



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation

Monday, June 15, 2020

2:30 PM

City Council Chambers

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The mission of the Business & Job 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 2:30 p.m.

B. Call Roll and Excuse Absences:

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

NOTE: Board Members Leah Olivarri and Lee Trujillo participated by video conference.

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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D. MINUTES

1. [20-0696](#) Approval of Minutes of the Type A Board April 20, 2020 and May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- President Harris referred to item 1. Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Tamez, and passed unanimously.

E. FINANCIAL REPORT

2. [20-0672](#) Type A Financial Reports as of April 30, 2020
- President Harris referred to Item 2. Director of Financial Services Heather Hurlbert presented the financial reports as of April 30, 2020.
- A board member requested a breakdown of the Seawall Fund.

F. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: (None)

G. AGENDA ITEMS: (None)

H. PRESENTATION ITEMS:

3. [20-0694](#) Presentation of the Proposed FY 20-21 Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation Budget

President Harris referred to Item 3. Director of Finance and Business Analysis Eddie Houlihan presented the FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget for the Seawall Fund 1120, Seawall Improvement Debt Service Fund 1121, Arena Facility Fund 1130, Arena Improvement Debt Service Fund 1131 and Business & Job Development Fund 1140.

American Bank Center General Manager Matt Blasy said they had renovation plans to expand the concourse area on the second floor of the American Bank Center. He said that would enhance the corporate sponsors and premium suite holders as well as open up more concourse space for the general public. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic he decided to scale back the renovations and focus on the basic improvements. He submitted a revised proposal from the original request of \$2.4 million to \$300,000.

Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds said there are 27 potential projects that have been submitted for Type A to consider. He said there is no time for the vetting process but did make an allowance to be able to start any of those projects the board wishes to adopt. The Sea District water feature was advertised and open for bid in April; however no bids were received. Fulton Construction did submit a friendly bid which was \$9 million and was rounded up to \$10 million to account for additional costs.

Board Members, Mr. Houlihan, Mr. Blasy and Mr. Edmonds discussed the following items: whether the original budget for the American Bank Center (ABC) is possible to fund; ABC having its own basketball court; possible future renovations for the Rotunda room; reason for administrative fees in the budget; ask staff to suggest alternative ideas for the water gardens due to the high cost to repair/replace; splitting the Shoreline Water Feature and the Water Garden into two separate projects; and whether the City Council is in favor of pursuing the Water Garden project.

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

President Harris referred to Executive Directors Comments. City Manager Peter Zaroni said there were no comments.

J. IDENTIFY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Harris referred to Future Agenda Items. City Manager Peter Zaroni said they will present the budget in July for adoption.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Harris adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

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