

Waller Economic Development Corporation

Meeting Minutes

1/10/2022

I. Call to order

Chuck Scianna called the January Meeting of the **WEDC** to order at 3:02 p.m. on 1/10/2022. In attendance via Zoom: John Isom, Elizabeth Dominguez, Bill Fendley, Royce Rape, Chuck Scianna, Anthony Edmonds, Maryann Carl, Gene Schmidt and Rhonda Plata.

II. Open issues

A. Minutes from the 12/13/21 meeting – Bill’s last name was correctly spelled, Bill moved and Royce provided the Second to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

B. Financials transfer of 49,919.86, Money Market 1.1 million and CD 2.9 million. Royce questioned the 2400.00 which was the lot clean up. Royce made the motion to accept the Financials as presented, Bill made the second. The motion passed with a positive vote.

C. Bill made the motion to recommend Chuck and Elizabeth to serve another term. Royce made the second and the motion passed with a positive vote.

D. Beacon Hill ramp should happen mid to late 2023. They are ready to request phase 2 incentive and are asking confirmation that while providing a link to TxDot’s plans for the ramp that they have acted in good faith in meeting the EDC criteria. Once there has been an approval for the contract, the EDC Board has no objection to agreeing that they have met the criteria. If a written document is needed the document needs to state what the obligation and results that have been met.

E. John was asked by the Mayor if the EDC would purchase the parking lot across from Location Six. Terry English the current landlord has objected to the Location Six employees, customers and food trucks parking there. Anthony stated that it does not make sense to have rules as to who can use the lot if tax money is used to purchase it. Bill said he sees the purchase as an asset for food trucks and festivals. Elizabeth asked if the City could provide a parking policy should the lot be purchased. John will ask a broker to anonymously inquire about purchase price and interest in selling. Elizabeth inquired if Finishes had parking plans included in their plans for revamping downtown. Gene stated that parking would be behind their buildings.

F. Finishes, Etc. has purchased most of the West end of Main Street and will begin rehabbing.

G. ESD meeting moved to 1/24 due to COVID.

H. Broadband - All Fiber Optics (part of Finishes Etc.) – draft proposal done in a meeting with City staff.

Next Meeting: 2/14/2022 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m. Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Plata

Minutes approved by:

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