

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
SANTA FE CITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA FE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
AUGUST 9, 2022 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Mayor Pittman.

Council Roll Call:	Present:	Mayor Bill Pittman Councilmember Brandon Noto, excused late arrival at 6:24 p.m. Councilmember Jason O'Brien Councilmember Melanie Collins Councilmember John Dickerson
	Absent:	Councilmember Dana Marks, excused
EDC Roll Call:	Present:	Director Matt Crable Director Ashley Carner, excused late arrival at 6:28 p.m. Director Bob Wylie Director Robert Bracknell Director Gregg Vicknair
	Absent:	President Fidencio Leija, Jr., excused Director Blu Baillio, excused

Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation's budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, discussion regarding the budget process, and discussion of items contained or to be contained in the budget

Finance Director Rudy Zepeda presented the current draft of the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation's budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Council and the EDC board discussed the EDC's legal representation, noting that the current EDC Attorney will soon no longer represent the Corporation. Acting City Manager/City Secretary Alun Thomas informed those present that the City's current City Attorney, Charles Zech, is well-versed in EDC law and formerly represented Dickinson's EDC. Following the discussion, it was the consensus of those present that the City should issue a Request for Qualifications for legal services.

Next, the \$20,000,000 Gateway assisted living project was discussed. The developer for the project has requested substantial financial assistance from the City of Santa Fe for the City's 2023-2024 fiscal year to help extend water and sewer lines to the development. Mayor Pittman said that the developer, who had initially proposed an assisted living center with a gasoline station and separate retail space, now thinks that the gasoline station may no longer be part of the development plan. EDC Director Wylie said that he would like to know the actual cost of the water and sewer line extensions before agreeing to help fund the improvements. It was the consensus of those present to not take action on or make a commitment regarding the request until the final cost is known.

Mayor Pittman expressed his desire for the City and EDC to co-fund a new EDC Director/Grants position to help the City move forward. Those present discussed how much time that person would need to devote to each endeavor, and how the payment for benefits would be handled. The consensus of Council and the EDC board was that the position's work would be split evenly between the EDC and grants and that the City should be the entity covering the additional costs of the future employee's benefits. Mr. Zepeda gave a brief overview of the budget amendment process, which would be needed should the position later be approved for staffing.

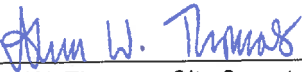
The meeting concluded with a brief discussion of upcoming developments and their potential impacts on next year's budget.

Motion by EDC Director Grable to adjourn. The motion passed and the joint meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



BILL PITTMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary