

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STAFFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TEXAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

On the 28th day of September, at 7:00 p.m., the Stafford Economic Development Corporation, Texas met in regular session in the City Council Chamber in said City. President Guerra called the meeting to order. The following Board Directors were present: President Wen Guerra; Vice President Ken Mathew; Directors Joe Rome; Randy Krahn; Gwen Goodwin and Lawrence Vaccaro. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: Nicola Browe (Assistant City Secretary); and Art Pertile (Olson & Olson, LLP Attorney).

1. President Guerra called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. (a) Discussion and update of The Grid by Brian Murphy of Street Level Inc.  
Mr. Brian Murphy of Street Level Inc, developer of 'The Grid' delivered a presentation of the current status of businesses at the grid as well as those in process of being constructed. He provided the Board a detailed plan on the apartments, Phase III and Phase IV.

Mr. Murphy spoke about some of the construction challenges faced by a couple of developers at the location.

The Board engaged Mr. Murphy in conversation and asked various questions related to the development and vision of the final product.

(b) Public comments on item (a).  
No members of the public addressed the Board.

(c) No motion was made on this item.

4. (a) Discussion and presentation of the Meadows Place Trail an approved project of the SEDC by Rick Staigle of City of Meadows Place.  
Ms. Worfe stated that the City had received a response from Mr. Staigle that he was unable to attend tonights meeting.

(b) Public comments on item (a).  
No members of the public addressed the Board.

(c) No motion was made on this item.

- 5. Discussion of financial matters of the Corporation, including:
  - (a) Presentation of financial statements, monthly invoices, and information on investments; and

Ms. Alka Shah, Finance Director provided the Board with the financial reports and invoices, and held a brief discussion regarding an invoice from Citybase.net.

- (b) Public comments on item (a); and  
No members of the public addressed the Board.

(c) A motion to approve the financial statements and invoices as well as the settlement Agreement with Citybase.net was made by Vice President Mathew and seconded by Director Krahn. Motion **Passed**.  
Ayes: Guerra, Mathew, Rome, Goodwin, Vaccaro, Krahn and Leonetti.

- 6. Matters relating to the Stafford Centre including:
  - (a) Report by Bryan Blaum, President of FM Squared on event schedules, marketing plans, operations, statements and productions; and

Mr. Blaum provided the Board with a detailed report of operations within the Stafford Centre including the warranty work on the carpet which was damaged during the Ice Storm. He went on to detail upcoming events.

- (b) Public comments on item (a).  
No members of the public addressed the Board.

(c) No motion was made on this item.

- 7. (a) Discussion on power outages within City of Stafford, affecting residents and the business community.

President Guerra stated he placed this item on the agenda as there had been such problems throughout the City and businesses were suffering. He understands that CenterPoint were coming to City Council to address the issues.

- (b) Public comments on item (a).  
No members of the public address the Board.

(c) No motion was made on this item.

8. (a) Discussion on placing signs around the city advertising Stafford businesses and encourage residents to shop local.

President Guerra stated he had placed this on the agenda for discussion as he feel that the sign ordinance needs a review as he would like to see our bsuinesses being able to place a sign outside advertising themselves. He further suggested using the Marquee sign at the Stafford Centre.

Staff advised that would need a legal opinion to proceed.

(b) Public comments on item (a).  
No members of the public addressed the Board.

(c) No motion was made on this item.

9. (a) Request for future agenda items from Board of Directors; and  
(b) Public comments on item (a)  
(c) No motions made on this item.

10. To hold an executive session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code Section 551.071, consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation on appropriate items on the agenda that fall within the attorney-client privilege relations; and Section 551.087 (2) to discuss or deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiation.


No Executive Session.

11. A motion to **Adjourn** was made by Director Rome and seconded by Director Krahn, motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Guerra, Mathew, Rome, Goodwin, Vaccaro, Krahn, Leonetti.

Meeting adjourned at **8:40 PM**.

ATTEST:

  
Wen Guerra, Mayor

  
Joe Rome, Secretary