

**City of Rowlett**  
**Economic Development Advisory Board**

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

9:30 A.M.

*Rowlett Chamber of Commerce, 4418 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas 75088*

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairman Drew Howard called the Rowlett Economic Development Advisory Board meeting to order at 9:52 A.M. on September 18, 2018 at the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce, 4418 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas. In attendance: Tammy Dana-Bashian, Drew Howard, Barry Young, Whitney Laning, Eva Hummel, Lawrence Glick, Jim Grabenhorst, Joey Grisham and Susan Nix.

**2. CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 21, 2018 MEETING.**

A motion was made by Tammy Dana-Bashian and seconded by Barry Young to approve the August 21, 2018 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. THE BOARD SHALL CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, §551.087 (ECONOMIC DEV.) TO DISCUSS COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND THE OFFER OF INCENTIVES TO BUSINESS PROSPECTS THAT THE CITY MAY SEEK TO HAVE LOCATE, STAY OR EXPAND IN ROWLETT AND WITH WHICH THE CITY IS CONDUCTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS.**

The board convened into Executive Session at 10:16 A.M.

Executive Session was closed by Drew Howard at 10:31 A.M.

**4. TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS.**

There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

**5. RECEIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE.**

Jim Grabenhorst provided an update on the Bayside project. He stated that the City and Bayside Land Partners are still in discussions on how to proceed on Bayside South. Tammy Dana-Bashian mentioned her September Mayor's Spotlight on Bayside and encouraged everyone to read it. Jim said that the ED Dept. is still going through the search process for an Economic Development Specialist and that they hope to have someone on board soon. Next, Jim provided an update on the City's Comprehensive Plan Update and said that it was nearing completion. There was some discussion related to multifamily in the North Shore District and it was agreed that a joint meeting between EDAB and the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee would be helpful.

Lastly, Joey Grisham asked if everyone could meet on November 20<sup>th</sup> as it falls during Thanksgiving week. There was consensus that the 20<sup>th</sup> works for everyone.

**6. RECEIVE CHAMBER/CHAMBER FOUNDATION UPDATE.**

Whitney Laning stated that the Friday Night Live event was canceled for September 21<sup>st</sup> and that the Chamber was in the process of updating their bylaws. He also gave an update on the Teacher of the Month Award program.

There was no Chamber Foundation update.

**7. RECEIVE GISD UPDATE.**

Larry Glick stated the Natatorium project went before the Garland City Council and that it had been tabled. He said that depending on the outcome of the vote that other options might be considered.

**8. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND/OR STAFF MAY MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF LOCAL CIVIC EVENTS. NO MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR COMMISSION MAY DISCUSS NOR TAKE ANY ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Jim Grabenhorst stated that the Baylor Scott & White Lake Pointe expansion opening had been pushed back until February 2019 and that they would be hosting a large grand opening event. It was also mentioned that the Chamber Golf Tournament was on September 27<sup>th</sup>, National Night Out is on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a Town Hall Meeting will take place on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Rowlett Community Centre,

**9. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY REQUEST TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDA MEETINGS. NO MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR COMMISSION MAY DISCUSS ANY OF THE REQUESTED SUBJECTS UNTIL SUCH MATTER HAS BEEN PROPERLY PLACED ON A POSTED AGENDA.**

Tammy Dana-Bashian requested a presentation from the Garland ISD related to growth plans.

Jim Grabenhorst said that staff would set up a tour of the new Rockwall ISD Dr. Gene Burton Career & College Academy soon.

**10. ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Drew Howard at 10:45 A.M.



Drew Howard, Chairman



Jim Grabenhorst, Assigned City Staff

3/12/19

Date Approved