



**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023 - 4:00 P.M.
SECOND FLOOR (CMO) CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm with the following members present:

**CHAIR SUSAN ASIMAKIS
VICE CHAIRMAN BLAISE GUZZETTA
COMMITTEE MEMBER JUDY WIGGINS
COMMITTEE MEMBER KYLE WINNE
COMMITTEE MEMBER DEREK BROWN
COUNCILMEMBER SALLY BRANSON
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER STEVEN RHEA
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUBREY HARBIN
SECRETARY KRISTINA CUELLAR**

ABSENT:

**COMMITTEE MEMBER PAULINE MOORE
COMMITTEE MEMBER ANDREA TRABANINO**

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parks and Recreation Director, James Toney introduced Tim May and Cristian Gonzalez with EHRA landscape Architecture Planning. Mr. May gave an update on the time line for the City Wide Parks and Trails Master Plan.

3. MINUTES

A Consider approving the minutes of the Community and Economic Development Committee Regular Meeting, held on October 4, 2023.

Motion to approve: Brown
Second: Winnie
Vote: 5/0 - Minutes Approved

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discuss the Community and Economic Development Committee economic development and business retention strategy.

Asimakis informed everyone that the Collaboration Meeting was held on October 5, 2023. She and Judy were in attendance, along with members from Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation, Friends of Downtown Friendswood Association, and the Chamber of Commerce Friendswood. Everyone at the meeting supported what had been accomplished, and the language used in the messaging points CDEC presented to them. There was a discussion and decision that the word “small” be removed from ‘Friendswood is a small community with a big heart and a strong backbone, longstanding traditions, active charitable and civic organizations, and an exceptional quality of place to live, work and play. The next step will be to put the action plan together and have the City Council review and provide feedback. Asimakis mentioned that a discovery trip to Conroe with members of FDFA has been confirmed for January 18, 2024.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Recess into and conduct an executive session pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

At 4:58 P.M., Chair Asimakis recessed and convened into an executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

At 5:35 P.M., Chair Asimakis reconvened Friendswood Community and economic Development Committee Special Meeting and announced that in accordance with Section 551.102 of the Texas Government Code, no action was taken in executive session.

6. ACTION ITEM RELATED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider making a recommendation to the City Council regarding a proposed offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

Asimakis motioned to postpone the consideration of making a recommendation to City Council until the December 6th meeting.

Second: Brown

Vote: 5/0 Approved

7. REPORTS

A. Received Staff Business Report.

Harbin Stated she would present the Business report for October at the next CDEC meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.