominated Jerry Simpton for vice president.

Don Newton seconded the nomination.

The board unanimously voted for Jerry Simpton for vice president 8-0, with Mr. Simpton abstaining from voting for himself.

Jerry Simpton nominated Sylvia Owens for secretary.

Lucan Gilliam seconded the nomination.

The board unanimously voted for Sylvia Owens for secretary 8-0, with Mrs. Owens abstaining from voting for herself.

5. Adoption of Bylaws:

Sylvia Owens made a motion to stick with the 75% annual attendance requirement of the EDC Board of Directors for monthly meetings as stated in the initial draft of the bylaws.

Lucas Gilliam seconded the motion.
The motion unanimously passed 9-0.

Lucas Gilliam made a motion that the annual meeting for the EDC Board of Directors be in January of each year.

Sylvia Owens seconded the motion.
The motion unanimously passed 9-0.

Lucas Gilliam made a motion to get the Open Meetings Act Training certificates to the Economic Development Director on or before the next monthly meeting in February.

Jerry Simpton seconded the motion.
The motion unanimously passed 9-0.

Lucas Gilliam suggested that the Economic Development Director send examples of bylaws from other border cities like McAllen and El Paso. The director agreed she would via email in the near future.

Sylvia Owens suggested that the City get direction from Council on the plans and expectations of the EDC. Frank Larson stated that he believed the Council entrusted in the EDC to create a pathway that will benefit the city.

Lucas Gilliam brought up the issue of compensation for different city employees who will be helping with EDC business. Suzanne West stated that this was just an example and that there are different ways to go about how to allocate funds for contracts for services.

Ori Fernandez stated that she could put an item on the City Council agenda to clarify their expectations of the EDC.

Lucas Gilliam made a motion to remove the first paragraph of the section of the initial bylaws titled "Contracts for Services" (Section 3.08).

Don Newton seconded the motion.
The motion unanimously passed 9-0.

6. Discussion of Economic Development Sales Tax Workshops:

Frank Larson recommended that Ori Fernandez contact TEDC to see if they could come down to Del Rio to conduct a sales tax workshop in lieu of every board member having to travel out of town to get the training completed.

Mr. Pacheco revisited the initial bylaws. He had a question on the wording in Section 3.01 titled "Compensation of Directors and Officers." He felt the "may be reimbursed" was too broad. He asked that it be more specific. Suzanne West agreed that it could be made more specific and agreed that City staff would provide different language for the next meeting.

Suzanne reminded directors to use "BCC" emails to avoid the intent of having a quorum in business emails.

7. Financial Report:

Gilbert Sanchez stated the EDC received \$38,138.62 for the month of December. He also stated that the EDC would only receive 10 months of payments for this first year. Based on revenue history, he predicts that the EDC will receive approximately \$497,000 in this first year.

Don Newton made a motion to approve the budget of the EDC.

Lucas Gilliam seconded the motion.

The motion unanimously passed 8-0, with Sylvia Owens abstaining from the vote.

Sylvia Owens asked for clarification on the need to approve a zero-balance budget.

Jerry Simpton made an amendment to Don Newton's motion above to accept the transfer of the City funds into the EDC fund.

Lucas Gilliam seconded this amended motion.

The motion unanimously passed 9-0.

8. Set February 2017 Meeting Date:

Lucas Gilliam made a motion that the first Thursday of the month at noon be the regular monthly meeting date of the EDC and that January be the annual meeting date of the EDC.

Antonio Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion unanimously passed 9-0.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Lucas Gilliam made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Roberto Garza-Crosby seconded the motion.

The motion unanimously passed 9-0.

There was no further business to come before the EDC Board; therefore, Frank Larson adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

ATTEST:



FRANK LARSON
DREDC President



SYLVIA OWENS
DREDC Secretary



J. J. Supter
VP