



Meeting Minutes

Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation - Type
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Monday, August 30, 2021

1:30 PM

City Council Chambers

Special Meeting

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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 1:33 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: 6 - President Scott Harris, Board Member Leah Pagan Olivarri, Secretary Diana Summers, Vice-President Robert Tamez, Board Member Lee Trujillo and Board Member Alan Wilson

Absent: 1 - Board Member John Valls

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

D. MINUTES/ EXCUSED ABSENCES: NONE

E. FINANCIAL REPORT: None

F. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: NONE

G. AGENDA ITEMS:

1. [21-1191](#) Motion amending the FY 2021-22 Type A Budget, previously approved by the Board, to reallocate \$701,800 from seven small business agreements to Whataburger Field upgrades.

President Harris referred to Item 1. Senior Management Analyst Randy Almaguer said the purposed item would amend the previously approved FY 2021-22 Type A Budget. This amendment would cancel seven Small Business Assistance Program contracts for a total amount of \$701,800 and reallocate the budgeted funds to Whataburger Field for modifications required by Major League Baseball (MLB).

There were no questions from the board.

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

H. **PRESENTATION ITEMS:**

2. [21-1204](#) Whataburger Field Capital Improvements Presentation.

President Harris referred to item 2. Assistant City Manager Neiman Young stated a shift in management at Major League Baseball (MLB) created new standards for minor league baseball facilities. The MLB created a tiered grade scale that requires facilities to achieve specific scores over a 3-year term. Whataburger Field has met some of the base measurements of the new grading scale; however, more investment is needed to bring the Corpus Christi Hooks into compliance. Staff is requesting the Type A Board to approve funding not to exceed \$1,076,000.00 for improvements to Whataburger Field and recommends shifting the Small Business Projects contracts totaling \$701,800.00 from Type A budget to Type B budget for funding. Once the FY21 Small Business Projects contracts close out, staff anticipates another \$200,000 to \$250,000 to be available for the project.

Corpus Christi Hooks General Manager Brady Ballard presented the following: City Capex Summary; facility standards grading rubric; and compliance requirements which include: home club facilities, visiting club facilities, female staff facilities and playing field lighting.

Board Members and Mr. Ballard discussed the following topics: how the scoring is measured and when the MLB will complete the inspections.

I. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

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

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Harris adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.