

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
JULY 16, 2007
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 p.m. by Chairman Mike Thomas.

2. Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

City Manager/Clerk Lisa Hitchcock, and EDC Attorney John Gormley.

3. Audience Participation:

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

4. Approval of Agenda:

Delete 9a. and 8a. Move 10c. to 8a. and add 9a. 1500 Building & 9b. Farmers' Market.

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

Motion passed.

5. EDC Regular Minutes of June 18, 2007:

On page 1, item 2. add "Dan Frank" after "Atkins".

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Sapienza**, to approve the EDC minutes of July 16, 2007 as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

6. City Treasurer's Report:

A financial printout was submitted for June.

7. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports

7a. Property Committee:

Did not meet.

8. Action Items

8a. MEDA Application:

Motion by **Sapienza**, second by **Porciello**, to table the MEDA Application until the next meeting. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. 1500 Building:

Chairman Thomas commented that he met with Debi Drick and reported that they are still working on fixing the sump pump and the air conditioner is still working. Habitat is still looking into a price for the building with an architect to determine the costs for upgrades. Habitat has had no water in the building since it was tuck pointed.

A plan B for the 1500 building will be discussed at the next meeting.

9b. Farmers' Market:

Chairman Thomas commented that the EDC will not have enough money to sustain the Farmers' Market by the year 2009. There is an option to turn the market over to another group to run.

Member Frank commented that he believes the Downtown Development Authority should handle it.

Member Sapienza commented that she does not believe the EDC has contributed much.

Member Hyne commented that she has attended the Farmers' Market meetings.

Member Porciello commented that there should be a partnership with another board.

Chairman Thomas will approach the Downtown Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce to discuss the issue.

12. Audience Participation:

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

13. Attorney Comments:

None.

14. Corporation Member Comments:

Member Porciello questioned the ownership of the fire hydrant paintings.

Member Frank commented that he appreciated the City Manager attending the meeting.

Member Atkins commented that the Harry Potter event sounds great.

Chairman Thomas commented that the ArtFest is July 28th and he may not be at the next meeting.

15. Adjournment:

Motion by **Atkins**, second by **Sapienza**, to adjourn. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

***THE PRECEDING MINUTES ARE A SYNOPSIS OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING AND DO NOT REPRESENT A VERBATIM RECORD.**

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Lisa K. Hitchcock, City Manager/Clerk

Date Approved: _____