



MINUTES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION September 21, 2009

The Community Development Corporation of the City of Forest Hill met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gosey presiding. The following Council Members, Citizen Members and officials were present: Mayor James Gosey, Mayor Pro Tem Mustafa Sami, Council Member Lyndia Thomas, Council Member Gerald Joubert, Citizen Member Sonja Coleman-Norwood (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), City Manager David Miller, City Secretary Debra Maness, Economic Development and Community Relations Director Venus Wehle, Fire Chief Pat Ekiss and Finance Director Clifford Blackwell, III. Citizen Members Carl Holmes and Ruby McEwing – absent.

A. Opening Agenda:

1. Call to order

With a quorum present, Mayor James Gosey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Invocation

Invocation was delivered by Council Member Gerald Joubert.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to Flags

Pledge to the United States and Texas flags were recited.

B. Consent Agenda.

4. Consider minutes of August 17, 2009 regular meeting.

Council Member Joubert made motion to approve the minutes with the following correction; Item 4, page 1; Council Member Joubert voted aye to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Thomas; which **passed** as follows:

Ayes: Council Members Thomas, Joubert, Mayor Pro Tem Sami and Mayor Gosey

Nays: None

Absent: Citizen Members Holmes, McEwing and Norwood

C. Discussion Items:

Mayor Pro Tem Sami made the motion to discuss Item #6 at this time. Seconded by Council Member Joubert; which **passed** as follows:

Ayes: Citizen Member Norwood, Council Members Thomas, Joubert, Mayor Pro Tem Sami and Mayor Gosey

Nays: None

Absent: Citizen Members Holmes and McEwing

6. Discuss and consider funding ISO (Insurance Services Offices) Study. (Pat Ekiss, Fire Chief)

Fire Chief, Pat Ekiss led the discussion on this item. He explained that lowering (improving) the ISO rating has proven to be a valuable economic development tool for all communities. An improved ISO rating saves the citizens of our community money and assists in attracting both commercial and residential development. The Fire Chief also stated that Mike Pietsch, P.E. Consulting Services has no competitors; there is no one else who does what he does.

Council Joubert questioned the need to do this study now.

Mayor Pro Tem Sami made the motion to approve the funding for the ISO study. Seconded by Council Member Thomas; which **passed** as follows:

Ayes: Citizen Member Norwood, Council Members Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem Sami

Nays: Council Member Joubert and Mayor Gosey

Absent: Citizen Members Holmes and McEwing

5. Discuss and consider issuance of Sales Tax Bond to purchase Chase Bank Building. (Clifford Blackwell, Finance Director)

Finance Director, Clifford Blackwell led the discussion and explained the process that would need to be followed for the Board to issue a Sales Tax Bond.

Council Member Joubert made the motion that staff proceed with the necessary steps for the Community Development Corporation to issue a Sales Tax Bond. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sami, which **passed** as follows:

Ayes: Citizen Member Norwood, Council Member Joubert, Mayor Pro Tem Sami and Mayor Gosey

Nays: Council Member Thomas

Absent: Citizen Members Holmes and McEwing

7. Discuss current fiscal year budget.

Clifford Blackwell, Finance Director discussed the financial report for period ending August 31, 2009.

No action was taken on this item.

D. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Community Development Corporation adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Debra W. Maness, City Secretary

James Gosey, Mayor