

**BASTROP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BEDC)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Special Meeting, March 7, 2022
Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas**

The Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) met on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. for a Special Board Meeting at Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street. Board members present: Ron Spencer, Jenn Wahl, Bill Gossett, Connie Schroeder, Jeff Haladyna, and Kevin Plunkett. Staff members present: Angela Ryan and Jean Riemenschneider. BEDC Attorney Charles Zech was also present.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Board Chair Ron Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) – There were no public comments.

3. REGULAR BUSINESS & PRESENTATIONS

3.1. Discussion and possible action on an update on the Gummy Bears Project (aka Howard Designs, LLC) regarding their performance agreement with the BEDC. Clint Howard of Howard Designs gave an update on the different phases of Project Gummy Bears. The board members asked questions of Mr. Howard, and then City Manager Paul Hofmann spoke and requested an opportunity to create a complete comprehensive response. Ms. Schroeder later suggested postponing the remainder of the discussion until the next regular BEDC meeting.

3.2. Discussion and possible action on engaging a consultant to assist the BEDC in alignment with the City of Bastrop's economic development policy. Ms. Wahl explained the idea of hiring an independent consultant with the goal of bringing the City of Bastrop and BEDC together and aligning with the policy previously approved by the Bastrop City Council. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for Ms. Wahl to continue having discussions with the consultant.

3.3. Discussion and possible action on the roles and responsibilities of BEDC sub-committee members. Chair Spencer stated he wanted to make sure everyone was aware that the BEDC's bylaws include a provision for committees: *"The Board may constitute from time to time committees of the Board that are deemed necessary or appropriate. No such committee shall have independent authority to act for or in the stead of the Board."* He said the Board as a whole would need to take any necessary action. Mr. Zech reminded the Board that committees should stay within compliance of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

3.4. Discussion and possible action on paying off the remaining loan balance associated with the 921 Main Street building. Ms. Schroeder made the motion to pay off the outstanding loan with Roscoe State Bank, Mr. Haladyna seconded, and the motion passed. Ms. Riemenschneider gave a brief presentation about the history of the project and the sale of the building. She then congratulated the Board and thanked everyone involved in the success of the project.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1. At 4:29 p.m., the Bastrop EDC Board of Directors met in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, to discuss the following:

(1) **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – Discussion on Chief Executive Officer Position.**

4.2. At 4:50 p.m., the Bastrop EDC Board of Directors reconvened into open session to discuss, consider, and take any action necessary related to the executive sessions noted herein. No action was taken.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Plunkett made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Schroeder seconded. The special board meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Ron Spencer, Board Chair

ATTEST: 
Angela Ryan, Operations Manager