

CAMERON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2017

Board Members Present: Robert Schiller, Mike Zajicek, Gary Fuchs, Connie Anderle, David Barkemeyer, and Jim Camp. Jim Camp arrived after the minutes were approved. Other Present: Rhett Parker, City Manager; Amy Harris, City Secretary; Ginger Watkins, Staff

1. Call to order – President Robert Schiller called the meeting to order at 10:03am.
2. Public Comments – There were no public comments.
3. Review and approve minutes from the November 15, 2016 meeting. – David Barkemeyer moved to approve the minutes as present. Gary Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
4. Discuss and take action on Financials. Mike Zajicek reviewed the financials with the board. Noting that the new sculpture at The Yards still needs to be added to the asset value. The playground should also be added. Ginger Watkins will talk with the CPA regarding the appropriate value for both items. The ½ cent sales tax is tracking at 101% of budget, year to date. Gary Fuchs moved to approve the financials as presented. Robert Schiller seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 – 0.
5. Discuss and possibly take action on activities and maintenance at Founders Hall. – Ginger Watkins updated the board on issues and activities at Founders Hall. A circuit board in the fire alarm system failed and is being replaced today. The part was on order for 4 weeks. The west HVAC had a failure with the smoke detector in the duct. The smoke detector within the unit came into contact with the heating element which sparked a small fire inside the unit. The technician for the HVAC company was present at the time; extinguished the fire and shut the system down until a repair could be made. The repair the damaged coils the cost is just under \$900. A new part would be just under \$2500.
Recent and upcoming events at Founders Hall include: Butler Weldments held Strategic Planning meeting in Founders Hall on 1/4/17. McLane Technologies will hold their 2017 Sales Meeting in Founders Hall on 1/18/17. Opening Day is scheduled for 2/18/17 and the City is Hosting a regional TML Meeting in Founders Hall on 3/22/17.
6. Discuss and possibly take action regarding capitalizing on the Super Bowl segment which included the Cameron Yoemen. – Board members discussed how the 8 to 9 minute segment on the Cameron Yoemen might be leveraged to promote Cameron. Emails will be sent to prospects, Cameron area business leaders and corporate headquarters. Ginger will also work to include social media postings on the segment.
7. Convene into executive session. – President Robert Schiller convened the board into executive session at 10:32am pursuant to Chapter 551.087 to discuss economic development negotiations.
8. Reconvene into public session. – President Robert Schiller reconvened the board into public session at 11:02am Consider and take action on economic development negotiations.
Jim Camp moved to negotiate the sale of property and incentives at the industrial park with project 201601. Gary Fuchs second the motion. Motion carried 6 – 0.
David Barkemeyer moved to approve and recommend a 4 year 80% tax abatement for project 201601. Mike Zajicek seconded. The motion. Motion carried 6 – 0.
9. Adjournment. – Meeting adjourned at 11:17am.