

Minutes
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
APRIL 9, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: 11:11 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Patrick Scherden	Robert Marrufo
Florencio Lopez	
Hector Quijada	
Ben LaForge	
Robert Fernandez	

Others present:

Jerene Watson, Interim City Manager

David Carranza, City of Douglas

Alma Andrade, City of Douglas

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jerene Watson and David Carranza provided a brief explanation on the Two-Port Solution and Economic Development in the Douglas community.

Jerene Watson commented on the cross economic study assessment regarding the two port solution meeting and also on the importance of infrastructure in the community, as well as the Area Sector Analysis Program.

Ben LaForge inquired on the forecast for HURF.

Jerene Watson mentioned that Government may veto to return funds to municipalities which they have swept for twelve years, but if that happens our funds can increase.

David Carranza commented that a lot of monies comes into the community from Mexican shoppers and that the city needed to keep those dollars in the community.

Ben LaForge commented that the port of entry is not staffed well and that they always have two lanes closed. It has been good for people that have a sentry card but for those who do not have one, they have to wait in line for hours and that prevents from Mexican shoppers to come to Douglas.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL MATTERS AND LAND

Not an action item, no action taken.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 9, 2019

Motion by Florencio Lopez, second by Ben LaForge to approve the meeting minutes for January 9, 2019. Motion passed.

6. DISCUSSION/DECISION (FOLLOW UP) ON U OF A DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS

Florencio Lopez commented that the Chase building was sold and that the project was postpone until further communication.

Patrick Scherden added that he and Hector Quijada viewed the Rivera building and it could take up to \$500,000 to bring building into a working establishment. Building has not been taken care of.

7. UPDATE ON THE DOUGLAS HISTORIAL WALK PROJECT

Patrick Scherden commented that no checks have been in the mail as they are working on such project.

Florencio Lopez stated that it was a channel for funds but IDA has not received anything yet.

8. FUNDING FOR THE ARIZONA-MEXICO COMMISSION REGISTRATION AND LODGING IN JUNE 2019 FOR THE IDA PRESIDENT.

Motion by Robert Fernandez, second by Ben LaForge for funding approval for the AMC summit for the IDA President. Motion passed.

9. DISCUSSION/DECISION ON THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE IDA AND THE DOUGLAS REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN REFERENCE TO THE TWO PORT SOLUTIONS.

Motion by Florencio Lopez, second by Hector Quijada to approve the partnership between the IDA and the Douglas Regional Economic Development Corporation for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, a donation in the amount of \$15,000 for their needs that might arise throughout the year. Motion passed.

10. DISCUSSION/DECISION IN REFERENCE TO THE 45 ACRES OF LAND AT THE END OF JAMES RANCH ROAD OWNED BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Florencio Lopez commented that IDA needed to identify land and description and possibly have at a future meeting for discussion.

11. DISCUSSION/DECISION IN REFERENCE TO THE ORTEGA LOAN.

Florencio Lopez commented that last payment received from Pioneer Title on the personal loan to the Ortega's was on October 10, 2018 with a balance of \$22,137.59. Additionally, Florencio Lopez added that he reached to each member of the Ortega family on the matter.

Motion by Hector Quijada, second Ben LaForge to go to Pioneer Title to send a letter to Ortega's for payment in full due upon payment in 30 days and if not, IDA would be seek to take property back. Motion passed.

Hector Quijada inquired on who was paying the taxes on the building.

Florencio Lopez responded that they needed to wait three years before they could add a lien to the building.

Robert Fernandez commented that a business could be there not charge them with the idea for them to be up to date with the building's taxes.

12. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

May 7, 2019

13. ADJOURNMENT: 1:18 p.m.

Meeting adjourn unanimously at 1:18 p.m.

Prepared by Alma Andrade, Deputy City Clerk.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Alma Andrade', is written over the end of the text 'Prepared by Alma Andrade, Deputy City Clerk.'