

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL AND CITY OF HONDO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION JOINT WORKSHOP
May 9, 2018 at 4:15 p.m.

1. Call to order.

Mayor Danner called the meeting to order for both entities at 4:15 p.m.

2. Quorum check.

CITY COUNCIL and STAFF PRESENT: Mayor James W. Danner, Mayor Pro Tem Ann-Michelle Long, Councilman Eric Torres, Councilman John Villa, City Manager Kim Davis, City Secretary Miguel Cantu, and Assistant to City Secretary Elsa T. Robles

EDC MEMBERS PRESENT: President Bobby Ainsley, Secretary J. Gruber, Ronnie Miller, Ashley Lowe, John McAnelly, Roger Hernandez, Dr. A'Lann Truelock.

3. Workshop: Strategic Planning for the City of Hondo Economic Development Corporations.

City Manager Kim Davis explained that she had met with the City of Hondo Economic Development Corporation Board on May 2, 2018 to identify some future goals. During the workshop they identified some short and long term goals. Mrs. Davis provided the Economic Development Corporation Handbook from a training she attended in December 2017.

The workshop is designed to ask the City Council and the City of Hondo Economic Development Corporation board to discuss each other's vision.

Short Term (not in any specific order)

1. Completion of the South Texas Regional Training Center Annex
2. Sale of Property: The property identified is located north of the South Texas Regional Airport of approximately 151 acres; however the City would have to get the property released by the Federal Aviation Administration first because the property is under deed restrictions. The City of Hondo EDC should create a Marketing Plan with authority to sell and market the property.
3. Revitalization: Focus area is downtown, Hwy 90, 20th Street, Museum/Depot; discussion was held about doing something with the local museum.
4. Rehabilitate Hanger 6 at the airport to make it marketable for lease.

Long Term 3-5 years (not in any specific order)

1. Infrastructure: Streets, Drainage, Water, Wastewater; extending Zachary Lane; installing water and wastewater to the airbase to be able to develop the parcels for future use.
2. Construct new hangars/warehouses at the South Texas Regional Airport.
3. Consider extension of both Veterans Boulevard and 22nd Street.
4. Agriplex
5. Convention Center

The main priority for the CoHEDC is to continue to finalize the STRTC annex. Mrs. Davis stated construction should be started within the next 6 months. The CoHEDC will also focus on the post construction of the facility which would include seeking various educational opportunities and assuring equipment is available.

Planning included refurbishing Hanger 6 to attract businesses and further reviewing the properties located around the airport. During the review of properties surrounding the airport, it would be in the city's best interest to have a comprehensive review of city properties for sale in order to prepare them for sale and select those properties desired to sell. The mission is to get appraisals for all city-owned properties. The CoHEDC could profile the properties and then further request permission from the City Council to sell the property.

Other topics discussed included downtown parking, landscape, and reviewing a former plan established created for the city for downtown beautification. This would help to attract businesses, create jobs, and tourism.

It was considered that the CoHEDC board and City Council should have a collaborative meeting each year and establish good dialogue. This would allow to streamline and share thoughts regarding the city's future.

4. Adjourn

Councilman Villa moved to adjourn both meetings at 5:23 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman McAnelly. Motion carried 4-0.

Passed and approved this 11th day of June 2018.



James W. Danner, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Miguel Cantu, City Secretary