

**SANTA FE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 2020 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 p.m. by Fidencio Leija, Jr.

2. Roll Call:       Fidencio Leija, Jr.  
                          Matt Crable  
                          Ashley Carner  
                          Robert Bracknell  
                          Greg Vicknair  
                          Bob Wylie  
                          Blu Baillio  
                          Joe Dickson, Ex-Officio, ABSENT  
                          Chris Nichols, Attorney  
                          Jason Tabor, Mayor  
                          Stacey Baker, Director, ABSENT

3. The invocation was given by Jason Tabor and the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Chris Nichols.

4. Citizens Comments and recommendations:

Mrs. Liz Chapman introduced herself and advised she will be starting the Santa Fe Times News. Mayor Jason Tabor thanked the board for the town hall meeting and presentation.

5. Reports:

a. Presentation and approval of minutes: January 14, 2020

A motion was made by Bob Wylie and seconded by Matt Crable to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Report from EDC Attorney

Chris Nichols advised the board that his office reviewed the website and is requesting minor changes and the Eminent Domain Comptroller Report was submitted. This is a report that must be submitted yearly and was never done. This rule was established in 2015. The Eminent Domain report is due February 1 of every year. The Comptroller's EDC Annual Report will be due April 1, 2020.

## 6. Business

### a. Discussion and possible action: Review and approve ballot language, proposition, and ordinance to expand the use of sales tax funds for Type B EDC's for the election scheduled May 2020 and authorize staff to present it to City Council for approval

Fidencio Leija, Jr. advised the election could cost up to \$20,000. This amount will fluctuate as other entities join the election. City Council did approve the next step of the election process at the last council meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding who would pay for the cost of the election. The Mayor advised the City will pay for the election. Chris Nichols advised EDC's funds are tied and cannot pay for the election per current bylaws. Chris Nichols drew up the necessary ballot language, proposition, and ordinance to provide to City Council for approval. He advised a lot of the language is pulled out of state statute. Chris Nichols advised that the draft provided to the board was already reviewed by the City's attorney. He also advised that the last line of the proposition does say there will not be a raise in sales tax. Matt Crable advised he has been asked why we want to move forward now and people are concerned with the costs. He also was told that people don't agree with the same people serving on all the boards. He feels that this will need to be discussed at the next town hall meeting. Fidencio advised he advised people that we don't want the proposition to get lost in a large election and this will help us develop a future comprehensive plan. He also advised he does not want to lose the energy of the board. Chris Nichols advised he believes we are on the right path to open up the bylaws. He advised that if the proposition does not pass, we will not lose anything. He explained to the board about what the EDC can get out of expanding its use of sales tax. Fidencio advised another town hall meeting was definitely needed. Ashley Carner agreed because she was getting similar questions. Bob Wylie and Jason Tabor advised that we need to elaborate at the next town hall meeting on future needs of the city. Chris Nichols advised two readings needed to be done by City Council. The board advised they wanted the sentence regarding the tax rate not increasing at the top of the proposition and the last sentence. The Mayor advised he will call a special meeting to get the two readings done.

A motion was made by Matt Crable to revise the ballot language, proposition, and ordinance to specifically address not increasing the sales tax in more than one place, and to present the item to City Council for consideration subject to revisions. The motion was seconded by Ashley Carner and passed unanimously.

### b. Discussion and possible action: Scheduling of future town hall meetings:

There was a brief discussion regarding locations to hold town hall meetings. Day Spring Church was discussed as a location. April was discussed for the next town hall meeting. They also discussed partnering with the Chamber on promoting the expansion and meeting. Fidencio advised he will invite Kimly-Horn again to do a presentation. Chris Nichols advised that EDC money could not be used to fund the promotion of the proposition.

A motion was made by Greg Vicknair to schedule the next town hall meeting April 7, 2020, at 5:30 pm pending availability at Day Spring Church and partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Robert Bracknell and passed unanimously.

c. Discussion and possible action: Review and approve a new logo design:The board briefly discussed a logo design plan but really cannot move forward until the bylaws are opened up. It was decided to table the matter.

The motion was made by Matt Crable to table this matter. The motion was seconded by Bob Wylie and passed unanimously.

d. Discussion and possible action: Training for EDC:

Fidencio advised that the next conference was the first of February the hotel is all booked up. There is a conference in November in Bastrop. There will be additional conferences. We need to frequently check TML and TEDC for availability and schedule the conference as they become available.


A motion was made by Blu Baillio to attend the November conference in Bastrop and additional conferences as they become available. The motion was seconded by Matt Crable and passed unanimously.

7. Citizens comments regarding today's agenda

Liz Chapman, 4506 Holloway Rd, advised she has friends interested in attending future meetings. Mayor Jason Tabor wished the board good luck on the future of the EDC.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Matt Crable and seconded by Ashley Carner to adjourn at 8: 21 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

  
Fidencio Leija, Jr., President

ATTEST:

  
Stacey Baker, Administrative Services Director