



**LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2018**

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER
President Crowder opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL
PRESENT:
Ron Crowder, President
Gene Smith, Secretary
Deanie Barrett
Bobby Hocking
Louis "Mac" McGaffey
ABSENT:
None
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. Regular Meeting of March 15, 2018
After a brief discussion, Board member Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. FINANCIAL REPORT
a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report
The report stood as submitted. President Crowder asked when the corrected version of the CAFR would be brought back to which Mysty Nauck advised it will be on the May agenda.
5. PRESENTATION – None
6. NEW BUSINESS
a. Discussion/possible action to hire a land man to inventory Causeway Park
After a brief discussion, Board member Hocking made a motion to hire a land man to inventory Causeway Park, Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Discussion/possible action regarding the revised Rathburn Planning & Consulting proposal
After a brief discussion, Board member Barrett made a motion to approve the revised Rathburn Planning & Zoning Consultant proposal, Board Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion/possible action to send Public Relations Specialist to Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers Conference on June 5th-8th, 2018

After a brief discussion and a question by the City Manager Carol Buttler of whether mileage should be allowed to employees who receive a car allowance, Board member Smith made a motion to send Public Relations Specialist to Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers Conference on June 5th-8th, 2018, including mileage. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Crowder asked the City Manager for a copy of the current Travel Policy so he could review it.

- d. Discussion/possible action to hire Lex Odom to create a small swale to better drain the 8.5 acres at I-45 & Vauthier

After a brief discussion, Board member Barrett made a motion to hire Lex Odom at the rate of \$125.00 per hour to create a small swale to better drain the 8.5 acres at I-45 & Vauthier, Board member Mc Gaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Discussion/possible action regarding the revised RPA development guidelines

After a brief discussion, Board member Barrett made a motion to accept the RPA development guidelines and send them along to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the Public Relations Specialists annual evaluation

After a brief discussion, Board member McGaffey made a motion to raise the Public Relation Specialists salary to \$65,000.00 annually with a \$1000.00 monthly car allowance, both increases retro back to February 15, 2018. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION

- a. Director's Report - report may include past, present, or future projects
Director submitted his report and mentioned an upcoming meeting with a downtown prospect.

- b. Public Relations Report – report to include an overview of efforts as it pertains public relations

Public Relations Specialist submitted her report and added that she would be applying for TEDC 2017, as it relates to the training obtained by EDC, and that if they were recognized, the ceremonies would be taking place in Galveston.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Section 551.072 of the Government Code - deliberations about real property - land acquisition and or sale
There was no Executive Session

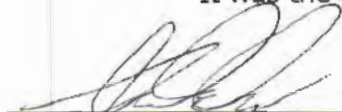
10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

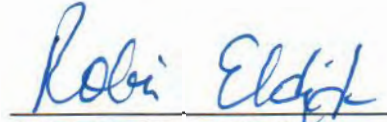
- a. Consider land acquisition and or sale

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m.



Ron Crowder, President

Robin Eldridge, TMRC
City Clerk

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