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## **Anna Community Development Corporation and Anna Economic Development Corporation Special Called Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm**

The Anna Community Development Corporation and the Anna Economic Development Corporation conducted a special-called online meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2020. The Anna Community Development Corporation and the Economic Development Corporation participated in this meeting remotely in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act as suspended or modified under the pending Declaration of Disaster and associated executive orders and proclamations of the Governor of Texas.

The public observed the open session portions of the meeting online at the City of Anna's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Anna-281332118639373/>

**CDC and EDC Board Members Present:** Anthony Richardson, Rocio Gonzalez, Michelle Hawkins, and Doris Pierce, and Bruce Norwood. **Board Members Absent:** Stan Carver and Terry Farrell. **Others present:** Lee Miller, Joey Grisham (Economic Development Director), Taylor Lough (Economic Development Manager), Clark McCoy (CDC/EDC Legal Counsel), and Kevin Johnson (IT Manager).

- 1. Call to Order. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum.**  
The meeting was called to order by Anthony Richardson, Board President, at 6:06 p.m.
- 2. Invocation and Pledge.**  
Invocation was given by Anthony Richardson. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anthony Richardson.
- 3. Citizen Comments.**  
There were no citizen comments.
- 4. Consider/Discuss/Act on approving minutes from the March 5, 2020 CDC Meeting. (CDC)**
- 5. Consider/Discuss/Act on approving minutes from the March 5, 2020 EDC Meeting. (EDC)**

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6. **Consider/Discuss/Act on approving minutes from the March 12, 2020 Special Called CDC Meeting. (CDC)**

7. **Consider/Discuss/Act on approving minutes from the March 12, 2020 Special Called EDC Meeting. (EDC)**

*Doris Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes on behalf of the CDC and EDC for both the March 5 Joint Meeting and the March 12 Special Called Joint Meeting. Michelle Hawkins seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*

8. **Discuss COVID-19 response and resources available to the business community.**

Joey Grisham shared that while Economic Development has slowed, staff is doing all they can to help local businesses. Staff is working with the Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce, staying up to date with information, trends and local business needs. A webpage dedicated to COVID-19 information and resources was created: [opportunityannatx.com/covid-19](http://opportunityannatx.com/covid-19). Following the passage of CARES Act, the Small Business Administration is offering loan programs. Taylor Lough shared that local lenders, Independent Financial, Bancorp South, RBFCU, and CapTex Bank are offering these loans. Currently, applications by existing customers will be reviewed first. Staff has also encouraged landlords to be flexible on rent and they have stated that they are. Staff will continue to review best practices and are open to discussing future programs that may assist local businesses in need.

Anthony Richardson thanked the staff for their hard work in quickly disseminating information and agreed with continuing to review local programs should we need to take further action locally.

9. **Consider/Discuss/Act on approving a Resolution amending a contract with Carey Cox Real Estate for real estate representation. (CDC)**

Joey Grisham explained that items 9 and 10 are to extend the contract with Carey Cox Real Estate for an additional year to represent the Anna Business Park as the listing broker. Last year the board interviewed different firms and chose Carey Cox Real Estate based on their approach and experience in Collin County. Joey Grisham shared that Carey Cox and the EDC have been actively working multiple leads and are close on several. He also stated that industrial and manufacturing enterprises could thrive after COVID-19 passes.

Anthony Richardson asked Clark McCoy if the amendment should reference an execution date. Clark McCoy stated that the signature page references April 22<sup>nd</sup> as the execution date.

*Bruce Norwood made a motion on behalf of the CDC to approve the resolution. Rocio Gonzalez seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*

10. **Consider/Discuss/Act on approving a Resolution amending a contract with Carey Cox Real Estate for real estate representation. (EDC)**

*Bruce Norwood made a motion on behalf of the EDC to approve the resolution. Rocio Gonzalez seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*

11. **CLOSED SESSION (exceptions):**

- A. Deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. (**Tex. Gov't Code §551.072**) possible property acquisition; possible land sale/purchase;

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- B. **Consult with legal counsel** on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Government Code (**Tex. Gov't Code §551.071**); Discuss contract concerning Revolving Loan Fund; promotional contract.
- C. **Discuss or deliberate Economic Development Negotiations:**  
(1) To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the Board of Directors has received from a business prospect that the Board of Directors seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City of Anna and with which the Board is conducting economic development negotiations; or,  
(2) To deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by subdivision (1). (**Tex. Gov't Code §551.087**) Anna Business Park Property; potential retail and medical projects.

*The Board did not enter closed session.*

**12. Reconvene into open session and take any action on closed session items.**

*The Board did not enter closed session.*

**13. Receive reports from staff or Board Members about items of community interest.**

*Items of community interest include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen (but not including a change in status of a person's public office or public employment); a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; and announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.*

- The Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament that was scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> has been postponed.
- Whataburger and Salsa Tex Mex have opened.
- Chick-fil-A is opening next week on Thursday, April 16.
- Lee Miller asked if any businesses have reached out to staff sharing that they will not make it. Joey Grisham shared he had not heard of any businesses closing due to the pandemic.
- Thanks to Kevin Johnson, IT Manager for his assistance in the setup and meeting logistics.

**14. Adjourn.**

*Anthony Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm. Rocio Gonzalez seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*

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**APPROVED:**



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Anthony Richardson  
President of CDC/EDC

**ATTESTED:**



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Rocio Gonzalez  
Secretary of CDC/EDC