



**ORANGE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

MINUTES

March 12, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00am, Monday, March 12, 2018, 123 S. 6th Street, Orange.

Members Present:

Jay Trahan, City of Orange
Commissioner Barry Burton, Pct. 2
Jerry Jones, City of Bridge City (Arrived at 10:44 am)
Dr. Michael Shahan, Lamar State College Orange
Ida Schossow, GOACC

Members Absent:

Stan Mathews, Sabine River Authority
Daniel Moreaux, Moreaux Transportation Services
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies
Dr. Pauline Hargrove, LCMCISD
Stephen Lee, First Financial Bank
Judge Brint Carlton, Orange County
Robbie Hood, City of Pinehurst
Dan Mohon, City of Pinehurst
Mayor Cathy Nagel, City of Pine Forest
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange
Carl Thibodeaux, City of West Orange
Dr. Stephen Patterson, Orangefield ISD

Others Present:

Jessica Hill, Executive Director
Billie Ewing
Elliott New - Represent Counsel

Official Notice of the meeting detailing the time, date, place and purpose (Agenda), was posted on the Orange County Economic Development Corporation website and Orange County Administration Building on March 8, 2018.

1. **Convene Meeting.** President Burton opened the meeting at 10:21 am.
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** President Burton led the pledge, invocation and roll call.
3. **Recognize Guests.**
The following guests were in attendance: Billie Ewing, Orange County Resident
4. **Open the floor to members of the public or of the Board of Directors of the Governing authority for inquiries about a subject not listed on the Agenda.** Speakers shall be requested to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes or less. Specific factual information, or existing policy, may be stated in response to an inquiry. Any Deliberation or decision about the subject of **the inquirer shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the Agenda** for a subsequent Regular or Special Board Meeting.

Member Schossow updated the group on Navigating the Neches, inviting the community to participate and notifying the Board about the April 19th Orange County event.

5. **Minutes for any previous Meeting(s).**

Minutes of the January 8, 2018, and February 13, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Member Shahan motioned to approve the minutes. Officer Jones seconded and the motion carried.

6. **Financial matters including:**

Director Hill presented the March financial report for the quarters. She reported revenues were 108% of the budgeted amount due to the release of the restricted funds.. Expenditures were in excess of the budgeted amount due to the approved expense of restricted funds for Harvey grant administration that had not been budgeted. The statement of financial position reflected \$168,793.29 in total liabilities and equity.

Director Hill presented the bills for payment and expenses through March 9, 2018. Payments totaled \$53,293.66.

No Action

7. **Discussion and possible approval to use Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to advertise in the Houston Astros 2018 Game Program.**

No Action

8. **Discussion and possible approval to use Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to participate as a community partner on the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce's mobile app..**

No Action

9. **Discussion and possible approval to allow the Orange Leader to produce an economic development publication.**

No Action

10. **Discussion and possible approval to change the time of the OCEDC regularly scheduled board meetings.**

No Action

11. **Executive Directors Regular Report.**

Project Beach, Yuck and Grayson have been added to the pipeline in cooperation with the City of Orange. Director Hill updated the Board on the status of Project Flag. Retail Strategies has completed the strategic plan and has identified four retail categories to target: Clothing/Accessories, Restaurants, Pet, Home Improvement. Director Hill also presented the updated Neon Cloud marketing video for preview. It was also reported that 1099s were issued to all Harvey grant recipients prior to the tax deadline. Director Hill reminded the Board of her travel to the Petrochemical Update trade show and requested volunteers for the second complimentary registration associated with the EDC's exhibition. Finally, Director Hill notified the membership that May 7-11th is IEDC Economic Development Week.

12. **Closed Meeting to Deliberate 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, or to Deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect, under Section 551.087 of the Act, regarding any current, confidential OCEDC Projects.**

The Board of Directors convened in closed session at 10:36am. The Board returned to open session at 10:45am.

13. **Discussion and possible action resulting from Closed Meeting under Agenda Item No.9.**

Motion was made by Officer Jones to authorize Director Hill to negotiate and sign land option contracts on behalf of the EDC. Member Trahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14. **Set date, time and place of any presently anticipated Special Meeting to be held prior to the next Regular Meeting.**

No Action

15. **Specify changes to the date, time and/or place of one or more particular Regular Session(s) if any of such factors are presently anticipated to be changed from standard Board Policy.**

No Action

16. **Adjourn Meeting.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am with the loss of a quorum.

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