



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND

The Development Corporation of Richmond convened in a regular meeting open to the public and pursuant to notice thereof duly given in accordance with Section 501.072, Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, in Richmond City Hall Annex within said City on November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Directors in attendance included the following:

President - Vacant	Vice President, Joe Bonham
Secretary, Verge Greenwood - <b>Absent</b>	Treasurer, Vacant
Terry Gaul	Becky Haas
Kit Jones	William B. Morefield, III
Nancie Rain - <b>Absent</b>	Terri Vela – City Manager
City Attorney – Gary Smith	Executive Director – Jerry Jones
City Secretary – Laura Scarlato	

Vice President Bonham proceeded to call the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. via video conference pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.125, as amended, and as modified by the temporary suspension of various provisions thereof effective March 16, 2020, by the Governor of Texas in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, all as related to the Governor's proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying that the COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent threat of disaster and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas. All members of the public may participate in the meeting via video conference call.

There was a quorum present.

Agenda item A2, Oath of Office given to new Board Members. City Secretary Laura Scarlato led the oath for newly elected Becky Haas, and appointed Kit Jones (replaced Robert Haas), and Terry Gaul (Appointed Pro Tem to replace Carl Drozd) and William Morefield (reappointed).

Agenda item A3 was introduced for public comments. There were no individuals signed up to speak therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A4, to review and consider taking action on the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 13, 2020. Vice President Bonham asked for changes or discussion regarding the minutes and there were no suggestions or changes. Director Becky Haas made the motion to approve the minutes for the October 13, 2020 meeting. Director Morefield seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A5, Introduction of Jerry Jones, Economic Development Director. City Manager Vela introduced Mr. Jones stating he came from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was welcomed by the Board as he stated he is very excited to be at the City of Richmond.

Vice President Bonham asked for a review of the Financial Reports through October 13, 2020. City Manager Vela introduced Finance Director Justin Alderete to review the Financials. Finance Director Alderete provided an overall explanation of the Financial Reports for the new and current Board Members. At this time, the DCR finances are stable which is due to the way the City is comprised. Director Gaul inquired about the sales tax allocation percentages and there was a brief discussion. There was no action required therefore, the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A7, Consider and take action on recommendations for future agenda items. City Manager Vela requested the election of Development Corporation Officers be on the agenda for the next meeting. Director Gaul made the motion to approve the request for agenda item with Director Becky Haas seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve. City Manager Vela also stated that former Director Robert Haas requested at a prior meeting to have a report of the status of all of the Development Corporation Projects.

Vice President Bonham announced the board would adjourn to Executive Session at 6:27 p.m., as authorized by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.087 Economic Development Negotiations

The Board reconvened at 6:53 p.m.

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Development Corporation of Richmond, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Joe Bonham, Vice President

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Scarlato, City Secretary