

Economic Development Corporation met for their monthly meeting on February 28, 2022, in person at 907 E. Houston St., Cleveland, Texas, with Board President Brent McWaters presiding.

CURRENT MEMBERS PRESENT: Board President Brent McWaters, Board Vice President Kelly Jenkel – Axton, Boardmember Scott Lambert, Boardmember Patrick Caserez, Boardmember Michele Wyatt, Boardmember Marilyn Clay, EDC Director Robert Reynolds, City Secretary Angela Smith

INCOMING MEMBERS PRESENT: Durlene Davis

EMPLOYEES: Jennifer Jeude, Stacy Williams, Leslie Herrera

ATTENDEES: Carolyn McWaters, James Anderson

EDC President Brent McWaters called the monthly EDC meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated that there was a quorum.

Presentations, Public Comments and Reports

1. **Invocation, Pledge and Roll Call**

Boardmember Lambert gave the invocation and Boardmember Caserez led the pledge to the U.S. flag and Boardmember Wyatt led the pledge to the Texas flag.

2. **Oath of Office conducted on new board member appointed by Council – Durlene**

City Secretary Angela Smith gave the oath of office to newly appointed board member Durlene Davis.

3. **Public Comments.**

James Anderson – From Waco, Texas. Looking for business opportunities and had a good meeting with EDC Director Reynolds.

4. **Reports and comments from board members and staff**

Patrick Caserez – Happy to be on board. Look forward to see the City of Cleveland be productive and move forward. The City is growing and we need more entertainment for families.

Scott Lambert – Thanked staff for meeting with him and his group.

Kelly Jenkel-Axton – Welcome Durlene. Now have over 11,000 enrolled in Cleveland school district. Hope we can maintain small town vibe and take the positive growth and see positive changes in our community.

Marilyn Clay – Welcome Durlene to the board. Agrees with other boardmembers on positive improvement and keeping small town feel.

Durlene Davis – Thank you for choosing me to be on board.

Robert Reynolds – Welcome Scott and Durlene. Excited about the city and where we are headed.

Brent McWaters – Welcome Durlene. We are here to set building blocks.

5. **Summary of monthly business prospect report/EDC project updates (if applicable) by EDC Director Robert Reynolds**

EDC Director Reynolds gave the monthly business report and EDC project updates.

6. **Update from EDC Director Robert Reynolds on Allies Day**

EDC Director Reynolds gave an update on the Allies Day event scheduled for March 9. Reynolds passed out the design layout of the Allies Day booklet and let EDC know that over 200 invites were sent out and there were 60 RSVP responses so far.

Consent Agenda

7. **Approve minutes from the January 24, 2022 business meeting**

8. **Approve monthly financial statements**

9. **Consideration and possible action on approval of monthly bills**

Boardmember Clay made a motion to approve consent agenda items 7-9 with a second from Boardmember Lambert. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Discussion and Action

10. **Consideration and possible action on Interlocal Agreement with Cleveland ISD and EDC for Allies Day event on March 9, 2022.**

Boardmember Caserez made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with CISD and EDC for Allies Day event on March 9, 2022, with a second from Boardmember Clay. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

11. **Consideration and possible action for going out for Request for Bids on the Mural at Texan Theatre.**

Staff informed the EDC board that there is money budgeted for this item. EDC Director Reynolds has spoken with some individuals and received quotes in the range of \$11,000 - \$40,000. City Secretary Smith went over the Request for Bids process. EDC Director Reynolds has spoken with the lady who has done the recent mural in town and is waiting for a quote from her.

Boardmember Lambert made a motion for staff to go out for Request for Bids on the Mural at Texan Theatre with a second from Boardmember Wyatt. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Closed Executive Session

12. **Closed Executive Session under**

- a. **Texas Government Code Sec. 551.072, Deliberations about the sale, purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.**

- b. **Texas Local Government Code 551.087, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development negotiations – to discuss or deliberate 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.**

EDC Board left for closed executive session at 6:30 p.m.

Return to Open Session

13. Take action as needed on items from Executive Session

EDC Board returned from executive session at 7:20 p.m. with no action taken.


City Secretary Smith reminded the new board members about the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Public Information Act training they are required to take. Allies Day will be on March 9, and you can RSVP to Ashleigh Broussard at the Civic Center.

EDC Director Reynolds discussed the route for the Allies Day bus tour.

Adjourn

Boarmember Axton made a motion to adjourn with a second from Boardmember Wyatt. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of March 2022.



Board President, Brent McWaters

ATTEST:



Angela Smith, TRMC
Director of Admin Services
City Secretary