



**LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2020**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDER OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ISSUED MARCH 16, 2020, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CONDUCTED THIS MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL OF LIMITING FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS (ALSO CALLED "SOCIAL DISTANCING") TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). THERE WAS NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE LOCATION AND A TOLL-FREE DIAL-IN NUMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TELEPHONIC MEETING WAS PROVIDED. THE PUBLIC WAS PERMITTED TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENTS TELEPHONICALLY AS PROVIDED BY THE AGENDA AND AS PERMITTED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER DURING THE MEETING.

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER
Board member Hocking called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:
Gene Smith, Secretary
Louis "Mac" McGaffey
Bobby Hocking

ABSENT:
Ron Crowder, Chairman
Deanie Barrett

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Special meeting of July 23, 2020

Board member McGaffey made a motion to approve minutes. Board member Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The financial report stood as submitted.

5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Discussion/possible action regarding a change of the EDC's regular meeting time

Discussion relating to moving meetings to the third Tuesday of the month at 10 am. No action was taken.

6. 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

****Board entered executive session at 9:08 am and reconvened at 9:18 am****

7. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Consider land acquisition and or sale
- b. Consider action to be taken regarding consultation with attorney

No action was taken.

8. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND COMMENTS

Board Member Hocking thanked Board Member Barrett for her service not only as a member of the board, but to the City as a whole.

Public Relations Specialist, Colleen Martin, announced the new billboard signage erected on I45 at Gulfway Plaza, that was purchased by the Economic Development Corporation to encourage retail traffic and local shopping during the current I45 expansion project as well as the approval of the development of a communication plan by City Council.

Economic Development Director also thanked Board Member Barrett for her service and expressed his regret at her absence for the meeting.

Board member Hocking thanked the Board for their continued prayers for his wife and gave a positive update on her progress.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Hocking adjourned the meeting at 9:20 am.


Bobby Hocking, Board Member


Alex Getty
Economic Development