



FORNEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
101 EAST MAIN STREET
FORNEY, TEXAS 75126
NOVEMBER 1, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

The Forney Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) of the City of Forney met on November 1, 2018 in the 2nd floor conference room of City Hall. President Joe Dan McBeth, Vice President & Treasurer Scott Burrus, Secretary Kym Tayamen, and Directors Jessica Browning, Fred Alexander, and Amanda Lewis were present. Executive Director Warren Kettelman, Specialist Stewart McGregor, and Administrative Assistant Mary Wilson were also present. Director DeCarlo Coleman was absent.

1. **Call to Order** at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Invocation** By Mr. McGregor.
3. **Public Communication**

There was no public communication.

4. **Minutes & Reports**

- a. Approval of the FEDC Minutes – October 11, 2018 Regular Meeting and October 13, 2018 EDC Board Retreat

Mr. Burrus made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Tayamen seconded and the vote carried unanimously.

- b. **Financial Report**

Director Kettelman explained that due to the meeting being moved to an earlier date the financial report was not complete. An updated financial report will be available at the next regular meeting of the Board.

- c. **Executive Director's Report**

Director Kettelman gave the Executive Director's Report. A few noteworthy items:

- Panera Bread announced its newest location in Forney.
- The EDC's Forney Industry Retention Meeting (FIRM) was a success, with a full house and new attendees. The EDC received good feedback.
- EDC visited Eastfield College and Forney High School to tour their career training facilities.
- Discussed the status of the easements for the downtown entry signs.
- Mr. McBeth gave a recap of the Downtown Parking meeting.

5. **Discussion/Action Items**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding an EDC Demolition Grant Program.

This item concerns a downtown Demolition Grant which is a targeted effort focused on revitalizing and redeveloping downtown Forney. The purpose is to encourage property owners of vacant, underutilized and /or condemned residential/commercial properties within the downtown areas to have the opportunity to demolish their property for intended future commercial use.

Director Kettelman explained that the grant program's purpose was to offer reimbursement of up to 50% of the total cost of demolition, not to exceed \$5,000. Specialist McGregor explained the EDC identified the commercial zoning corridor within the downtown area. Many properties within that area are currently utilized as residential which is a non-conforming use.

There was a discussion regarding expanding the grant program beyond the downtown corridor to include the rest of the City. To focus, but not limit the program to only the downtown area. Direction was given by the Board to Director Ketteman to rewrite the grant application and guidelines. The Board discussed the grant amount being raised to \$20,000 and to move the funds. Ms. Browning made a motion to move the funds and make changes to the grant. Mr. Burrus seconded a and the vote carried unanimously.

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding economic development negotiations with current prospects.

No action was taken on this item.

6. Discussion/Action Items

- a. The Forney EDC will hold a closed Executive Session meeting pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in: -§ 551.072 deliberations for the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property and/or -§ 551.087 deliberations regarding commercial or financial information that the EDC has received from a business prospect and/or deliberation regarding the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. (Related to Sections 6.a.) Also Section -§ 551.071, consultation with attorney.

Mr. Burrus made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Ms. Lewis seconded and the vote carried unanimously. The time was 7:01 p.m.

- b. The Forney EDC will reconvene into Regular Session, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to take any action regarding the above items.

Mr. Alexander made a motion to enter back into Regular Session. My Tayamen seconded and the vote carried unanimously. The time was 7:44 p.m.

At this time, Mr. McBeth turned to item 5.b.

7. Future Agenda Items

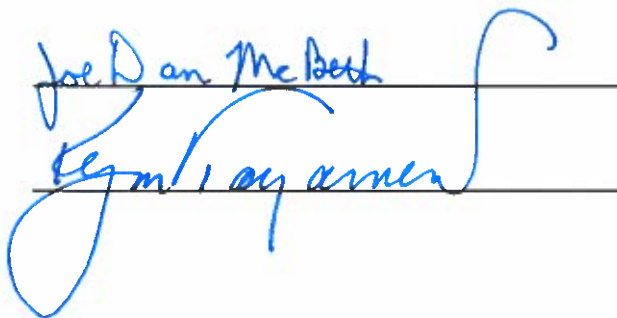
There were no future agenda items.

8. Adjournment

Adjournment by unanimous consent at 7:46 p.m. on motion by Ms. Browning and seconded by Mr. Alexander.

APPROVED: JOE DAN MCBETH, PRESIDENT

APPROVED: KYM TAYAMEN, SECRETARY
DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2018



Handwritten signatures in blue ink over horizontal lines. The top signature reads "Joe Dan McBeth" and the bottom signature reads "Kym Tayamen".