



# LIBERTY HILL EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY – July 12, 2021 – 5:00 PM**

**Location: Liberty Hill Municipal Court**

**2801 Ranch Road 1869 - Liberty Hill, TX 78642**

**John Johnston - President**

**Eric Bailey – Director**

**Michael Helbing– Director**

***Vacancy – Director***

**John Clark – Vice President**

**Jamie Etzkorn – Director**

**Adrienne Hughes – Director**

## CALL TO ORDER

Johnny Johnston, LHEDC Board President called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM at 2801 Ranch Road 1869 in Liberty Hill, Texas. Invocation was given, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

## EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRESENT:

Johnny Johnston, John Clark, Eric Bailey, Adrienne Hughes, Jamie Etzkorn, and Matt Powell.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Secretary, Nancy Sawyer read comments from Kathy Canady. Ms. Canady would like to be considered as a candidate to be on the board.

## BOARD OPENING COMMENTS

None.

## TREASURER’S REPORT

Eric Bailey, Treasurer, stated sales tax looks good.

## CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by John Clark and second by Jamie Etzkorn, the directors approved the following items, with one correction.

- MINUTES OF APRIL 8-9, 2021, WORKSHOP.
- MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2021, MEETING.
- MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2021, MEETING.
- MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2021, MEETING.

**Motion passed on vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.**

## REGULAR SESSION

### UPDATE ON SALES TAX.

Matt Powell stated sales tax continues to rise, with a 25.96% increase.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BICKERSTAFF HEATH DELGADO AND ACOSTA LLP FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES.

Jamie Etzkorn presented stating she feels it is important for the EDC to retain their own legal counsel. She believes Mr. Cobby Caputo will be a good fit. Mr. Caputo served on Cedar Park's EDC for three years and was working economic development law when he first got out of law school.

Ms. Etzkorn did ask that on page 24 under Governing Law, the County be amended to show Williamson. On motion by Johnny Johnston and second by Jamie Etzkorn, the EDC authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado and Acosta LLP for general legal services.

**Motion passed on vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT ATTENDEES TO THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Following discussion, Jamie Etzkorn, Eric Bailey, and Matt Powell asked to attend.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADDING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO THE CLASSIC BANK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT.

JOHNNY JOHNSTON STATED HE THINKS THIS IS A GOOD IDEA.

On motion by Adrienne Hughes and second Michael Helbing, the EDC approved adding the Executive Director to the Classic Bank Economic Development Account.

Motion passed on vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstention.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENT TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Demetrice Gonzalez addressed the board providing information about herself.

Tiffany Stillwell spoke as well about herself.

Tim Anderson provided information about himself; as did Mac Marsh.

## CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The EDC board was convened to Executive Session by Johnny Johnston at 5:51 PM to discuss items as follow:

### Section 551.087 Economic Development

Update on the following projects:

- Cutis
- W2
- Silver
- Fore

### Section 551.074 Personnel

Consideration and possible action to make appointment to the Economic Development Corporation.

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

The EDC board was reconvened to Regular Session by Johnny Johnston at 6:24 PM.

On motion by John Clark and second by Jamie Etzkorn, the EDC board recommends to Council the appointment of Demetrice Gonzalez to fill a vacancy on the board.

Motion passed on vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

7/28/2021 Special Workshop with City Council

8/18/2021 Regular EDC meeting

**BOARD CLOSING COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Adrienne Hughes and second by Jamie Etzkorn, the EDC Board meeting was adjourned.

**Motion passed on vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.**

PASSED AND APPROVED on October 20, 2021, by the Liberty Hill Economic Development Corporation Board of Director on vote of 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, and 0 ABSTENTIONS.



Nancy Sawyer

City Secretary

LHEDC Board of Directors