

JOINT MEETING MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL AND STAFFORD ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
CITY OF STAFFORD, TEXAS  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., the City Council and Stafford Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Board of Directors of Stafford, Texas met in the Council Chambers. In addition to a quorum of City Council and SEDC Board of Directors, the following City staff were present: City Secretary Roxanne Benitez, Chief of Police Richard Ramirez, and Olson and Olson Attorney Tommy Ramsey.

1. Call to Order and Pledges of Allegiance.

Mayor Mathew called the joint meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

President Krahn called the joint meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Wood led the pledge to the United States flag. Council Member Herrera led the pledge to the Texas flag.

2. Roll Call of City Council and Stafford Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Board.

The following members of City Council were present: Mayor Ken Mathew, and Council Members William K. Bostic Jr., Tim Wood, Christopher Caldwell, Virginia Rosas, and Xavier Herrera. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alice Chen.

The following members of the Stafford Economic Development Corporation Board (SEDC) were present: President Randy Krahn, Vice-President Damon Leonetti, and Directors Ken Mathew, Gwen Goodwin (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), and William K. Bostic Jr. Absent: Directors Robert Sorbet and Arthur J. Honore.

3. Public comments on agenda items.

None.

4. (a) Discussion regarding a Resolution of the Stafford Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Board of Directors authorizing the President to execute a loan agreement with the City of Stafford.

SEDC President Krahn spoke on the proposed agreement.

(b) Public comments on item (a).

None.

(c) Possible Consideration of appropriate action on item (a).

Director Bostic motioned approve SEDC Resolution 24-09, as presented, and Director Leonetti seconded the motion. President Krahn, Vice-President Leonetti, and Directors Mathew and Bostic voted “Aye”. “Nay” – none. Motion carried 4-0.

5. (a) Discussion regarding a Resolution of the Stafford City Council authorizing the Mayor to execute a loan agreement with the Stafford Economic Development Corporation (SEDC).

No discussion was held.

(b) Public comments on item (a).

Public Comments were received from the following:

- Lana Hoelsing, who lives at 327 N. Esplanade Lane, spoke in favor of the agenda item.

(c) Possible Consideration of appropriate action on item (a).

Council Member Herrera motioned to approve Resolution No. 95-24, as presented, and Council Member Rosas seconded the motion. Mayor Mathew, and Council Members Bostic, Wood, Caldwell, Rosas, and Herrera voted “Aye”. “Nay” – None. Motion carried 6-0.

6. Presentation by Bill Krueger, Conventions, Sports, and Leisure regarding proposed expansion of the Stafford Centre.

Bill Krueger, Senior Vice-President with Conventions, Sports, and Leisure International (CSL), spoke on their organization and his professional experience. He also spoke about the proposed study and expansion. Mr. Krueger requested feedback.

*Mayor Mathew exited the meeting at 6:46 p.m.*

*Mayor Mathew entered the meeting at 6:47 p.m.*

The Council Members and SEDC Board of Directors provided feedback to Mr. Krueger regarding the proposed expansion. Mr. Krueger also answered questions from the Council Members and SEDC Board of Directors. FMsquared President Bryan Blaum answered questions from the Council Members as well.

*Council Member Bostic exited the meeting at 7:37 p.m.*

Mr. Krueger continued to answer questions from the SEDC Board of Directors and Council Members.

*Council Member Bostic entered the meeting at 7:39 p.m.*

The SEDC Board of Directors and Council Members provided additional feedback and ideas to Mr. Krueger.

Mr. Blaum spoke regarding the Stafford Centre's limitations in regard to the building and events that could be held there.

*Council Member Caldwell exited the meeting at 7:58 p.m.*


*Council Member Caldwell entered the meeting at 8:03 p.m.*


7. Adjournment.

Vice-President Leonetti motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m., and Director Goodwin seconded. President Krahn, Vice-President Leonetti, and Directors Mathew, Goodwin, and Bostic voted "Aye". "Nay" – none. Motion carried 5-0.

With no objection, Mayor Mathew adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Roxanne Benitez  
City Secretary

  
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Ken Mathew  
Mayor