



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND

The Development Corporation of Richmond convened in a regular meeting open to the public and pursuant to notice thereof duly given in accordance with Section 501.072, Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, in Richmond City Hall Annex within said City on February 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Directors in attendance included the following:

President, Evalyn W. Moore

Secretary, Verge Greenwood

Robert Haas

Nancie Rain

City Attorney – Gary Smith

City Secretary – Laura Scarlato

Vice President, Joe Bonham

Treasurer, Barry Beard

William B. Morefield, III

Terri Vela – City Manager

Cameron Goodman, Executive Director

President Moore opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda item A2 was introduced for public comments. There were no comments from the public, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item 3 was introduced by President Moore to review and consider taking action on the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8, 2019. There were no comments or corrections, Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on January 8, 2019 with Commissioner Bonham seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

President Moore asked for a review of the Financial Reports through January 31, 2019. Director Beard reported that the Development Corporation revenues remain flat but he did have questions regarding last month there was a \$79,000 expense regarding wayside horns against a budget item. There is a three month bubble of expenses that are missed therefore, Director Beard has requested Executive Director Goodman and the City to work together to correct this. City Manager Vela stated the reports will be adjusted adding a Project YTD Total for each Project based on the Contracts approved and what has been spent Life to Date per Project. This will capture the expenditures and reflect the status of each project. Director Beard stated the financials are in good shape as always. Director Haas commented favorably regarding the sales tax report.

President Moore introduced agenda item 5 to review the Mercy Market/Community Garden Project. Executive Director Cameron Goodman spoke regarding the agenda item providing a brief background with the thoughts behind the need for the project. The community does not have a grocery store in the neighborhood forcing the citizens to rely heavily on convenience stores which are not only more expensive but also offer unhealthy options. These are all very preliminary discussions but it has been considered partnering with the convenient stores and possibly having an agreement with the store as to prices etc. There are federal and local grants available as a possibility with the goal is to have it paid for by the grants. This would be a way to help the community and possibility to grow from a food stall to a restaurant. Maybe partnering with Mercy Goods to something like Mercy Market as a restaurant. Again, this is very early on in the discussion but Director Goodman wanted the Board to be aware this was a project in discussion. There was a brief discussion regarding other programs in the area and not duplicating efforts. Overall, it was viewed as being a positive effort and to continue to pursue. The agenda item was closed.

President Moore announced the board would adjourn to Executive Session at 6:08 p.m., as authorized by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.087 Economic Development Negotiations.

The Board reconvened at 6:14 p.m.

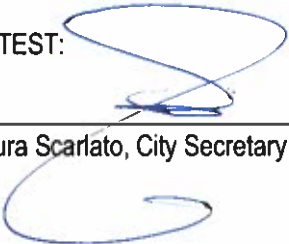
There was no action taken during Executive Session.

Agenda item 8 was addressed and March 19, 2019 was the decided date for the next DCR Board Meeting.

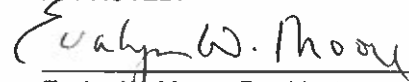
Agenda item 9 to consider and take action on recommendations for future agenda items. Director Beard requested there be an update on the Wayside Horn Project and the Lamar Street Extension Project. Director Beard made the motion to approve the request, Director Haas seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

There being no further business to come before the Development Corporation of Richmond, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Evalyn W. Moore, President