**LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
**February 20, 2020**

**AGENDA:**

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Chairman Crowder called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

| PRESENT: | ABSENT: |
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| Ron Crowder, Chairman | Louis "Mac" McGaffey |
| Gene Smith, Secretary | |
| Deanie Barrett | |
| Bobby Hocking | |

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   a. Regular meeting of January 16, 2020

   Board member Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2020. Board Member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT
   a. Presentation of the monthly financial report

   The financial report stood as submitted.

5. PRESENTATION
   a. Ranzy & Sandra Morgan; KPM Futures, LLC / Choice Analytical, Inc.

      Ranzy and Sandra Morgan owners of Choice Analytical Inc. spoke to the board in relation to their application for incentives for the midlevel instrumentation company as they look to headquarter in City of La Marque.

   b. Zac & Katrina Marzouk; Get Outside Games, LLC

      Zac and Katrina Marzouk presented a request for assistance in obtaining new equipment for their business.

   c. Greg Cornett; Market on 3

Greg Cornett presented the board with an update on Market on 3 also requested bringing in material to solidify the grounds, a request that has already been reviewed and accepted by the City Engineer. At the conclusion of his presentation Chairman Crowder asked that a meeting be set between Mr. Cornett and EDC director, Alex Getty to discuss a master plan for the property.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding the application for incentives submitted by KPM Futures, LLC / Choice Analytical, Inc.

Board member Hocking made a motion to approve $72000 in grant funds for KPM Futures, LLC/ Choice Analytical, Inc. Board member Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Discussion/possible action regarding the application for incentives submitted by Get Outside Games, LLC

Board member Hocking made a motion to approve items 2,4, and 5 in the application for incentives submitted by Get Outside Games. LLC totaling $46370. Board member Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Discussion/possible action regarding the offer to purchase a portion of Galveston Central Appraisal District ID number 196266 received from PAS Property Acquisition Services, LLC on behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation

Board member Smith made a motion to approve the offer to purchase a portion of Galveston Appraisal District ID number 196266 received from Pas Property Acquisition Services, LLC on behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation contingent upon negotiations between the entity and City Manager Jackson. Board member Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Discussion/possible action regarding the offer to purchase a portion of Galveston Central Appraisal District ID number 194730 received from PAS Property Acquisition Services, LLC on behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation

Board member Barrett made a motion to approve the offer to purchase a portion of Galveston Central Appraisal District ID number 194730 received from PAS Property Acquisition Services, LLC on behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation. Board member Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Discussion/possible action regarding the Public Relations Specialist enrolling in the APR certification program

Board member Smith made a motion to approve the Public Relations Specialist enrolling in the APR certification program. Board member Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

8. DISCUSSION

a. Director's Report - report may include past, present, or future projects

EDC Director Alex Getty provided the board with a report.

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

Public Relations Specialist, Colleen Merritt provided the board with a report.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Section 551.072 of the Government Code - deliberations about real property - land acquisition and or sale

b. Section 551.071 of the Government Code – consultation with attorney

c. Section 551.074 of the Government Code - personnel matters
-Executive Director annual evaluation
-Public Relations Specialist annual evaluation
-Receptionist annual evaluation

Chairman Crowder closed the regular meeting and entered the Executive session at 10:11 am. The regular meeting reconvened at 11:21 am.

10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Consider land acquisition and or sale

Board member Barret made a motion to give EDC Director authority to negotiate the purchase of property at 1319 Cedar, creating an offer ceiling. Board member Hocking seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board member Hocking made a motion to authorize EDC Director to investigate 1124 1st Street for potential revitalization for commercial use. Board member Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board member Barrett made a motion to authorize Board Member Hocking, acting in official capacity as Mayor of the City of La Marque, to write a letter to Texas City Independent School District inquiring about the future of vacant school properties. Board member Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board member Barrett made a motion to authorize EDC Director to solicit top commercial real estate professionals to represent the Corporation for a period not to exceed 12 months. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider action to be taken regarding consultation with attorney

Board member Hocking made a motion to retain Lewis Brisbois to consult on I45 option property. Board member Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider action to be taken based upon the annual evaluations of the Executive Director, Public Relations Specialist and EDC Receptionist

Board Member Hocking made a motion to approve the Economic Development Staff to receive a 5% pay increase effective 02.20.2020. Board member Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Board Member Hocking reminded the board of upcoming City events, City Manager Kid Fish on March 7, a trail ride on February 21, Beautify the Bayou on February 22, Houston- Galveston Area Council meeting to be hosted in La Marque March 11, and State of the Cities February 27, 2020.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Crowder adjourned the meeting at 11:38 am.

Ron Crowder, Chairman

Kierra K. Nance
Deputy City Clerk

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