



KENEDY 4B CORPORATION MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY AUDITORIUM IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX 78119

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Richards, President
Cindy Saenz, Secretary
Felipe Leal, Vice President
Leslie Wynn, Treasurer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lajuana Kasprzyk, Director
Walter (Trey) Hill III, Investment Officer

CITY PRESENT:

William Linn City Manager
Judy Murphy, City Secretary

1. Call meeting to order and announce a quorum is present.

President Richards called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

2. Public comments.

No public comments.

3. Discussion and approval of the regular meeting minutes for May 23, 2022.

Motion: Felipe Leal made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for May 23, 2022. Leslie Wynn seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the May 2022 Financial Report.

Mr. Linn stated that the Texas State Comptroller notified the City of a taxpayer who previously remitted sales tax to the City and, upon an audit, was later deemed to have overpaid sales tax on some non-taxable items. The Comptroller is asking for a refund for approximately \$ 88,000.00. A monthly payback agreement for approximately \$7,300 was agreed upon. A proportionate share of this will be deducted from future 4B sales tax revenue on a monthly basis. The City manager will continue to gather more information and question the Comptroller about the situation.

Mr. Linn also stated that the convention center expenses for remodeling will be taking place soon. City council is expected to approve the contract in July of 2022. Mr. Wynn requested a copy of the proposed plans drawn up by the architect.

Motion: A motion was made by Felipe Leal and seconded by Cindy Saenz to approve the May financial statements. All present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

5. Discussion and possible action about the costs associated with repairing/paving walking trail at Joe Gulley Park.

An explanation, prepared by the city manager, of the project cost differences was included in the board packets. Mr. Wynn inquired about the life of the new walking trail and asked if concrete could have been used to shore up the edges to extend the life of the asphalt. Mr. Linn stated that would have been cost prohibitive and added that \$100,000 of budgeted funds from the convention center remodeling line item could be transferred to the walking trail paving line item and/or other budget items to cover the additional cost overrun.

Motion: A motion was made by Leslie Wynn and seconded by Felipe Leal to approve the cost of the walking trail by utilizing the additional budget available from the convention center remodeling project. All present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the bills for the month of June 2022.

A motion was made by Leslie Wynn and seconded by Cindy Saenz to approve paying the bills for the month of June 2022. All present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

7. Discussion and possible action to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

A motion was made by Felipe Leal and seconded by Leslie Wynn to amend the budget as follows:

- Complex Security Fence -Account #15-00-570.02 increase \$ 9,000
- Gulley Park Asphalt Walking Trail – Account # 15-00-580.12 increase \$ 91,000
- Other Capital Projects (Convention Center) -Account #15-00-584.00 decrease \$ 100,000

All present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

8. Discussion and possible action on the walking trail at the park on St. Mary's.

Mr. Linn said the project had been stalled until he clarified some items especially the location of the old water tower. Mr. Richards questioned how long the walking trail would be and how much was the estimated cost. Mr. Linn stated he had not requested any estimates yet and did not know the exact length of the proposed trail. Mrs. Saenz asked if there were any city-owned picnic tables that could be placed at the park. Mr. Linn said yes and also that the park director had some planters that could be utilized there as well. Mr. Wynn asked if there was any action that could be taken at this time and the answer was no, not at this time, but Mr. Linn could get the ball rolling on the project. Mr. Richards stated he would like to see cost estimates so the board could incorporate the figure in the budget workshop coming up in August.

9. Discussion and possible action for Kenedy 4B website information and design ideas for Drewa Designs.

The domain document has been signed by the mayor and submitted to Drewa Designs. Mr. Richards asked if EMSI was paid for the economic modeling agreement. The agreement and invoice have not been received by the City yet. Mr. Richards stated he plans to get a flash drive to download pictures to the new website.

10. Discussion and update about Texas Economic Development Council mid-year conference attended by Mr. Felipe Leal June 22-24.

Felipe Leal said the conference was very good and the information was valuable. He gave the board an update of the topics discussed at the conference. Some of the items discussed were as follows:

- Electric car charging stations will be a much-needed commodity
- An alliance with schools and technical trade institutions for technical trade training will be necessary for non-college bound students
- Workforce Services – schools will need to offer some support to companies after the basic training courses are offered
- Ex-Offender Program was discussed
- In today's inflationary times new homes being built are not affordable to the average person
- Political Action Committees that are focused on economic development are non-partisan and have an influence on legislators

Mr. Linn commented that an 8-bay charging station would cost in excess of \$300,000. The park would be a good location for one charging site to be located. Mr. Wynn stated that the technical training is very much needed in our community. One adverse issue in contractors hiring unskilled workers is the liability issue they assume.

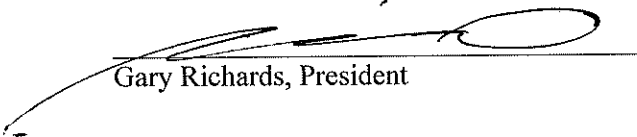
11. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

Mr. Richards said he will need to get with the city manager to discuss the potential location of charging stations at the city owned property on Craig St. and to discuss the convention center.

12. Adjourn.

Motion: Mr. Wynn made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Leal seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6.55 p.m.

APPROVED:


Gary Richards, President

ATTEST:


Judy Murphy, City Secretary