

The Cleveland Economic Development Corporation met for their monthly meeting on May 21, 2018, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 907 E. Houston, Cleveland, Texas with Board President Brad Browder presiding due to Memorial Day holiday following on regular scheduled meeting date.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Board President Brad Browder, Boardmember Marilyn Clay, Boardmember Fred Terrell, Boardmember Robert Reynolds, J. Rice, Consultant, City Secretary Angela Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Boardmember Alfred Anderson, Boardmember Kelly Jenkel-Axton, Boardmember Carolyn McWaters

VISITORS PRESENT: Jim Bloss, Matt Bloss, Rod Hainey, Bobby Pennington, Jim Carson

Board President Browder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated there was a quorum. Boardmembers Anderson, Jenkel-Axton and McWaters were absent.

1. Invocation, Pledge and Roll Call.

J. Rice gave the invocation and Board Vice President Fred Terrell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag and to the Texas flag.

2. Approve minutes from April 23, 2018 Meeting

Boardmember Clay made a motion to approve the April 23, 2018 minutes with a second from Boardmember Terrell. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

3. Review and approve financial statements for April 2018.

The financial statements were presented to the boardmembers by Assistant City Manager/ Finance Director Bobby Pennington for review and approval. Financials look good however the professional services line item is higher due to legal services. Some of those items may need to be reallocated to capital projects line item.

Boardmember Reynolds made a motion to approve the April 2018 financial statements with a second from Boardmember Clay. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

4. Review and approve bill payments

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Pennington presented for approval to the Board the monthly bill payments.

City of Cleveland	\$ 600.00
Public Management	\$ 2,030.00
Sam Houston Electric	\$ 270.96
Cleveland ISD Educational Foundation	\$ 5,474.87
ARCIT	\$ 395.00
Precision Lawns	\$ 4,010.00
City of Cleveland	\$ 1,739.66
HR Green	\$16,403.55
Sam Houston Electric	\$ 451.70
TOTAL	\$31,375.74

An updated EDC check list was provided to the board members at the meeting. It included the Cleveland ISD Educational Foundation check. Question about the HR Green invoice – it is for engineering services for the drainage project. Mr. Pennington stated he is currently doing the proposed budget and things look good for next year. J. Rice reminded the board that the county is also trying to get allotted funds for projects and hope to know by end of calendar year if the county receives funds for projects.

Boardmember Terrell made a motion to approve bill payments as presented with a second from Boardmember Clay. All members present voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

5. Review and approve the quarterly investment report for period ending March 31, 2018.

Boardmember Clay made a motion to approve quarterly investment report as presented by Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Pennington with a second from Boardmember Reynolds.

6. Review and approve members to attend the TEDC’s 2018 Mid-Year Conference in Galveston, TX on June 13-15, 2018

Boardmember Clay and Reynolds stated they would like to attend.

Boardmember Terrell made a motion to approve members Clay & Reynolds to attend the TEDC’s 2018 Mid-Year Conference with a second from Boardmember Reynolds. All members present voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

7. Review and approve members to attend the ARCIT Regional Conference in San Antonio, TX on October 1-3, 2018

City Secretary Smith stated that Boardmember McWaters had contacted her to state she would like to attend this conference but would not be able to make the meeting and asked if she would let the group know. There was some discussion that since there were missing members to table this item till next month so that everyone had a chance to participate.

Boardmember Reynolds made a motion to table this item until June meeting with a second from Boardmember Clay. All members present voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

8. Hear summary monthly business prospect report

J. Rice commented that the report hasn’t changed much. The Whitson item is completed.

9. Public Comments

Jim Carson presented the Chamber update.

10. Reports and comments from Directors and staff

None

11. Adjourn

There being no further business to transpire, Boardmember Reynolds moved that the meeting be adjourned, with a second from Boardmember Terrell. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m. All members present voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of June 2018.

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Brad Browder
Board President

ATTEST:

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Angela Smith, City Secretary