

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
JANUARY 15, 2007
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:58 p.m. by Chairman Thomas.

2. Roll Call:

Chairman Mike Thomas, Vice Chair Peter Porciello, Corporation Members Mary Sapienza, Dean Atkins, Adam Lesperance, Dan Frank, Pamela Jeffers, and Council Representative Michelle Hyne. Absent: None.

Also Present:

Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, Community Development Director Alison Alfredson, EDC Attorney John Gormley, citizens Tom Irvine, Rachel & Rory Olson, and Ken Zichi.

3. Audience Participation:

Chairman Thomas called for public comment at this time and there was none.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Frank**, second by **Porciello**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passed by voice vote.

5. EDC Regular Minutes of November 20, 2006:

On page 3, item 11a. 2nd line change "paving" to "construction of surface" and 3rd line change "would like" to "may".

Motion by **Jeffers**, second by **Frank**, to approve the EDC regular minutes of November 20, 2006 as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

6. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Jeffers**, second by **Porciello**, to approve the membership fee to MEDA for Director Alfredson in the amount of \$225 as presented. Yes: Atkins, Thomas, Frank, Hyne, Jeffers, Sapienza, Lesperance, Porciello. No: None.

Motion passed.

7. Staff Reports

7b. Community Development Director:

Director Alfredson submitted a written report for EDC review.

The board discussed the possibility of helping fund a Williamston billboard.

9. Action Items

9a. Adopt 2007 EDC Meeting Dates & Times:

Motion by **Jeffers**, second by **Atkins**, to approve the 2007 EDC meeting dates and times as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

9b. Appraisal of 1500 Building:

Motion by **Sapienza**, second by **Porciello**, to offer the Public Services building to Habitat for Humanity for 1.1 million dollars with the agreement that if the building is not purchased by May 1, 2008 the price will increase by the CPI. Yes: Atkins, Jeffers, Lesperance, Thomas, Porciello, Hyne, Sapienza, Frank. No: None.

Motion passed.

10. Discussion Items

10a. Phase II Update:

Chairman Thomas reported that City Manager Hitchcock will be sending a letter to Granger detailing the meeting that was held between the City representatives to decide what to do with the agreement with Granger and the decision to offer Granger construction cost of surface of the street in exchange for a piece of property where the City may put the DPW garage.

13. Audience Participation:

Chairman Thomas called for public comment at this time and there was none.

14. Attorney Comments:

None.

15. Corporation Member Comments:

Member Porciello asked the date the City was founded.

Director Alfredson responded that the City was founded on April 1, 1946.

Member Jeffers asked the date of the talent show.

Director Alredson responded that the information is in the packet.

16. Adjournment:

Motion by **Sapienza**, second by **Lesperance**, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Holly M. Thompson, Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: _____