



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

Corpus Christi B Corporation - Type B

Monday, August 30, 2021

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

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The mission of the Business & Jobs Development (Type A) and B Corporations is to promote and enhance the City of Corpus Christi's economic base by supporting projects and programs that create primary jobs, improve small business and affordable housing opportunities, and improve infrastructure in our City.

A. President Scott Harris to call the meeting to order.

President Scott Harris called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

B. Call Roll:

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum of the Board was present to conduct the meeting.

Present 7 - President Scott Harris, Board Member Leah Pagan Olivarri, Secretary Diana Summers, Vice-President Robert Tamez, Board Member Lee Trujillo, Board Member John Valls, and Board Member Alan Wilson

Absent 1 - Council Liaison Michael Hunter

C. PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Harris referred to Public Comment. There were no comments from the public.

D. MINUTES / EXCUSE ABSENCES: NONE

E. FINANCIAL REPORT: None

F. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: NONE

G. AGENDA ITEMS:

H. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. [21-0695](#) Public hearing and possible action authorizing a Corpus Christi B Corporation (Type B) business incentive agreement with Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 for the Lone Star Unmanned Aircraft Systems Center and amending the FY 2022 budget to appropriate \$1,103,000 for the first year of funding.

President Harris referred to item 1. President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (CCREDC) Iain Vasey said the purpose of this item is for the Type B Corporation to enter into a business incentive agreement with Texas A&M University Corpus Christi for the Unmanned Aircraft System Center project in the amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 and amending the FY2022 budget to appropriate the \$1,103,000.00 for the first year of funding.

President Harris opened the public hearing.

President and Chief Executive Officer of Texas A&M University Dr. Kelly Miller spoke in support of the Lone Star Unmanned Aircraft System Center (LSUASC) project and presented the following: funding and investments; job creation; current areas of research and expertise; project partners; educating the workforce and student participation; working with the CCREDC; future opportunity; benefits of the request; beyond visual line of sight study; new personnel; economic impacts; second mission control center; Operation center support -Thales; support for centers with drone related activities; office of economic development and industry partnership; innovation in Port studies; center of innovation in emergency management; awarded State funding for Lone Star Unmanned Aircraft System Emergency Management; Investment in downtown building; estimated staff and guest in downtown building; and the timeline for the project.

President Harris closed the public hearing.

Board Members and Dr. Miller discussed the following topics: funding timeline for year 1 starts in 2022; whether the university will develop a graduate program related to the Unmanned Aircraft System; and if the university is exploring other partnerships.

Mr. Valls made a motion to approve item 1, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and passed unanimously.

2. [21-1193](#) Motion approving seven small business assistance agreements, one with LiftFund, Inc., one with Service Corps of Retired Executives, one with Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi, and four with Del Mar College, in a total amount not to exceed \$701,800, amending the FY 2021-2022 budget previously approved by the Board, and appropriating the funds.

President Harris referred to item 2. Senior Management Analyst Randy Almaguer said the purpose of this item is to approve seven small business assistance agreements with LiftFundInc., Service Corps of Retired Executives, Texas A&M University and Del Mar College in a total amount not to exceed \$701,800 amending the FY2021-2022 budget

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previously approved by the Board and appropriating the fund.

President Harris opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public.

President Harris closed the public hearing.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve item 1, seconded by Mr. Valls, and passed unanimously.

I. PRESENTATION ITEMS: NONE

J. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

President Harris referred to the Executive Director comments. City Manager Peter Zaroni had no comments.

Ms. Olivarri expressed her condolences on the sudden passing of Public Works Director Richard Martinez.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Harris adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.