YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
January 9, 2006
Council Chambers – 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Margie McMullen. ......................... President
Anita R. Rodriguez. ......................... Vice-President
Allen Dieringer. ......................... Secretary
Tommy Barre. ......................... Director
Louis Boening ......................... Director
Tim Faulkner ......................... Director
Arthur Hermann III ......................... Director
Patrick J. Kennedy ......................... E/C Development Coordinator

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by President Margie McMullen at 12:00 PM. Motion was made by Arthur Hermann III with a second by Louis Boening to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2005 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A printed financial statement was presented by the City Finance Director Charlotte Morrow. Motion was made by Tim Faulkner with a second by Louis Boening to accept the financial statement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT McMullen called Agenda Item V, under New Business to be addressed. Item A. was to evaluate and rank proposals from the management/consulting firms for the Texas Capital Fund for the Eddy Packing Co. Inc. Project. Patrick J. Kennedy introduced the following firms that were present for their proposals:

1) Community Development Management Co., Inc. – Rudy Riuz
2) Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission – Rhonda Stastry & Danny R. Long

Item B. was to evaluate and rank proposals from engineering firms for the Texas Capital fund for the Eddy Packing Inc. Project. Kennedy introduced the following firms.

1) Southwest Engineers – William Bennett “Bill” Dryden, Jr.
2) TRC Texas Infrastructure – Paul S. Boedecker
3) G&W Engineers, Inc. – Dennis Masters

After review of the presentations by the participating management/consulting firms, motion was made by Arthur Hermann III to recommend Community Development Management Company, Inc. as the administrator on the Texas Capital Fund Eddy Packing, Inc. Project to the Yoakum City Council. Second was made by Annie Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.
After review of the presentations by the participating engineering firms, motion was made by Tommy Barre with a second by Louis Boening to recommend TRC Texas Infrastructure as the engineering firm on the Texas Capital Fund Eddy Packing, Inc. Project to the Yoakum City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, City Manager Calvin Cook gave an update on the Pershing Square Project. The sidewalk project was being completed at this date, completing Phase I of the project. Phase II would commence next week which entails removal of the asphalt and concrete streets for installation of storm and sewer drains along with new water lines.

Kennedy also gave a report on recognition process for Pershing Square. The City received a letter from a donor and Kennedy was to address concerns expressed in that letter.

Kennedy also reported that Circle Y, Inc. has not moved forward on their Texas Capital Fund application.

A report was presented by Kennedy on the restrooms in the Partnerships In Parks Program. Work has begun and could possibly be finished with the funds that are budgeted.

The final item under Old Business addressed by Kennedy was the Texas Yeal Rural Travel Guide Brochure. The brochure should be ready for distribution by the end of January.

Under New Business, a request was received from the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce to utilize land owned by the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation for the Land of Leather Festival. Motion was made by Tim Faulkner to allow the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce to utilize four (4) lots owned by the YEDC for the Land of Leather Days activities scheduled to be held the last weekend of February 2006. Second was made by Annie Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting was set for February 13, 2006 at a time to be announced.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Allen Dieringer, Secretary
REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 13, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT:  Margie McMullen.  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . President
          Anita R. Rodriguez.  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Vice-President
          Allen Dieringer.  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Secretary
          Tommy Barre.  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Director
          Louis Boening  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Director
          Tim Faulkner . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Director
          Arthur Hermann III  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Director
          Patrick J. Kennedy.  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . E/C Development Coordinator

ABSENT:  None

The meeting was called to order by President Margie McMullen at 12:00 PM. Motion was made by Arthur Hermann III with a second by Louis Boening to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2006 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A printed financial statement was presented by the City Finance Director Charlotte Morrow. Motion was made by Tommy Barre with a second by Annie Rodriguez to accept the financial statement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, City Manager Calvin Cook gave an update on the Pershing Square Project. Phase II of the project has begun with removal of asphalt on affected area of West Grand and half of the removal of concrete from Front Street to Lott Street. This removal will enable the storm sewer, sanitary sewer and electrical to be installed. The Contractor experienced problems with elevation of the storm sewer on Front Street.

Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy reported on the Pershing Square acknowledgments.

Kennedy reported that all aspects of the Texas Capital Fund application for the Eddy Packing Co. Inc. project are in progress and that a letter had been written to the Texas Department of Agriculture requesting direction on the Circle Y Saddles, Inc. contract.

Kennedy reported that the Partnership In Parks Program was progressing with the construction of the new restroom facilities adjacent to the covered pavilion and near the ball fields. It is anticipated that work on these projects will be completed by July 1, 2006.

The final item in Old Business, Kennedy reported on the HOME 2005 Owner Occupied Housing Assistance (OCC) Project. This project calls for seven (7) homes to
be built for a budget of $383,000. An application process and certain criteria have to be met to qualify for the OCC project.

Under New Business, the Board went into Executive Session at 12:45 PM to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 551.072). The meeting was reopened to the public at 1:58 PM.

Action resulting from Executive Session was a motion made by Tim Faulkner with a second by Tommy Barre to authorize Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy proceed with any application on file for assistance from the Economic Development Corporation and that the required performance agreement be developed. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 27, 2006 at 5:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Allen Dieringer, Secretary
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 27, 2006
Council Chambers – 5:15 PM

PRESENT:  Margie McMullen. .................. President
Anita R. Rodriguez. .................. Vice-President
Allen Dieringer. .................. Secretary
Tommy Barre. .................. Director
Louis Boening .................. Director
Tim Faulkner .................. Director
Arthur Hermann III .................. Director
Patrick J. Kennedy. .................. E/C Development Coordinator

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by President Margie McMullen. A Public Hearing was opened to receive citizen comments on the allocation of 4B Sales Tax Funds by the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation to provide the following: assistance to DeWitt Poth & Sons in securing four (4) lots adjacent to their recently acquired property and owned by Yoakum Economic Development Corporation; Subway – Yoakum with $10,000 for their expansion; and, to appropriate $100,000 to Tex Tan Western Leather Co. for the purchase of machinery. No comments were received and the Public Hearing was closed at 5:20 PM.

Patrick J. Kennedy discussed the Economic Development Corporation budget and financial report to explain the allocation of funds and possibly transfer some line items on the financial statement.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:12 PM to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072). The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:12 PM. No action resulted from the Executive Session.

The next meeting was set for March 13, 2006 at a time to be announced.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Allen Dieringer, Secretary
REGULAR MEETING OF THEYOAKUM ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 13, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Margie McMullen ................. President
Anita R. Rodriguez ...................... Vice-President
Tim Faulkner ......................... Acting Secretary
Tommy Barre ......................... Director
Louis Boening ......................... Director
Arthur Hermann III ................. Director
Patrick J. Kennedy ................. E/C Development Coordinator

ABSENT: Allen Dieringer ................. Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Margie McMullen at 12:05 PM.

A motion was made by A. G. Hermann III with a second by Louis Boening to adopt the printed minutes of the meetings of February 13 and February 27 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A printed financial statement was presented and discussed. A motion was made by Annie Rodriguez with a second by A. G. Hermann III to accept the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, City Manager Calvin Cook gave an update on the Pershing Square Project.

Also a report was given by Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy on the progress of the acknowledgments of donors to Pershing Square.

Following was a Texas Capital Fund applications report by Pat Kennedy.

Mr. Kennedy also updated the Board on the Partnership In Parks Program and the HOME 2005 OCC Project.

No action was called for or taken on any of these items.

There being no further Old Business, the President McMullen moved to New Business. The first item was an explanation of the SAFETEA-LU Program by Pat Kennedy. After discussion a motion was made by Louis Boening to approve Economic Development Corporation funds pay for the consulting firm, Langford and Associates and Hunter Engineering to assist with a SAFETEA-LU application for Phase II of the
Urban Master Plan. Langford will prepare the application and Hunter will provide cost estimates. The cost for each will be $1,000.00. The motion was seconded by Tommy Barre and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session was not entered into. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2006 at 12:00 Noon.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:08 PM.

Tim Faulkner, Acting-Secretary
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 27, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT:  Margie McMullen......................... President
          Anita R. Rodriguez..................... Vice-President
          Allen Dieringer....................... Secretary
          Tommy Barre............................ Director
          Louis Boening........................... Director
          Tim Faulkner............................ Director
          Arthur Hermann III.................... Director
          Patrick J. Kennedy.................... E/C Development Coordinator

ABSENT:   None

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM by President Margie McMullen.

Under Old Business, Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy presented charts to review the 2005/2006 Approved Budget. Kennedy discussed the total revenue along with the expenses which are Administration, Community Development, and Community Marketing.

Kennedy also discussed the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users highway program (SAFETEA-LU). The program is new and more information will be forthcoming.

Under New Business, Kennedy discussed the performance agreements between the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation and: (1) DeWitt Poth & Sons, (2) Subway – Yoakum, and (3) Tex Tan Western Leather Co. All applications are moving forward.

Review of the Performance Agreement with Circle Y Saddles, Inc. disclosed that the business is not in compliance.

City Manager Calvin Cook discussed the new conflict of interest requirements referred to in Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code and provided disclosure statements to be filled out by individuals who may be affected by the Government Code.

Executive Session was not entered into. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2006 at 12:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Allen Dieringer, Secretary
REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 11, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Margie McMullen. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . President
Anita R. Rodriguez. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Vice-President
Tim Faulkner . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Acting Secretary
Tommy Barre. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Director
Louis Boening . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Director
Arthur Hermann III . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Director
Patrick J. Kennedy. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . E/C Development Coordinator

ABSENT: Allen Dieringer. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Margie McMullen at 12:08 PM.

A motion was made by A. G. Hermann III to accept the minutes of the previous meetings of March 13 and March 27, 2006 as presented. The motion was seconded by Louis Boening. Motion carried unanimously.

A printed financial statement was presented and discussed. A motion was made to accept the financial report as presented by Annie Rodriguez. The motion was seconded by Louis Boening. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, City Manager Calvin Cook gave a progress report on the Pershing Square Project. He stated the project is expected to be completed in July 2006.

Patrick J. Kennedy, Economic/Community Development Coordinator gave an update on the progress of the acknowledgments process for donors to Pershing Square. Discussion was held regarding finer points of the process.

Next, Mr. Kennedy gave a report on the status of the pending Texas Capital Fund applications. A discussion was held on these. As a result, A. G. Herman III made a motion to rescind the Performance Agreement with Circle Y Saddles, Inc. The company was not in compliance with the terms of the agreement. The Board wanted to convey that they would be receptive to a future request from Circle Y Saddles, Inc. when they felt ready to move ahead. The motion was seconded by Tommy Barre and carried unanimously.

A progress report was given by Mr. Kennedy on the Parks Program followed by an update on the HOME 2005 OCC Project. No action was taken on either item.
There being no further Old Business, the President McMullen moved to New Business. City Manager Calvin Cook presented estimates of work to be done in Phase II of the Downtown Revitalization Project. Work to be done includes cosmetic as well as drainage work on Front Street. After discussion, a motion was made by Louis Boening to proceed with an application to the State for a Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users highway program (SAFETEA-LU) grant. The Economic Development Corporation would provide a 35% match to the grant funds, if approved. The motion was seconded by A. G. Herman III and carried unanimously.

Executive Session was not entered into. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2006 at 12:00 Noon.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Tim Faulkner, Acting-Secretary
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 24, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT:  Margie McMullen. ................. President
Anita R. Rodriguez ................... Vice-President
Allen Dieringer ...................... Secretary
Tim Faulkner ........................ Director
Tommy Barre ........................ Director
Louis Boening ....................... Director
Arthur Hermann III ................. Director
Patrick J. Kennedy ................. E/C Development Coordinator

ABSENT:  None

The meeting was called to order by President Margie McMullen at 12:02 PM.

Under Old Business, Patrick J. Kennedy, Economic/Community Development Coordinator revisited Texas Capital Fund applications. A letter was received from Tex Tan Western Leather Company, Inc. to withdraw the application submitted to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Texas Capital Fund. Another letter was written from the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation (YEDC) to Circle Y Saddles, Inc. that they were not in compliance with the Performance Agreement requirements and the Board has terminated the Performance Agreement. Future consideration of original incentives may be reconsidered at the appropriate time. A motion was made by A. G. Hermann III with a second by Louis Boening that the two letters be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Also under Old Business, Mr. Kennedy discussed the SAFETEA-LU application and its usage for purchase of railroad property. Union Pacific Railroad has been contacted by the City Attorney and a letter is forthcoming that the Railroad would participate with the City to acquire said property.

The last item under Old Business, was to discuss the status of the Performance Agreement for Tex Tan Western Leather Company’s request for $100,000. Motion by Tim Faulkner with a second by Louis Boening that Margie McMullen, YEDC President and Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy contact Tex Tan Western Leather Company’s president, Jay Cassell for additional information and specifically the status of insurance claims. Motion carried unanimously.

Under New Business, Mr. Kennedy presented budget items. $448,000 (35%) for SAFETEA-LU, $10,000 for SubWay’s expansion, $57,000 for water improvements to Industrial Park area and $40,000 for administration costs. With a motion by Margie McMullen and a second by Tommy Barre the above was approved unanimously.
There was no need for an Executive Session. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2006, time to be announced.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Allen Dieringer, Secretary
REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, May 8, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Margie McMullen. . . . . . . . . . . . President
Anita R. Rodriguez. . . . . . . . . . . . . . Vice-President
Allen Dieringer. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Secretary
Tommy Barre. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Director
Louis Boening . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Director
Arthur Hermann III . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Director
Tim Faulkner . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Director
Patrick J. Kennedy. . . . . . . . . . . . . . E/C Development Coordinator

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by President Margie McMullen at 12:05 PM. Rick Arnic and Bob Springer with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) were present.

A motion was made by A. G. Hermann, III to accept the minutes of the April 11 and April 24, 2006 meetings with a second by Louis Boening. Motion carried unanimously.

A printed financial statement was presented by City Finance Director Charlotte Morrow. Motion by Tim Faulkner with a second by Tommy Barre to accept as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, City Manager Calvin Cook gave an update on the Pershing Square Project. Problems continue to arise and are addressed. Project completion is tentatively scheduled for July. Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy reported an acknowledgement process and thirteen (13) stars have been sold at this time. The size and type would be used was also discussed. Correct cost estimates of different types were to be acquired.

Mr. Kennedy gave a report on the Partnerships In Parks Program. The Park Committee meets Wednesday, May 10, 2006. The restrooms and pavilion are nearing completion.

Mr. Kennedy reported that the HOME 2005 OCC Project houses should be three (3) bedroom/one (1) bath and all seven houses are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2006. The inspection process and qualification guidelines to rehabilitate/refurbish a house were discussed.
Mr. Kennedy also reported on the status of the Performance Agreements submitted by DeWitt Poth & Sons and Subway – Yoakum. Both of these agreements will be addressed at the monthly June Board meeting.

The final item of Old Business to be discussed was amending the 2005-2006 Budget for travel and training. Motion was made by Louise Boening with a second by Annie Rodriguez to amend the 2005-2006 Budget by $3,000 for travel and training expenses for Economic Development Board and Staff members. Motion carried unanimously.

Under New Business, Bob Springer with the LCRA Economic Development Department had discussions regarding two (2) programs LCRA could present that would benefit Yoakum.

1) Business retention and expansion  
2) Recruitment Program

The Board was interested in programs that dealt with consensus building and goal setting.

President McMullen closed the meeting to the public at 1:00 PM in order to enter into Executive Session to 1) discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072) and 2) deliberate regarding economic development negotiations (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.087). The meeting was reopened to the public at 1:20 PM with action by the Board as follows:

1) Motion by Tim Faulkner with a second by Annie Rodriguez that the Economic/Community Development Coordinator and City staff acquire an appraisal of Railroad Property for a fair market value. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Motion by Tim Faulkner with a second by Louis Boening that Jay Cassell of Tex Tan Western Leather be contacted and could request assistance at appropriate time for specific cause. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2006, time to be announced.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Allen Dieringer, Secretary
REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, June 5, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Margie McMullen ...................... President
          Anita R. Rodriguez ...................... Vice-President
          Allen Dieringer ......................... Secretary
          Louis Boening ............................ Director
          Arthur Hermann III ...................... Director
          Tim Faulkner .............................. Director
          Patrick J. Kennedy ...................... E/C Development Coordinator
          Calvin Cook .............................. City Manager
          Theresa A. Bowe .......................... City Clerk

ABSENT: Tommy Barre ............................ Director

The meeting was called to order by President Margie McMullen at 12:05 PM. Visitors were welcomed.

A motion was made by Director Boening with a second by Director Herman to adopt the minutes of the May 8, 2006 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A printed financial statement was presented by City Finance Director Charlotte Morrow. Motion by Director Faulkner to accept the financial statement as presented with a second by Vice-President Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, Jacque Schumaker with DeWitt Poth & Sons and Shelesh Patel with Subway Yoakum were present to discuss the proposed Performance Agreements between each of the businesses and the Economic Development Corporation. Mrs. Schumaker gave a brief presentation outlining their need for additional facilities and the plans that have been set in to place to fulfill the requirements of the Performance Agreement. She also indicated that there is still a need for three additional employees and that the renovations of the facilities that DeWitt Poth has purchased should be completed by late fall of this year. Mr. Patel addressed the Board. He indicated that the business has been doing well since the opening in May and the majority of Subway Yoakum’s employees are Yoakum residents. Economic/Community Development Coordinator Kennedy informed the Board that the proposed Performance Agreements were within State guidelines. Vice-President Rodriguez made a motion to approve the signing of a Performance Agreement between DeWitt Poth & Sons and the Economic Development Corporation and a Performance Agreement between Subway Yoakum and the Economic Development Corporation contingent upon final review by the City Attorney. Second was made by Director Dieringer and motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Calvin Cook informed the Board of the increased rate in progress on the Pershing Square project. The number of sub-contractors has been increased, allowing for more productivity, elevation problems continue to be an issue but are being addressed quickly and efficiently, and completion is scheduled for the end of the 2006 summer. The majority of the downtown merchants continue to be very patient and understanding as the project begins to take shape.
Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy reported on the following projects:

1) The Pershing Square acknowledgment project is in the final stages. Plans are being made to acknowledge the donations made for the various levels of contributions. Tentative plans have been made to run a full-page add giving recognition to donors. Mr. Kennedy presented suggestions on the recognitions that are to be placed in the project. He indicated that the recognition project is not ready to go out for bids at this time.

2) The Partnerships In Parks Program has had several items completed. The pavilion has been constructed, the roof on the restroom facility has been done and the restroom facilities have progressed with only the installation of partitions and toilets remaining. Renovation of the main barbecue pit has begun. The project is on schedule and within budget at this time. Bids for the picnic areas have been received and were below the estimated budget amount which may allow for more picnic areas to be added once the initial ten have been completed. The walking trail will be the next project.

3) The HOME 2005 Owner Occupied Housing Assistance (OCC) Project is underway. Seven home owners have been chosen. Langford Community Management Services will be ready to take information to the City Council in July and project to have the homes completed by January 2007. Project guidelines mandate completion by October 2007.

4) The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Community & Economic Development Department is preparing a retreat to provide a workshop for the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. All Directors concurred with the July 15th date with the stipulation that the LCRA focus the context of the retreat to a consensus building and goal setting forum. The training retreat will be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Witte Room at the Welhausen Library in Yoakum.

President McMullen closed the meeting to the public at 1:10 PM in order to enter into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072). The meeting was re-opened to the public at 1:22 PM. No action resulted from executive session.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2006, time to be announced.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Allen Dieringer
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, July 10, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Margie McMullen.......................... President
Anita R. Rodriguez................................. Vice-President
Allen Dieringer.................................. Secretary
Tommy Barre........................................ Director
Louis Boening...................................... Director
Tim Faulkner........................................ Director
Arthur Hermann III................................ Director
Patrick J. Kennedy................................. E/C Development Coordinator
Calvin Cook........................................ City Manager
Theresa A. Bowe.................................... City Clerk

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by President Margie McMullen at 12:04 PM. Visitors were welcomed.

A motion was made by Director Hermann with a second by Director Boening to adopt the minutes of the June 5, 2006 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy addressed the Board with a suggestion to have the minutes from this day forward signed by the President and attested to by the City Clerk since minutes are being taken by an outside source.

A printed financial statement was presented by City Finance Director Charlotte Morrow. After discussion of the amount of sales tax collected for the previous month, Director Faulkner made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented with a second by Director Barre. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, City Manager Calvin Cook informed the Board of the progress on the Pershing Square project. The north side of West Grand Avenue and the east side of Lot Street are in the final stages of completion. The prime coat has been laid, the contractor plans to have the seal coat laid this week and then 2 ½ inches of hot mix will be put down. Once that has been completed, parking stops will be place and that side of the street can be opened. Mr. Cook also informed the Board that he had expressed his concerns to the contractor about the length of time projects have been taking.

Mr. Cook reported to the Board that bids had been received and opened on June 8, 2006 for the Texas Department of Agriculture’s Texas Capital Fund for Eddy Packing Co., Inc. Infrastructure Program. L.L. & F. Construction of El Paso, Texas submitted the low bid of $355,000 for the 250,000 gallon water storage tank and Supak Construction of Orchard, Texas submitted the low bid for the 12 inch waterline in the amount of $127,797.50. Staff was able to negotiate with L.L. & F. Construction to receive at $7,500 discount bringing the total project price to $475,297.50. Pre-construction meetings have been held and the project could begin as early as August 1, 2006.

Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy reported on the following projects:
1) The Pershing Square acknowledgment project – an outline was presented to the Board. The suggested format has been approved by most donors. Other donors will be contacted over the next few weeks for their approval. Acknowledged donors will be listed on the plaques in alphabetical order. Discussion was held on which direction the plaques should face. All agreed that the plaques should face west. The Board was asked to begin considering the options for placement of stars on the corners of the West Grand/Lott intersection whether donors names were listed in them or not.

2) The Partnerships In Parks Program – Two restroom facilities have been completed. Renovation of the main barbecue pit began last month and continues to progress. Items left from the initial seven priorities on the Master Parks Plan include the walking trail and the volleyball courts.

3) The HOME 2005 Owner Occupied Housing Assistance (OCC) Project – Robin Sisco with Langford Community Development has informed City staff that the reconstruction bid process will begin in July or August. She has been working with home owners and contractors to coordinate efforts. The Project deadline is October 2007. The Administrator's goal is to have the homes completed and home owners moved back in by January 2007.

4) The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Community & Economic Development Department has prepared a retreat to provide a workshop for the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. The meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, July 15, 2006 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Witte Room at the Welhausen Library in Yoakum.

President McMullen opened a public hearing at 12:42 PM to hear citizen comments on the proposed Economic Development Corporation operating budget and work plan for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. No citizen comments were received. Board members discussed options and details of the proposed budget. After discussion was completed, the public hearing closed at 1:10 PM. Director Barre made a motion to approve the 2006-2007 Budget and Work Plan as presented for submission to the City Council. Second was made by Director Boening and motion carried unanimously.

President McMullen closed the meeting to the public at 1:12 PM in order to enter into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072). The meeting was re-opened to the public at 1:25 PM. No action resulted from executive session.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2006, at 12:00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM.

Attest:
Theresa A. Bowe
City Clerk

Margie McMullen
President
REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, August 7, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Margie McMullen ...................... President
         Anita R. Rodriguez ..................... Vice-President
         Tommy Barre ........................... Director
         Louis Boening ......................... Director
         Allen Dieringer ........................ Director
         Tim Faulkner ............................ Director
         Arthur Hermann III ..................... Director
         Patrick J. Kennedy .................... E/C Development Coordinator
         Calvin Cook ............................ City Manager
         Theresa A. Bowe ....................... City Clerk

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by President Margie McMullen at 12:06 PM.

A motion was made by Director Barre with a second by Director Boening to adopt the
minutes of the July 10, 2006 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A printed financial statement was presented by City Finance Director Charlotte Morrow.
After review, Director Rodriguez made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented
with a second by Director Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, City Manager Calvin Cook informed the Board of the increased
progress on the Pershing Square project. Two contractors are now on site; all of the storm
sewer has been installed and only in need of finishing touches; the concrete entrance in front of
Rudolph’s Tire Service in the 100 Block of W. Grand has been opened and is being utilized by
traffic; progress indicates that Lott Street will be open by the end of the week; benches, light
poles and other supplies have been delivered including the entrance arch and are ready to be
installed. The engineer’s estimate on the square footage of the retaining wall was
underestimated. Plans indicated that the retaining wall would be 374 square feet and the actual
footage is 840 square feet. City Manager is researching the avenues to correct the problem.

City Manager Cook also gave information on the Texas Department of Agriculture’s
Texas Capital Fund for Eddy Packing Co., Inc. Infrastructure Program. The water line has been
completed and Eddy Packing has been tied on. Clean up and street repair are in progress. The
contractor for the ground storage tank will move in on August 14th to begin that phase of the
project.

Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy reported on the
following projects:

1) The Pershing Square acknowledgment project – donors have been contacted for
their approval. Bid specifications were presented to the Board and information was presented
indicating the color of pavers that are to be utilized. Motion was made by Director Hermann authorizing City staff to advertise for bids for the Star Gallery. Second was made by Director Barre and motion carried unanimously.

2) The Partnerships In Parks Program – the Pavilion, restrooms and playscape have been completed. Ten (10) slabs have been poured for the picnic covers and the barbecue pit cover is under construction. The project is currently on schedule.

3) The HOME 2005 Owner Occupied Housing Assistance (OCC) Project – the Administrator on the project, Langford Community Development is scheduled to be in Yoakum on Tuesday of this week to visit the homeowners and present information to the City Council at their regular meeting. Two (2) homeowners have dropped out of the program, which began the process for the next two (2) homeowners on the approved list. The Project deadline is October 2007. The Administrator believes that the original goal to have the homes completed and homeowners moved back in by January 2007 is still reasonable.

Under New Business, City staff presented information to the Board regarding the 2005-2006 Economic Development Board Budget. Twenty-five thousand dollars had originally been allocated for the Pershing Square Project which was not utilized. Motion was made by Director Hermann to reinstate the $25,000. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy presented a video, pictures and a synopsis in relation to a proposed Rodeoplex. After review of the information, the Board directed Mr. Kennedy to continue his research and reporting efforts.

President McMullen closed the meeting to the public at 1:19 PM in order to enter into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072). The meeting was re-opened to the public at 1:24 PM. No action resulted from executive session.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2006, at 12:00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Margie McMullen
President

Attest:

Theresa A. Bowe
City Clerk
REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, September 11, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Margie McMullen. ....................... President
Tommy Barre. ......................... Director
Louis Boening .......................... Director
Allen Dieringer ......................... Director
Tim Faulkner ......................... Director
Arthur Hermann III .................. Director
Patrick J. Kennedy ................. E/C Development Coordinator
Calvin Cook ......................... City Manager
Theresa A. Bowe ................. City Clerk

ABSENT: Anita R. Rodriguez ............... Vice-President

The meeting was called to order by President Margie McMullen at 12:11 PM.

A motion was made by Director Boening with a second by Director Hermann to adopt the minutes of the August 7, 2006 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A printed financial statement was presented by City Finance Director Charlotte Morrow. After review, Director Hermann made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented with a second by Director Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

Present officers were elected by acclamation for the coming year with a motion by Director Faulkner. Second was made by Director Boening. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, City Manager Calvin Cook informed the Board of the continued progress on the Pershing Square project. There is one planter remaining to be poured. The contractor plans to have the South side of West Grand completed and possibly install the overhead sign, weather permitting, this week. Completion of the project is expected in the next few weeks. A final inspection will be performed by the Texas License and Regulations Division upon completion of the project.

City Manager Cook also gave information on the Texas Department of Agriculture’s Texas Capital Fund for Eddy Packing Co., Inc. Infrastructure Program. The water line has been completed and a final pay request is expected from the contractor. L.L. & F. Construction Management, Inc. has poured the floor of the container. Work has been very satisfactory. A fence will be installed surrounding the facility after completion of the tank.

Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy reported on the following projects:

1) The Pershing Square acknowledgment project – three bids were received for the Star Gallery. The apparent low bidder is Capital Monument of Gonzales, Texas. Some of the
responses from the donors have been received. Mr. Kennedy also presented a concept of the recognition plaques to be displayed in the downtown area.

2) The Partnerships In Parks Program – the second six month progress report has been submitted to the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). A request has also been submitted for the LCRA to perform a site visit and release the remaining funds. Picnic areas have been completed and will have benches and grills installed.

3) The HOME 2005 Owner Occupied Housing Assistance (OCC) Project – information was received from the Administrator on the project, Langford Community Development; the timeline has been changed to begin construction in January or February of 2007.

The Sales Tax Comparison Report was presented from the State Comptroller. Information was also given regarding the CEDA application. Yoakum did not received the award this year.

Under New Business, Mr. Kennedy presented information regarding a revised Strategic Plan for Economic Growth. After review the current Strategic Plan from August 2000, the Board instructed Mr. Kennedy to begin the process for revision.

President McMullen closed the meeting to the public at 12:55 PM in order to enter into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072). The meeting was re-opened to the public at 1:09 PM. No action resulted from executive session.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at 12:00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM.

Margie McMullen
President

Attest:

Theresa A. Bowe
City Clerk
REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, October 10, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Margie McMullen. ...................... President
Anita R. Rodriguez ......................... Vice-President
Tommy Barre ......................... Director
Louis Boening ......................... Director
Allen Dieringer ......................... Director
Tim Faulkner ......................... Director
Arthur Hermann III .................. Director
Patrick J. Kennedy ............. E/C Development Coordinator
Calvin Cook ......................... City Manager
Theresa A. Bowe .................. City Clerk

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by President Margie McMullen at 12:06 PM.

A motion was made by Director Boening with a second by Director Hermann to adopt the minutes of the September 11, 2006 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A printed financial statement was presented by City Finance Director Charlotte Morrow. After review, Director Faulkner made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented with a second by Director Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, City Manager Calvin Cook provided information on the Pershing Square Project. The Star Icon has been installed, islands are being completed, striping will be done as soon as the weather permits, the street signs will be installed and the electric panels will be installed for lighting. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation will be contacted for a final inspection.

City Manager Cook also gave information on the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Capital Fund for Eddy Packing Co., Inc. Infrastructure Program. Pictures were presented to the Board indicating the progress on the project. Steel is in place for the last section of the side wall. The project is slightly ahead of schedule at this time and the quality of work has been good. The City Manager has entered into a contract with an engineering firm for the alignment of Airport Road.

Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy reported on the following projects:

1) The Pershing Square acknowledgment project – Samples of the plaques for the acknowledgment process for this project was presented. Changes were suggested by Board members. Motion was made by Director Hermann to accept the report on the acknowledgements with recommended changes. Second was made by Director Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.
2) The Partnerships In Parks Program – The remaining funds have been received from LCRA after making the second request. LCRA waived the final inspection after receiving pictures of the completed project. Mr. Kennedy informed the Board of a playground initiative designed to prevent obesity in children. The sale will last through November 15, 2006. The Board instructed Mr. Kennedy to gather additional information on the program to be presented at the November EDC Board meeting and to provide information on the price difference between a cork ground cover and wood mulch ground cover for playground areas.

3) The HOME 2005 Owner Occupied Housing Assistance (OCC) Project – The Project Administrator will be in Yoakum at 4:00 this day to meet with staff and discuss options. Several homeowners have dropped out of the program for various reasons. Director Faulkner stressed that he felt the demolition process should be contracted out instead of expecting City crews to take on that portion of the project.

4) A 4B Sales Tax Training is scheduled for December 8, 2006 in Austin, Texas at the Double Tree Hotel. Any EDC Board members wanting to attend were asked to contact the City Clerk to make arrangements.

Discussion was held on the Strategic Plan for Economic Growth. Mr. Kennedy presented information to the Board suggesting priorities that should be addressed. The Board was asked to go over the Strategic Plan for Economic Growth to determine which items each Board member would prioritize and bring the information back at the November Board meeting for discussion.

Under New Business, a motion was made by Director Boening to adopt a Resolution (recorded as No. 6) designating authorized signatories for the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation bank account. Motion was seconded by Director Faulkner and carried unanimously.

President McMullen closed the meeting to the public at 1:03 PM in order to enter into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072). The meeting was re-opened to the public at 1:11 PM. No action resulted from executive session.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2006, at 12:00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM.

Margie McMullen  
President

Attest:

Theresa A. Bowe  
City Clerk
REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, November 6, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Margie McMullen .........................President
Anita R. Rodriguez ........................................Vice-President
Tommy Barre ...........................................Director
Louis Boening ............................................Director
Allen Dieringer ..........................................Director
Tim Faulkner ...........................................Director
Arthur Hermann III .....................................Director
Patrick J. Kennedy ..........................E/C Development Coordinator
Calvin Cook .............................................City Manager
Theresa A. Bowe .........................................City Clerk

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by President Margie McMullen at 12:13 PM.

A motion was made by Director Hermann with a second by Director Barre to adopt the minutes of the October 10, 2006 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A printed financial statement was presented by City Finance Director Charlotte Morrow. After review, Director Boening made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented with a second by Director Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, City Manager Calvin Cook provided information on the Pershing Square Project. Handicap parking signs have been negotiated through TxDOT and the handrails are being re-addressed. A single-vehicle accident occurred at the corner of Irvine and W. Grand on October 31st involving the north corner planter box. Mr. Cook provided pictures of the scene and informed the Board that no structural damage had occurred, however, oil and other motor fluids will be removed and a section of pavers that were stained would be replaced. A grand opening ceremony has been planned for November 17, 2006.

City Manager Cook also gave information on the Texas Department of Agriculture’s Texas Capital Fund for Eddy Packing Co., Inc. Infrastructure Program. Side walls have been poured. City staff is pleased with the progress on this project and the quality of work done by the contractor. Construction is ahead of schedule.

Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy reported on the following projects:

1) The Pershing Square acknowledgment project – Mr. Kennedy will be traveling to Gonzales, Texas to view the granite for the Star Gallery. Plans are to have the granite laid by November 9th. The brass plaques are scheduled for delivery on Monday, November 13, 2006. These will be installed prior to the November 17th grand opening.
2) The Partnerships In Parks Program – City staff received information regarding a nationwide program to fight obesity in children. Funds could be utilized from donations that had been received earlier this year that had not been depleted. Mr. Kennedy provided documentation on several playscapes from various companies. After review of the information, the Board directed Mr. Kennedy to take a recommendation to the City Council to purchase playground equipment from Miracle Playground Equipment and utilize remaining donations for the purchase.

3) The HOME 2005 Owner Occupied Housing Assistance (OCC) Project – Bids have been let and will be opened on November 30, 2006 for the demolition of existing homes and the construction of the new homes. The schedule is for an April 2007 completion date.

4) The Texas Yes! Hometown STARS Program – The City of Yoakum is eligible for this program again this year. It allows for reimbursement to the Chamber of Commerce for half of all expenditures for advertisement on festivals held. The City will apply for the Program on behalf of the Chamber in support of the Land of Leather Days.

Discussion was held on the Strategic Plan for Economic Growth. Mr. Kennedy presented information to the Board regarding the responses received from the Directors’ survey forms after review of the current Strategic Plan. From the surveys, Mr. Kennedy provided a list of twelve initiatives that the Directors had indicated need to be addressed and asked for direction at the next regular meeting.

Under New Business, President McMullen closed the meeting to the public at 1:00 PM in order to enter into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072) and to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, etc. of the Economic/Community Development Coordinator (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074). The meeting was re-opened to the public at 1:21 PM. No action resulted from executive session.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2006, at 12:00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:24 PM.

Attest:

Theresa A. Bowe
City Clerk

Margie McMullen
President
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, November 27, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Margie McMullen ........................................ President
Anita R. Rodriguez ................................................. Vice-President
Tommy Barre ......................................................... Director
Louis Boening ......................................................... Director
Allen Dieringer ....................................................... Director
Tim Faulkner ......................................................... Director
Arthur Hermann III .................................................. Director
Patrick J. Kennedy ................................................ E/C Development Coordinator
Calvin Cook ........................................................... City Manager
Theresa A. Bowe ..................................................... City Clerk

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order and opened to the public by President Margie McMullen at 12:02 PM.

PRESIDENT McMullen announced that the Board would go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072). The meeting was re-opened to the public at 12:50 PM.

AS a result of Executive Session, Director Boening made a motion to instruct the City Attorney to continue negotiations with Union Pacific Railroad on real property. Second was made by Director Hermann. Motion carried unanimously.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM.

Margie McMullen
President

Attest:

Theresa A. Bowe
City Clerk
REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, December 11, 2006
Council Chambers – 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Margie McMullen ........................................... President
          Anita R. Rodriguez ............................................ Vice-President
          Tommy Barre ..................................................... Director
          Louis Boening ..................................................... Director
          Allen Dieringer .................................................... Director
          Tim Faulkner ....................................................... Director
          Arthur Hermann III .............................................. Director
          Patrick J. Kennedy ............................................. E/C Development Coordinator
          Calvin Cook ......................................................... City Manager
          Theresa A. Bowe ................................................... City Clerk

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by President Margie McMullen at 12:10 PM.

A motion was made by Director Barre with a second by Director Boening to adopt the
minutes of the November 6, 2006 and November 27, 2006 meetings. Motion carried
unanimously.

A printed financial statement was presented by City Finance Director Charlotte Morrow. After review, Director Rodriguez made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented with a second by Director Hermann. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, City Manager Calvin Cook provided information on the Pershing
Square Project. An inspector from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations (TDLR)
arrived on November 30th to inspect the Project. The inspector provided a list of items that
needed to be addressed before the Project would pass inspection. The items were minor
and most have been addressed. The Project engineers have been contacted regarding a height
problem with the handrails at West Grand Avenue and Lott Street. Once all of the items have
been corrected, City staff will respond in writing to the TDLR inspector who will in turn approve
the Project. Minor lighting issues are also being addressed. Damage occurred to the sidewalk
and pavers at West Grand Avenue and Lott Street after a large truck attempted to navigate the
corner and drove over the curb. The trucking company has been contacted and arrangements
are being made for repair.

City Manager Cook provided information and photographs on the Texas Department of
Agriculture’s Texas Capital Fund for Eddy Packing Co., Inc. Infrastructure Program. The roof
for the water storage tank was poured by the contractor on November 30th and was allowed to
cure for ten days before the contractor began to remove the forms. The pipeline contractor is
continuing work on the drain line from the storage tank. The major components of the project
are scheduled for completion prior to December 25, 2006. Final project components should be
completed by the second week of January, 2007.
Bids were opened on December 7, 2006 for the Airport Road Realignment Project. Two hundred and thirty thousand dollars ($230,000) were budgeted for the project. The specifications requested were for an industrial grade road. The low bid was three hundred and thirteen thousand dollars ($313,000). Staff will be recommending that the Council reject all bids, re-evaluate the specifications and re-submit for bids to be reviewed at the January Council meeting.

Economic/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy reported on the following projects:

1) The Partnerships In Parks Program – the playground equipment from Miracle Playground Equipment has been ordered along with additional ground cover material. The project continues to be within budget.

2) The HOME 2005 Owner Occupied Housing Assistance (OCC) Project – Bids were opened on the demolition and construction of the seven (7) homes. The demolition bid will be reviewed and considered by City Council at the December 12, 2006 meeting. Robin Sisco with Langford Community Management Services will be present to provide Council with information and to inform them of the bid award for the construction of the homes.

Discussion was held on the Strategic Plan for Economic Growth. Mr. Kennedy made a suggestion to the Board to initiate a community survey to determine priorities for goals.

Under New Business, Director Faulkner made a motion to adopt a resolution requesting members of the 80th Legislative Session to increase funding for the Texas Recreation and Parks Account Local Grant Program. Second was made by Director Hermann and motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kennedy provided information to the Board regarding the discontinuance of the Transportation Enhancement Program (SAFETEA-LU). The Board had allocated $448,000 in the 2006-2007 budget for this Program. Since State funding has been pulled, the funds allocated in the Economic Development Corporation budget will no longer be held for the SAFETEA-LU project.

President McMullen closed the meeting to the public at 1:04 PM in order to enter into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072). The meeting was re-opened to the public at 1:16 PM. No action resulted from executive session.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2007, at 12:00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.

Margie McMullen
President

Attest:

Theresa A. Bowe
City Clerk