

MONTGOMERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES
September 18, 2017

Present were: Kirk Jones, Amy Brown, Bill Hanover, Cheryl Fox, Randy Moravec and Bob Kerr. John Champagne was absent. Also present were, Shannan Reid, Chris Roznovsky, Katherine Ferry and Jack Yates

Call to Order - President Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Open Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2017 -- it was noted in the public hearing paragraph that the word "in" should be changed to "and". Motion by Hanover, seconded by Jones to approve the minutes as corrected. All in favor.

Monthly Financial Report (August, 2017) -- Randy Moravec noted that this sales tax is being transferred quarterly, he would prefer it be transferred monthly so that the MEDC could make the most interest on its money, motion by Moravec, seconded by Kerr to improve the financial report for the month of August as presented. All in favor.

Internship Program Guidelines -- It was discussed that under the Project Scope for item 4 and item 5 that both of those sections be amended. Item 4 will read "Employer will determine the compensation for the intern". Item 5 will read, "The MEDC will contribute 50% of the payment to the internship to a maximum of \$2500.". Motion by Moravec, seconded by Kerr to improve the Internship Program Guidelines as modified. All in favor.

Pizza Shack request for funding of sign – John Simmons -- Jack Yates noted that the request had come in late Friday morning and that he felt bound to place it on the agenda, although Mr. Simmons has not filled out an application, nor given a specific amount of his request. Motion by Kerr, seconded by Fox to table the request. All in favor.

Consideration of amending the corporation's mission, goals, and objectives statement -- Randy Moravec proposed amending section 2 of the Mission and Goals Statement of the MEDC by adding. Item 2D to read as follows: "to quantify the progress of economic development efforts, the MEDC will report to the Montgomery City Council, no less frequently than once per calendar quarter, economic development activities and the estimated number and types of jobs brought into or retained by those activities." Mr. Moravec said that he was proposing this partially based upon the City Council discussion at its September 12 meeting regarding effectiveness of MEDC activities regarding economic development. The discussion then evolved into the issue of "primary jobs" and its relevance to marketing to retail businesses. Jack said he saw economic development of the city as a

global effort, involving practically all city funds, with no single person being responsible and that the possibility of a quarterly report of jobs created would be worthwhile.

Mr. Moravec said to the report is the responsibility of the Board to perform and present the report to the City Council, the Board agreed.

Motion by Moravec, seconded by Fox to add Section 2D, as presented, to the MEDC Mission and Goals Statement. All in favor.

Economic Development Report – Shannan Reid presented that she was going to be working with Navasota and Magnolia for a development presentation. Shannon then gave a brief presentation regarding the basics of economic development.

Jack Yates then gave a brief report regarding TxDOT/149 saying that much of the issues regarding parking had been tentatively worked out with TxDOT, and that he and TxDOT would be meeting again on October 13, Jack then reported that the downtown parking lot project had not been completed before Wine Festival and that he expected the job to be completed by early October. He then gave a brief report regarding Home Focus projects of Distirx and the website redesign.

Chris Roznovsky gave a brief development report regarding projects throughout the city. Chris said that he would begin to write out a formal report for the MEDC meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Montgomery Economic Development Corporation reserves the right to discuss any of the items listed specifically under this heading or for any items listed above in executive closed session as permitted by law including if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071(consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property), 551.073 (deliberation regarding gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberation regarding security devices), and 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations) of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

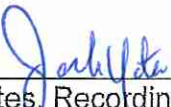
President Jones announced that the Board will convene at 7:15 p.m. into Closed Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in the following:
a. 551.072) (deliberation regarding real property).

Convene into Open Session at 7:38 p.m.

POSSIBLE ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Consideration and possible action resulting from the item(s) listed under Executive Session. -- There was no action by the Board.

Adjournment -- Motion by Moravec seconded by Hanover to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.



Jack Yates, Recording Secretary

