

**MINUTES**  
**FLORESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MAY 11TH, 2020 6:00 PM**  
**FLORESVILLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**1120 D Street, Floresville, Texas 78114**

***DURING SUCH MEETING, ALL SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES CURRENTLY ORDERED BY THE CITY, COUNTY AND STATE ORDERS WILL BE STRICTLY APPLIED AND ENFORCED.***

**Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm, by Daniel Tejada, President.**

**Establish Quorum:** Daniel Tejada, David Del Bosque, Jacob Gaona, Randy Bruett, Ray Lambert, Ben Reed, Henrietta Turner, Sylvia Rodriguez

**Members Absent:** Liana Martinez, Roy Idrach, Charlotte Ximenez-Nelson

**Guests:** Councilwoman Gloria Cantu, Councilwoman Gloria Martinez, Councilwoman Jade Jimenez, Victor Rodriguez

**Invocation by Henrietta Turner**

**Recited U.S. Pledge of Allegiance & Texas Pledge by all in attendance**

**Citizen Comments: None**

**1. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. C&A to approve meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting held on April 30th, 2020. Board of Director (BOD) Del Bosque indicated that there was a correction that needed to be made to the minutes, "Facade grant total amount in the budget was \$50,000 current spending \$75,000." Ray Lamberth made a motion to approve with the correction made.

**MOTION BY:** Ray Lamberth, **SECONDED BY:** David Del Bosque

**COMMENTS:** None

**Vote: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 2**

<u>B.O.D. Names</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Daniel Tejada	X			
Jacob Gaona	X			
Roy Idrach				X
Randy Bruett	X			
Ray Lamberth	X			
Liana Martinez				X
David Del Bosque	X			

## 2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

a. Financial Overview of April 2020

Treasurer: Roy Idrach

BOD Roy Idrach was absent so FEDC Executive Director Ben Reed made the presentation and financial report.

## 3. NEW BUSINESS

a. C&A to discuss implementation of the Covid-19 Economic Recovery Small Business Program.  
Executive Dir.: Ben Reed

Ben Reed, Executive Director made the presentation and reviewed the documents presented.

Mr. Reed further explained the proposed application, the documents which would be required, and what would be required for the businesses to submit in order to be considered.

The BOD's discussed the overview as presented and requested that the following be added to this document: Deadline to Apply and when award of grant will occur; First-Come, First-Serve Basis; BOD's further requested that applications be time stamped; and that EDC issue a certificate to Business to outline the Award given and not the amount.

The BOD's further discussed that on the documented entitled Eligibility & Qualifications: that the following correction be made: "The applicant must present a copy of a W-9."

BOD's directed that under Non-Qualifying Business that daycares, and national chain eateries, and 501c3 be added to indicate they do not qualify. BOD's further discussed that FEDC BOD's would be the committee to decide who or what business will qualify.

Ray Lamberth made a motion to approve.

**MOTION BY:** Ray Lamberth, **SECONDED BY:** Randy Bruett

**Citizens Comments:** Councilwoman Gloria Cantu asked if this is separate from Congressman Henry Cuellars' programs?

Councilwoman Gloria Martinez asked if budget is \$60,000 for small businesses, who determines amounts to be awarded?

**Vote: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 2**

<u>B.O.D. Names</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Daniel Tejada	X			
Jacob Gaona	X			
Roy Idrach				X
Randy Bruett	X			
Ray Lamberth	X			
Liana Martinez				X
David Del Bosque	X			

b. C&A to discuss budget amendments for current fiscal year. Executive Dir.: Ben Reed

Ben Reed made a presentation regarding this issue to the FEDC BOD and informed them of the amount requested in the amount of \$99,350 to cover the Facade granite, personnel and Covid-19. BOD Del Bosque made a motion to approve reallocation of funds as requested.

**MOTION BY:** David Del Bosque, **SECONDED BY:** Randy Bruett

**COMMENTS:** None

**Vote:** For: 5 Against: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 2

<u>B.O.D. Names</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Daniel Tejada	X			
Jacob Gaona	X			
Roy Idrach				X
Randy Bruett	X			
Ray Lamberth	X			
Liana Martinez				X
David Del Bosque	X			

c. C&A to discuss the Floresville Peanut Festival Association Sponsorship request.

Executive Dir.: Ben Reed

Executive Director Ben Reed made the presentation regarding this item and in his presentation requested that the FEDC BOD table this item to ascertain what the Floresville City Council was going to award. Ray Lamberth made a motion to table this item.

**MOTION BY:** Ray Lamberth, **SECONDED BY:** David Del Bosque

**COMMENTS:** Councilwoman Gloria Cantu inquired about the Billboard cost.

**Vote: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 2**

<b><u>B.O.D. Names</u></b>	<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Against</u></b>	<b><u>Abstain</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
<b>Daniel Tejada</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Jacob Gaona</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Roy Idrach</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Randy Bruett</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Ray Lamberth</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Liana Martinez</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>David Del Bosque</b>	<b>X</b>			

d. C&A to approve SLP Contractors, Inc. to complete the sidewalk lighting and related improvements project as previously determined by the board to be required or suitable for infrastructure necessary to promote or develop new or expand business enterprises.  
Executive Dir.: Ben Reed

BOD President Daniel Tejada read into the record the portion that indicates that the BOD may go into executive session to discuss this item. FEDC Attorney Sylvia Rodriguez indicated that this did not fit into one of the exceptions that allows a Board to go into executive session and that this matter would have to be held in open session.

BOD President Daniel Tejada read the City Charter to the Section XII Construction Project Requirements 12.01 Projects for Approval: "All new construction projects over \$25,000 entered into by the city or the 4A and 4B corporations of the city must be competitively bid. Before the council can consider a project, the backup documents for the project presented to the city Council must include professional architectural/engineered drawings, the specifications and costs of the project, and the draft of the advertisement for bid that will be published for the project. In the cases of competitive bid projects, state law requirements shall be followed. Construction projects entered by the city, whether competitively bid or not, must be approved by the City Council meeting."

Ben Reed FEDC Executive Director made the presentation and explained to the FEDC BOD that this item is not a "new project" that necessitated going out for bids, and that it was an allowable project. President Daniel Tejada indicated that the Charter indicated otherwise and he read the charter portion to the Board. Attorney Sylvia Rodriguez explained to the BOD that TML had given her a response that EDC did not have to go out for bids because EDC was not a political subdivision.

BOD David Del Bosque indicated that he believed that the BOD had entered into this project in good faith and even though he had some concerns regarding the construction, that this project needed to be completed. Mr. Reed ask BOD Del Bosque to please speak with the engineer and express his concerns.

BOD Randy Bruett asked Executive Director Ben Reed if this construction project was like a "change order" when building a home? Ben Reed explained that was exactly what this was.

BOD Jacob Gaona asked if the subcontractor that was being used was the same individual that had not completed other jobs with the City?

**David Del Bosque made a motion to proceed with the project; Randy Bruett seconded the motion.**

BOD President Tejada said "So the Motion is to ignore the Charter."

Attorney Sylvia Rodriguez, said no the "motion is approve to complete the sidewalk lighting and related improvements project as previously determined by the board to be required or suitable for infrastructure necessary to promote or develop new or expand business enterprises," and asked BOD Del Bosque if that was his motion? BOD Del Bosque indicated "yes". Likewise, BOD Randy Bruett was asked by Attorney Rodriguez if he seconded that motion? BOD Randy Bruett indicated "yes."

**MOTION BY: David Del Bosque, **SECONDED BY: Randy Bruett****

**COMMENTS:** Councilwoman Gloria Cantu inquired about the company that was completing this project? Further stated that this was the same individual that had not completed other City projects. Councilwoman ask if this item would go to the City Council for approval?

**Vote: For: 4 Against: 1 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 2**

<u>B.O.D. Names</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Daniel Tejada		X		
Jacob Gaona	X			
Roy Idrach				X
Randy Bruett	X			
Ray Lamberth	X			
Liana Martinez				X
David Del Bosque	X			

**4. DIRECTORS FORUM**

a. Retail Coach update.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

  
Benjamin T. Reed, FEDC Executive Director