

SANTA FE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DATE: February 28, 2023, AT 7:00 PM
SANTA FE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Fidencio Leija, Jr.

2. **Roll Call:** Present: Fidencio Leija, Jr., President
Rudy Zepeda, Executive Director
Greg Vicknair, Director
Tamra Loftin, Director
Bob Wylie, Director

Absent: Matt Crable, Vice President, excused
Ashley Carner, Secretary/Treasurer, excused
Robert Bracknell, Director, excused

3. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation offered by Mr. Bob Wylie and pledge was led by Fidencio Leija.

4. **Citizens' Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

5. **Reports & Presentations:**

a. **Approval of Board Minutes from January 31, 2023 Joint Meeting with the City Council and the January 31, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Motion Bob Wylie to accept the minutes as presented and was second by Tamra Loftin. The minutes of the January 31, 2023, Joint Meeting with the City Council were approved as presented.

The minutes of the January 31, 2023, Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

b. **FM1764 Project Status Report**

Mr. Matting gave the latest engineering report. The project itself has been completed, but the final clean-up is estimated to be finished by mid-April. No action taken.

c. **Current Budget Update & Financial Statements**

Economic Development Director Rudy Zepeda gave a current budget and financial statement overview.

\$168,357.00 Revenue

\$145,112.00 Expenses

\$23,245.00 Net

Total fund balance \$3,100,000.00

d. Sales Tax Report February 2023 for December sales collections

Economic Development Director Rudy Zepeda gave a sales tax overview for December's sales collections.

The collections showed an increase of 9.5%, which is 9.3% over current budget for year - approximately \$80,000.00; however, that amount is projected to decrease to \$40,000.00 by the end of the year.

e. Current Economic Development Status Report

Economic Development Director Rudy Zepeda provided a report created by Chief Building Official Ray Burgess that outlined detailed information and statuses on all of the current projects within the city.

Mr. Burgess provided an update on the status of Whataburger, stating that they had entered into a signed agreement with HEB. He added that Whataburger had changed architects and would need to restart the permit process with the City.

6. Business

a. Presentation by David Mosberg of Hubcap Grill

Mr. Mosberg was not in attendance. Greg Vicknair motioned to postpone until next meeting, Bob Wylie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Presentation by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. on the status of the Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Santa Fe

Mike Shelton, Planning Engineer from Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., presented the status of the Future Land Use Plan. He stated that there is a recent draft that is currently being reviewed and should be finalized within the next month. He spoke about infrastructure (water, wastewater, and drainage), housing, and the anticipated impact of the Grand Parkway on the City.

c. Question and Answer Session with the Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 1 regarding funding request by Santa Fe Fire and Rescue for assistance with purchasing a ladder truck

Economic Development Director Rudy Zepeda informed the board that the ESD attorney, who will be representing the ESD board, requested that they postpone this discussion until the March meeting to allow the ESD board time to meet one more time before bringing their request to the EDC.

No action was taken.

d. Discussion on the funding request by the City of Santa Fe's Community Service Department

Chief Building Official Ray Burgess elaborated on the importance of blight removal to help promote businesses and asked for funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 per year for two years (FY23 and FY24). Greg Vicknair proposed an amendment to offer \$100,000.00 (after

attorney opinion and subsequent Council approval) for FY23 for removal of substandard structures, then revisiting funding requests for FY24 at a later date.

Motion Bob Wylie

Second by Greg Vicknair

Passed unanimously.

e. **Discussion and possible action on the possible purchase of Berringer-Tully Field with Dr. Bott of the Santa Fe Independent School District**

Dr. Kevin Bott with SFISD discussed the possible purchase of Berringer-Tully Field and the possible availability of the privately-owned adjacent property. Mike Shelton, Planning Engineer with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. went over the potential uses for the land and the logistical aspects of various options. He recommended bringing in his associates, Landscape Architect for Park Design Christina Malek and John Fielder, who specializes in skate parks, to also provide their input at future meetings. Motion to continue discussion at the next meeting offered by Greg Vicknair, seconded by Tamra Loftin. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Citizens' Comments**

Crystal Hosier informed the board that there is a piece of property that is for sale at the intersection of FM 1764 and Avenue J that she believes would make an ideal location for a park.

Motion by Tamra Loftin to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

ATTEST:



Fidencio Leija, Jr., President



Rudy Zepeda, Executive Director