

**Minutes**  
**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**JUNE 11, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 11:08 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Patrick Scherden	Robert Marrufo (Resigned/Retired)
Florencio Lopez	
Hector Quijada	
Robert Fernandez	
Ben LaForge	

Others present:

Emilio Durazo, Golf Course  
Anel Lopez, Gadsden Hotel  
Jennifer Smith, City of Douglas  
David Carranza, City of Douglas

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Emilio Durazo (Tachi) commented as a member of the Municipal Property Corporation regarding funding for the Golf Course and to update the RV Park.

Robert Fernandez inquire on what the golf course needed if money was not the option. Mr. Durazo commented that irrigation system and some equipment would be something that the golf course could update right away.

Robert Fernandez additionally asked if there was enough water at the golf course to support it. Luis Pedroza responded that the golf course has enough water.

Robert Fernandez mentioned that the Naco golf course closed so there was a perfect opportunity for the Douglas golf course to take over.

David Carranza asked Mr. Durazo is the irrigation system requested was the regular sprinkler system. Mr. Durazo responded that they have the control system in which programs to water the golf.

Hector Quijada inquired if there was a specific amount needed by the MPC.

Mr. Durazo will submit proposals.

4. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF THE IDA TREASURER'S REPORT

Florencio Lopez provided background information regarding the treasurer's report and added that monies were moved to Washington federal to get a better interest rate on maturity date and was able to lock in rate to 2.13% from a .032%. Moreover, mentioned other CDs balance and rates.

Florencio Lopez also mentioned the checks were received from Precept and Zodiac, total of \$7,600 dollars.

As a final statement, Florencio Lopez commented that Mr. Oscar Vildosola would like to present to IDA on final payment for the warehouse.

Hector Quijada inquired on the balance that Mr. Vildosola's owes on the warehouse. Florencio Lopez responded that it was almost \$50,000.

Motion by Ben LaForge, second by Hector Quijada to approve Treasurer's report. Motion Passed.

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Not an action item – no action taken.

**6. DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON THE ORTEGA BUILDING**

Florencio Lopez provided background information on procedure to start on foreclosure. IDA has an interested party on the building. IDA hold off on executing documentation. Ortega's will sold to interested party, then IDA would collect from Ortega's remaining loan monies.

Patrick Scherden commented that the total payout was \$24,859.95 to include all fees.

**7. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST BY ANEL LOPEZ FROM THE GADSDEN HOTEL**

Anel Lopez provided background information regarding the Gadsden Hotel and the request of grand funds.

Robert Fernandez stated that the proposal was incorrect and stated that it was too low.

Hector Quijada mentioned that he went up a little bit on the proposal and double it to \$60,000 which he think it was fair.

Robert Fernandez added that he would like to see a presentation later on with the rest of the hotel's project and that the loan would be at a low interest rate as the Gadsden Hotel is the heart beat of Downtown and Douglas.

Anel Lopez commented that customer service is the number one key and that her staff is doing great, but there was always room for improvement.

Motion by Hector Quijada, second by Robert Fernandez to approve the grant request of \$60,000. Motion passed.

For the record Florencio Lopez did not vote.

**8. DISCUSSION/DECISION ON THE CITY OF DOUGLAS REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE BASKETBALL COURT AND SUMMER PROGRAMS.**

Jennifer Smith provided background information regarding the city's funding request.

Hector Quijada inquired if the proposal included salaries. Jennifer Smith responded that it did not.

Hector Quijada additionally asked if the city was going to pay for half of the cost or if the proposal included all funds request from IDA. Jennifer Smith responded that the city was requesting the full amount.

Luis Pedroza added that the city was going to put installation and labor cost.

Patrick Scherden inquired if the proposed project would be a capital outlay project. Luis Pedroza responded that yes it would be a capital outlay project.

Patrick Scherden additionally inquired if said project was included in the upcoming budget. Luis Pedroza stated that it was not.

Florencio Lopez commented that even if this project comes to fruition, then if the city doesn't have staff to maintain it, then the whole upgrade would deteriorate due to non-sealant or maintenance. If the city does not have anyone to take responsibility to come back and to preventative maintenance, proper sealing, proper care, all the money would only last for one year.

Florencio Lopez added that the same thing happened with the Airport Park as nobody takes care for it. Jennifer Smith added that people were using it for practice, but not for games as they don't have a concession stand or storage.

Hector Quijada commented that it would be a good project for stores on this project, but IDA could not fund a city property project.

Jennifer Smith commented that the city reached out to the Phoenix Suns, pending response.

Patrick Scherden suggested to Jennifer Smith to contact McDonalds for them to put together a lunch meal for kids and get back to IDA with prices.

Motion by Ben LaForge, second by Florencio Lopez to approve \$10,000 grant to the City of Douglas for the Summer Youth Program. Motion passed.

**9. DISCUSSION/DECISION ON THE CITY OF DOUGLAS FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR AN ITEM ON THE 2019/2020 CITY BUDGET TO AVOID BIG DEFICIT FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR.**

No action taken as it was handled at a previous meeting.

**10. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

To be determined.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Prepared by Alma Andrade, Deputy City Clerk. 

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