

Meeting Minutes of the Hollywood Park Economic Development Corporation

August 4, 2020

Present: Ben Henderson, Tom Sims, Julie Chudnow, Delanie Hall, Adolfo Ruiz

Absent: Adolfo Ruiz, Julie Schacklett

Virtual Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Minutes from March meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept by Tom Sims; 2nd Julie Shacklett, passed

Financial Report – Mr. Hinson reported on financials, with tax revenues declining. Motion to approve financial report made by Delanie Hall; 2nd by Tom Sims, passed.

Citizen comment: no citizen comment

OLD BUSINESS:

#1 – Projects List- an old version of the list was attached with agenda. Ben Henderson will forward an updated version to Jeannette Huggins, interim City Secretary.

#2 – Voigt acoustics – Mr. Sims reported on updated from Visual Display, which has suggested a better sound dampening material. The bid amount is \$63,564.70. Components would provide better sound dampening materials, and would include six chandelier style fixtures assembly. An electrician would also be needed to install components. Mr. Sims will forward details to EDC counsel McCann.

#3 – Cerroni restaurant grand opening – Mr. Henderson reported the restaurant can only operate at 50% seating capacity, and more to-go business is desired. Suggestions were made for certain food specials, liquor specials, social media advertising, and eventual opening event sometime later.

#4 – City Hall facilities development, construction, and expansion – Mr. Henderson summarized proposal from architect Debra J. Dockery to provide architect support services, layouts and spreadsheet cost estimates as part of a feasibility study. The feasibility is requested by City Hall to consider various alternatives for municipal storage building, reactivating the sally port, improving fire storage. Discussion indicated there could be kennels for rescued animals, storage for Voigt Center items, and fire vehicles to be stored indoors and avoid freezing water tanks. A checklist will be developed for EDC purposes.

#6 – Training – Legal counsel Michael McCann reported a Comptroller requirement for training is coming in October. The Texas Economic Development Council offers a 5-day training agenda. More details are needed to make decisions as to which EDC members may want to attend this training opportunity.

New Business:

#1 – Recommend a proposed budget for 2020/2021 fiscal year – Discussion regarding budget concluded with a Motion to Adopt a budget. Motion made by Delanie Hall, with 2nd by Adolfo Ruiz, passed.

#2 – Take possible action to amend Bylaws of the H.P.EDC – Counsel McCann will look at areas such as attendance and recent state law changes to see if updates might be needed by H.P. EDC.

#3 – Vacancies at Galleria Oaks – Mr. Henderson indicated he receives broker information and leasing flyers from the leasing agency. Discussion brought up the idea to conduct a survey and ask residents what type of tenant businesses they would like to see in Galleria Oaks.

#4 – Possible Internet Survey – the idea to survey for purpose of prioritizing the type of projects the EDC should undertake was discussed. This may be something Julie Shacklett had offered to do. This survey and the resident survey mentioned above might be combined in a single effort.


#5 – Possible action to fund automobile and equipment – Police Chief Prichard explained the need for new police cruiser to replace rotation of older vehicle(s). Motion was made by Mr. Sims, and 2nd by Mr. Ruiz to authorize EDC funds for purchase of \$35,373 vehicle, plus \$1,500 equipment switch-out, passed.

#6 – Possible action for 3 sets of bunker gear plus new tires – Fire Chief Butrico explained the need for replacing 10-year life bunker gear, and also dual rear tire replacement for engines E129 and Q129. Mr. Henderson made motion, 2nd by Tom Sims, to authorize EDC funds for purchase of \$11,400 bunker gear and \$4,500 new tires, passed.

#7 – discuss possible future projects, agendas, or resolutions. Ms. Hall asked about septic for Memorial Park. Counsel McCann stated this did not seem to qualify as an EDC purpose.

There being no further ideas or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Minutes of this meeting are approved on this the 15th day of October, 2020.


~~Julie Chudnow, President~~ Tom Sims, Vice President

R. Ben Henderson, Secretary