

City of Rowlett
Economic Development Advisory Board

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

9:30 A.M.

Rowlett Chamber Building, 4418 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas 75088

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Drew Howard called the Rowlett Economic Development Advisory Board meeting to order at 9:34 am on May 17, 2016 in the Rowlett Chamber Building at 4418 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas. In attendance: Rick Sheffield, Tammy Dana-Bashian, Diane Lemmons, Elaine Richie, Barry Young, Kevin Lawson, Eva Hummel, Brian Funderburk, Jim Grabenhorst, Nathan Weber, Lola Isom.

The Board agreed to begin with Items 4, 6, and 7.

2. THE BOARD SHALL CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, §551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) TO DISCUSS COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND THE OFFER OF INCENTIVES TO BUSINESS PROSPECTS THAT THE CITY MAY SEEK TO HAVE LOCATE, STAY OR EXPAND IN ROWLETT AND WITH WHICH THE CITY IS CONDUCTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

The Board convened into Executive Session at 9:47 am.

The Board closed the Executive Session at 10:28 am.

3. TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

A motion was made by Member Kevin Lawson to recommend incentive approval El Centro Restaurant as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Barry Young. The motion carried.

4. CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 17, 2016 MEETING

A motion was made by Member Tammy Dana-Bashian to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Barry Young. The motion carried.

5. DISCUSSION ON JOINT WORK SESSION WITH CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 2, 2016

Chairman Drew Howard went over potential discussion points for the upcoming meeting.

There was discussion amongst the Board in regards to the addition of long term and short term goals for the Board, the upcoming Legislative Trip, business retention visit incentives, oversight of the North Shore Development website, NTCAR participation, Chamber Roundtables, and assistance with the update of the Comprehensive Plan (Realize Rowlett 2020).

6. RECEIVE CHAMBER/CHAMBER FOUNDATION UPDATE

Member Diane Lemmons, President of the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce, provided the Chamber of Commerce update. She reminded the Board that they would be conducting a survey of the entire business community and that they are currently working through writing the questions.

She mentioned that the Rebuild Rowlett fundraising was going well, discussed grants for signage, and said that participation was rather low this year for the Young Entrepreneurial Academy and the Chamber Stampede Event. She said that they would be looking into ways to improve both programs.

There was discussion amongst the Board regarding making donations to Rebuild Rowlett, the Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) involvement, and Vista Employee grant approval.

Ms. Lemmons stated that the Chamber of Commerce would be participating in the June 26, 2016 Thank You Event for all of the community support after the December 26, 2015 tornado.

7. RECEIVE GISD UPDATE

Member Larry Glick was not present to provide the GISD update.

There was discussion amongst the Board regarding a potential DART pilot program, bus service, and potential parking improvements.

8. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

There was discussion amongst the Board regarding the Avalanche Consulting presentation at City Council that evening, June 21, 2016. There was additional discussion regarding the Fourth of July Celebration in Rowlett.

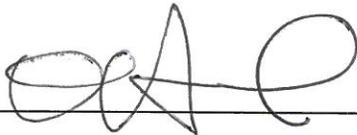
The Board discussed diversifying the tax base, attracting the right businesses for the community vision, and the live/work balance in Rowlett.

9. TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDA MEETINGS

No additional topics were requested.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Drew Howard at 11:15 A.M.



Drew Howard, Chairman



Jim Grabenhorst, Assigned City Staff



Date Approved