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DANNY EARP, BOARD MEMBER
JOHNNY MORALES, BOARD MEMBER
SHELLEY FULLER, BOARD MEMBER

MINUTES OF LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2019

The City of La Porte Development Corporation Board met on Monday, March 25, 2019, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 5:00 p.m., with the following in attendance:

Board members present: Richard Warren, Nancy Ojeda, Chuck Engelken, Venessa Guerrero, Danny Earp, Johnny Morales, Shelley Fuller

Board members absent: None

Council-appointed officers present: Corby Alexander, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary; Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Warren called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **AUTHORIZATIONS**

(a) **Approve minutes of the La Porte Development Corporation Board meeting held on February 25, 2019 (Lee Woodward, City Secretary)**

Board member Engelken moved to approve the minutes; the motion was unanimously adopted, 7-0.

(b) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve \$100,000.00 to Gainstein Esquire LLC in accordance with incentive agreement for the development of Pipeline Grill restaurant at 10003 Spencer Highway. (Ryan Cramer, Economic Development Coordinator)**

Board member Engelken moved to approve \$100,000.00 to Gainstein Esquire LLC in accordance with incentive agreement for the development of Pipeline Grill restaurant at 10003 Spencer Highway; the motion was adopted unanimously, 7-0.

(c) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to grant Texas Snowbirds Daiquiris and Grill the sum of \$12,380.45 for a façade enhancement grant for building at 1602 West Main Street, to be remitted upon completion of the project. [Ryan Cramer, Economic Development Coordinator]**

Board member Ojeda moved to grant *Texas Snowbirds Daiquiris and Grill* the sum of \$12,380.55 (recommended amount on agenda item request) for a façade enhancement grant for the building at 1602 West Main Street, to be remitted upon completion of the project: following discussion, the motion was withdrawn without objection.

Board member Engelken moved to deny approving a grant to *Texas Snowbirds Daiquiris and Grill* for the sum of \$12,380.55 (recommended amount on agenda item request) for a façade enhancement grant for the building at 1602 West Main Street, to be remitted upon completion of the project; the motion was unanimously adopted, 7-0.

- (d) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve Project G, an incentive project in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 for new/expanded business enterprise at 1230 Independence Parkway. [Ryan Cramer, Economic Development Coordinator]**

Eric Geisler, EDFP, President of Economic Incentive Services, LLC, introduced Cindy Vargas, representative of INEOS, and both spoke concerning a potential styrene monomer development. Assistant City Attorney Askins noted the incentive agreement needs to be revised in writing and brought back to the board along with a mandatory public hearing and recommended April 8, although the board could approve the project tonight, if it chose.

Board member Earp moved to approve Project G for future consideration and for staff to proceed with the incentive agreement and public hearing: the motion was adopted unanimously, 7-0.

- (e) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to grant J.J. Meza the sum of \$5,417.74 for a façade enhancement grant for building in the 700 Block of West Main Street, to be remitted upon completion of the project. [Ryan Cramer, Economic Development Coordinator]**

Board member Ojeda moved to approve Part 2 of the enhancement grant and grant J. J. Meza the sum of \$3848.11 for a façade enhancement grant for building in the 700 Block of West Main Street, to be remitted upon completion of the project: the motion was adopted unanimously, 7-0.

3. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Without objection, the next meeting was set for April 22, 2019.

- 4. Board Comments - *Hear announcements concerning matters appearing on the agenda; items of community interest; and/or inquiries of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policy from the Committee members and City staff, for which no formal action will be discussed or taken.***

The Board asked for direction on policy to review.

- 5. ADJOURN – Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.**

Lee Woodward, City Secretary