



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND

The Development Corporation of Richmond and the City Commission convened in a joint 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 Morton Masonic Lodge #72 on May 25, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Directors in attendance included the following:

President, Joe Bonham  
Secretary, Nancie Rain  
Becky Haas  
William B. Morefield, III  
Gary Smith, City Attorney  
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Vice President, Kit Jones  
Treasurer, Terry Gaul  
Tim Jeffcoat - Absent  
Terri Vela, City Manager  
Jerry Jones, Economic Development Director "ED"

## PRESENT

### City Commission

Mayor Becky Haas  
Barry Beard – Position 2  
Alex BeMent – Position 4

Terry Gaul – Position 1  
Carl Drozd – Position 3  
Howard Christian – Assistant  
City Manager

Economic Development Director Jerry Jones introduced the speaker and welcomed everyone to the Economic Development 101 Presentation.

Betty Russo, Community Relations Specialist – East Texas who is with Texas Economic Development from the office of Governor Abbott provided the material.

There was open conversation between all attendees regarding the information that was being shared and where economic development is headed in the future for Richmond and in general. It was noted to keep it "simple" for the developer as to Code Enforcement and Permitting to remain developer friendly. There were exchanges of ideas and discussions about the downtown area. The three main steps for Economic Development are Product Development, Target Industry Analysis and Marketing.

Dallas Schurr, a real estate agent with CB&A Realtors addressed the attendees with additional information.

The workshop ended approximately 1:00 p.m. but was not formally adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
Joe Bonham, President

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Scarlato, City Secretary