



The City of Liberty
Liberty Community Development
Corporation

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Meeting

April Gilliland
City Secretary
936-336-3684

~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order on March 19, 2024 in the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston Street, Liberty, Texas at 6:00 p.m. by President Barbara Norwood.

A.

ATTENDEE NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE	ARRIVED
President Barbara Norwood	X			
Vice-President Michael Dorsett Jr.	X			
Secretary Kathrine McCarty	X			
Board Member Mark Campbell			X	6:04 P.M.
Board Member Dan VanDeventer	X			
Board Member Marsha LaFour		X		
Board Member Betty Runkle	X			

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / CITIZENS FORUM

Citizen Forum is reserved for members of the public who would like to address the LCDC Board regarding agenda and non-agenda items. Please be aware that, under Texas Law, the Board may not deliberate or take any action during citizens' comments for items not on the agenda. In some situations, City Staff may be able to respond to the public comment with a factual statement or clarification. The LCDC Board of Directors may have the item placed on a future agenda for action or refer the item to Management and Staff for study or conclusion.

President Norwood welcomed guests and visitors in attendance, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the board. Mr. Michael Templeton, Commercial Realtor, discussed with the LCDC Board about extending the wastewater line to the properties for sale on Royal Street.

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

- A. General Manager's Report - General Manager - Tom Warner, Topics include Business Facade Grant Program, Economic Development Agreements, Projects, Permits, Golf Course, Airport, US 90 Median Trees, Faux Real Trade Days, Jubilee and Trinity River Authority.**

City Manager Tom Warner reported on the following updates:

- Business Facade Grant Program
- Economic development agreements
- Projects
- Permits
- Golf Course
- Airport
- US 90 Median Trees
- Faux Real Trade Days
- Jubilee
- Trinity River Authority

B. Finance Report

Assistant City Manager / CFO Naomi Herrington reported on the LCDC financials as of January 31, 2024.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

All consent items listed are considered to be routine by the Liberty Community Development Corporation and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board Member so requests, and if such a request is made, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

A motion was made by Board Secretary Kathrine McCarty to approve all items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Board Member Betty Runkle. The motion passed 6 to 0.

A. Minutes Approval

1. February 20, 2024

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Hold a public hearing regarding the possible expenditure of funds.

At 6:14 p.m., President Norwood opened the Public Hearing regarding the expenditure of funds per Section 505.159 of the Local Government Code requires Type B Corporations to hold at least one public hearing prior to the expenditure of funds for projects. The administration recommends holding a public hearing regarding the possible expenditure of funds for the following projects:

1. Fireworks for July 3, 2024

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m. with no public comments made.

2. Consider approving an expenditure of \$21,000 for the July 3, 2024 fireworks show.

The City has contracted with Pyro Shows of Fort Worth to provide the annual fireworks display. This year's display will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Pyro Shows has been providing fireworks displays since 2019. The cost of the display this year is \$21,000, which is \$5,000 more than last year.

During the February 27, 2024, City Council Meeting, this item was presented to the City Council for approval. City Council directed staff to present the firework agreement and payment to LCDC for consideration. This request for LCDC to fund the July 3rd fireworks show was to relieve pressure on the general fund and due to the size of LCDC's fund balance.

The fireworks show was previously funded by Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds. State law no longer allows fireworks to be paid for by HOT funds.

A motion was made by Vice President Michael Dorsett to approve the expenditure of \$21,000 for the July 3, 2024, fireworks show. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dan VanDeventer. The motion passed 6 to 0.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, President Norwood adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Barbara Norwood, President

ATTEST:

Kathrine McCarty, Board Secretary