

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND

The Development Corporation of Richmond convened in a regular meeting open to the public and pursuant to notice thereof duly given in accordance with Section 51.96, Development Corporation Act, Vernon's Texas Codes, in Richmond City Hall Annex within said City on January 6, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Directors in attendance included the following:

Dave Scott	Glen Gilmore
Carl Drozd, Secretary	Carlos Garcia, Treasurer
Jesse Torres	Rob Tobias, Executive Director
President, Evalyn W. Moore Absent	Vice President, Joe Bonham Absent

Secretary, Carl Drozd opened the meeting at 4:31 and asked for any public comments. There were none, therefore the public comments were closed.

Secretary Drozd asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2014 regular meeting. Director Gilmore made a motion to approve the minutes and Director Scott seconded. All votes were "Aye" for approval of the minutes for November 12, 2014.

Secretary Drozd asked for a review of the Financial Reports through December 31, 2014. Director Gilmore inquired as to the extent of travel and training, and related expenses being at \$4,796 near 50% of the annual budget. City Manager, Terri Vela explained that line item also included other sponsorships and Chamber events, not just travel and training. There being no further questions or comments regarding the financial reports, they were accepted and no action was required.

The Public Hearing was opened for the extension of the water line along FM-762 to serve the emerging George Foundation commercial tract. Executive Director Rob Tobias noted that the water line extension would be from the edge of Del Webb Sweetgrass to the Love Tract. Sam Hopkins, a citizen, requested clarification as to what the Love Tract was. Director Scott explained that it was also known as the Attorney's house and was adjacent to the Shell station. There was also further clarification noting that MUD 207, encompassing the George Foundation tract, would cover the cost of the water line extension from the Love tract to the proposed project. There were no further questions or comments, therefore the Public Hearing was closed.

The next agenda item was to review, discuss and consider approving the contract for engineering and surveying services related to the water line extension along FM-762 to serve the George Foundation tract. The contract under discussion is between the City of Richmond and Kelly R. Kaluza & Associates, Inc. Director Scott motioned to approve the \$19,800 for the engineering and surveying services and Director Gilmore seconded the motion. Director Gilmore also motioned to approve the \$98,934 for the construction costs related to the water line extension along FM-762 and Director Garcia seconded the motion to approve. The votes were unanimous for both motions, approving a total expenditure of \$118,734. The agenda item was closed.

Secretary Drozd asked the board to review, discuss and consider approving up to \$2.5 million for design, engineering and construction of the overpass on 10th Street over the Union Pacific Rail Road mainline. Dale Conger and Mahmoud Salehi from Cobb Fendley were present to speak on behalf of the overpass project. There was a lengthy discussion between all the directors. City Manager Vela and Public Works Director Lenert Kurtz were also asked as to the alignment of the overpass and it's location, as well as who would be in control of the maintenance. Director Garcia requested to see pictures of the proposed project, but the only available visual was a schematic that was shared with the board. City Manager Vela clarified that the project had been previously approved under the 2013 Fort Bend County Mobility Bond and this amount was just for the proposed overpass that would enhance safety and

increase mobility from areas north of Highway 90. Director Gilmore motioned to approve the \$2.5 million for design, engineering and construction of the overpass on 10th street over Union Pacific mainline and Director Scott seconded the motion. There were 3 "ayes" to approve; Scott, Gilmore and Drozd. There were 2 "nays" to not to approve the 10th street overpass; Torres and Garcia.

The next agenda item to review, discuss and consider funding for the Fort Bend County Public Transportation circulation services contract was introduced by Secretary Drozd. Paulette Shelton was present to represent the Fort Bend County Public Transportation proposal. Ms. Shelton indicated that the county was responding to an expanding public need in Rosenberg and Richmond, as well as the movement of employees from the Travis Building to the Justice Center. Funding for this proposal are via a partnership between the Fort Bend County, City of Richmond, City of Rosenberg and The George Foundation, with each contributing \$83,725 to meet the demand and the proposed new routes. Director Garcia recommended that the County enhance the manner in which it is advertising its public transportation services to the community via bus signage and transit stops. Ms. Shelton answered that half the fleet have bus wraps and they are working on the other half. The ridership is based on a demand/response system. They carry 2 ½ riders per hour. They also operate a commuter park and ride to Harris County. At this point, they are denying 160 trips a day because of lack of capacity. There are a lot of senior citizens in our county that do not have transportation. Their plans are to convert two buses to a fixed route vs on-demand because it is equivalent to a taxi-cab service. When probed regarding what would happen if the City of Richmond did not support the transportation service, Ms. Shelton replied the other three partners would have to decide whether they would share the burden, hours would be reduced or the routes would be shortened. Director Scott made the motion and Director Gilmore seconded the motion to provide a maximum of \$75,000 in funding to the Fort Bend County Public Transportation circulator services without any reduction in services. There were five "ayes" to approve the \$75,000 funding.

The final agenda item was the Executive Director report. Mr. Tobias provided a brief recap of the report and noted that based upon a number of ongoing and emerging projects that 2015 would be the "year of announcements."

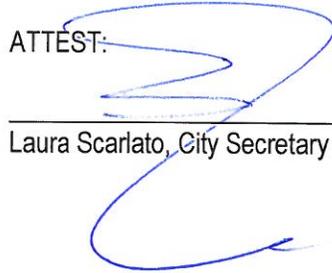
There being no further business to come before the Development Corporation of Richmond, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm. Director Gilmore made the motion and Director Scott seconded.

APPROVED:



Carl Drozd, Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary