
September 12, 2022 / 5:58 pm | Meeting called to order by President Rob Vensel

In Attendance

Rob Vensel, Rhonda Dugas, Paul Oliver, Mark McAdams, Mike Melancon, Sidney Badon

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the EDC meeting of August 1, 2022. Motion made by Mr. McAdams and seconded by Mr. Badon to approve the minutes of the last EDC meeting August 1, 2022. All voted aye

Citizen Comments

None

Reports

EDC director gave a report on Las Rosas Mexican restaurant under remodel on 39th street. Movement was slow but moving no time line to report on completion.

Mr. Sosa reported the increase in monthly July, August and September rebate sales tax of 16.5%, 16.5% and 10.5% respectively and the overall strength of sales tax in the city. The EDC portion of sales tax rebate for September was \$65,337 Mr. Sosa also reported on EDC expenditures not associated with any reimbursement grants. There were none. There were no EDC grant expenditures in August.

EDC Business

Item VII motion made by Mr. McAdams and seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve a grant reimbursement application for Pitt Side bar B Q in the amount of \$658.00 Outside awning cover for patrons. Mr. Badon asked about the rule of the grant reimbursement item staying with the property. Mr. Sosa explained that it was not a hard-fast rule but a goal that the EDC tried f to meet. In some cases, such as lighting and cameras it may not always be possible. All voted Aye.

Item VIII motion made by Ms. Dugas and seconded by Mr. McAdams for grant reimbursement for Danceworks 4201 Lincoln Ave. outside signage in the amount of \$800.00 All voted aye.

EDC member comments

Ms. Dugas reported that she had met the owner of Ivey Portraits and they were taking pictures for the Pecan Festival pageant. Mr. Melancon reported that the owner of the

Mexican restaurant was using the same construction crews on his Port Neches and Groves locations and that may be why the pace on completion was so slow.

Reports requested on Renaissance Hospital and report on enforcement efforts by city on Harris building. Mr. Sosa said he would get with Don and Adam to see where the city was on those enforcement issues. Mr. Sosa stated that taking Mr. Harris to court was not a good solution as the court would assess a fine but the problem would still exist. Mr. Sosa stated that he would look for an abatement solution and place the cost as a lien on the property.

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Meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm