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Pat Zaiontz
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Executive Director/City Administrator, Paul Mendes
City Secretary Lynne George
4A EDC Attorney Leonard Schneider



4A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2016 - 4:30 P.M.
Sewall Smith City Council Chambers
18111 Buddy Riley Blvd., Magnolia, Texas 77354

A meeting of the Magnolia 4A Economic Development Corporation was held on February 11, 2016, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the Sewall Smith City Council Chambers located at 18111 Buddy Riley Blvd., Magnolia, Texas 77354.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Jonny Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

a. **INVOCATION**

Basil Tate delivered the invocation.

b. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Williams lead the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

2. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

President Williams called roll and certified a quorum present with the following Board members in attendance: Jonny Williams, Pat Zaiontz, Phyllis Stegen, Basil Tate and Anne Sundquist

Absent: -0-

Staff present: Executive Director/City Administrator Paul Mendes, City Secretary Lynne George

Also present: Economic Development Coordinator Tana Ross

3. CITIZENS FORUM *(No official or formal action or vote may be taken on any comment made by citizens during Citizens Forum)*

None.

4. **REQUESTS OR PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Phyllis Stegen announced that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to find out when the wheelchair swing is going to be here. They are hoping to start excavation Monday or Tuesday and it should take a couple of days. The area was moved again due to elevation issues and a concrete pad will be poured. Magnolia Rotary will be out there on the 20th helping out. Ms. Stegen also announced that she received a check for \$5,100 for Unity Forest from Shady Brook for all the benches and they are their pecan sponsor.

Ms. Stegen also announced the money that was made at the Mardi Gras on The Stroll event last Saturday. The cook off seems to be the money maker for this event and they would like to help that grow to be a bigger part of the event.

6. **TREASURER’S REPORT – UPDATE OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES**

(Basil Tate)

Basil Tate had provided a brief summary of revenues and expenditures.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA – 4A EDC**

This portion of the agenda consists of items considered routine and will be enacted by one motion unless separate discussion is requested by a Board Director or a citizen.

- a. Approval of the 4A Economic Development Corporation minutes for the meeting held January 14, 2016.
- b. Liles Parker (Inv. #1262) \$ 111.00
- c. Tana Ross \$1,287.50

MOTION: Upon a motion to approve Consent Agenda items a. through c. made by Basil Tate and seconded by Phyllis Stegen, the Board members voted and the motion carried unanimously.

8. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

(Tana Ross)

- Sales tax report
Tana Ross reported sales tax down 15.25% for this reporting period and down 20% for year to date but she stated that the numbers look better than last month.
- Sales tax revenue comparison
Mrs. Ross provided a monthly comparison of other cities, and historical sales tax data.
- Economic Development Coordinator Report
Mrs. Ross briefly summarized report highlights, business closings/openings, new businesses, contacts, hotel/motel interest, and another economic report, etc. She stated that she and Basil Tate were going to be meeting to do some forecasting based on the last 3 – 4 months of sales tax.

9. **ANNEXATION/ETJ UPDATE**

Update of annexation/ETJ proceedings.

Executive Director/City Administrator Paul Mendes reported that he spoke with the man who is purchasing the 152 acre Escondido Tract. There has been a change due to the Magnolia bypass and he wants to put retail up front, multi-family and a third portion with single family homes, and is interested in and willing to buy water and sewer capacity up front. Also, the man has a friend who picks the sites for the Hampton hotels and that they are really interested in putting in a Hampton Inn there as well, so it sounds very promising.

10. **DISCUSSION/REPORT ON ADOPTED PROJECTS**

Discussion/status report on the following adopted projects:

a. Unity Park

Executive Director/City Administrator Paul Mendes reported that the vandalized broken water fountains have been replaced with basic fountains with no cooling units; the masonry repair is set to be started either tomorrow or the first of next week, and he received a quote for \$2,200 to panel the restrooms which would take the lip away and eliminate a way for vandals to climb as well as provide extra storage area. The Board members concurred that it was well worthwhile. Mr. Mendes further reported he has been in touch with Dr. Stephens regarding the cameras and Dr. Stephen's IT man says that we could get a signal from the pavilion over to their Alpha Academy and that they would work with us on running it through their internet lines so the viewing of the camera would be over there; however, Mr. Mendes stated he has not heard back from him since the end of December but will pursue it.

b. Downtown Project

Mr. Mendes reported that he spoke to David Foor who owns the grassy field next to Shipley's Donuts and asked him if he would allow the City to use the field for Stroll events, we would mow it and he agreed.

c. Economic Development Plan

No report.

i. Grow Magnolia

No report.

d. Special Events

Realtor Developer Breakfast Tuesday at 9 a.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

e. Discussion on repairs to the street lights in business park

Discussion followed and it was the general consensus to have CenterPoint take over the lights.

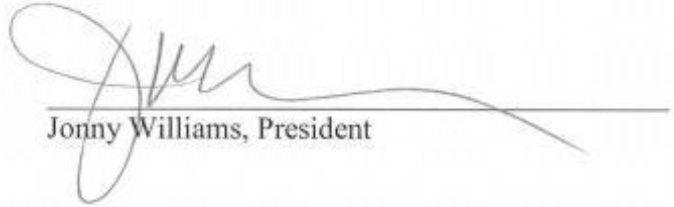
11. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCERNS AND REQUESTS**

None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Upon a motion to adjourn made by Phyllis Stegen and seconded by Basil Tate, the Board members voted, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

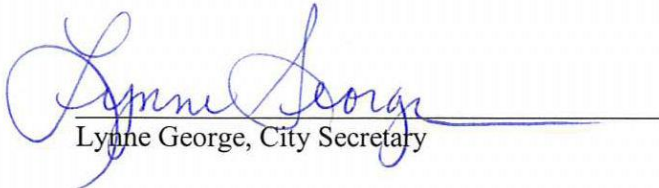



Jonny Williams, President

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the 4A EDC meeting held on February 11, 2016.

ATTEST:


Lynne George, City Secretary