

MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
May 19, 2015

The regular May meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:20 am on Tuesday May 19, 2015 in the Conference Room of the Harrison County Development Commission located at 12281 Intraplex Parkway, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Commissioners present: President John Atherton, Sam LaRosa, Sharon Bentz-Mustered, Jim Brashier, John "Shorty" Sneed (*entered as noted*), Frankie Castiglia and Jennifer Burke.
Commissioners absent: Mark Schloegel, Brian Gollott, Sara Miller and Warren Conway.

Staff members present: Executive Director Bill Hessel, Wade Jones, Barbara Rominger, Paula Delcambre, Claire Dugger, and Michelle Walker as recording secretary. Stephen Whitt, Executive Director with the Innovation Center was also present.

Consultants present: Don Clark with DCC Consultants, Jeff Riopelle with Knesal Engineering and Chad Jordan with Clearwater Solutions.

The media was notified of this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Atherton called the meeting to order at this time.

II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Jason Goldin and Scott Goldin with Goldin Metals, Leonard Bentz with SMPDD and Gary Wormald and Mitch Skrmetta with Gulf Coast Shipyard.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Castiglia and seconded by Commissioner Burke to acknowledge receipt and approve the Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from April 21, 2015. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Marketing & Industrial

- **Tax Exemption Request for Goldin Metals**

Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to approve Goldin Metal's tax exemption for 5 years in the amount of \$850,786.21 and for staff to recommend the tax exemption to the Board of Supervisors and seconded Commissioner Burke. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
(Commissioner Sneed entered at this time)

- **Tax Exemption Request for Gulf Coast Shipyard**

Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to table the tax exemption request for Gulf Coast Shipyard Group, formerly known as Trinity Yachts for the amount

of \$15,890,542 until the next Commission meeting and allow staff to research this entity's status is on tax record and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Tax Exemption Request for Gulf Ship**

Commissioner Castiglia made a motion to approve Gulf Ship's tax exemption for 5 years in the amount of \$40,285,062 and staff to recommend the tax exemption to the Board of Supervisors and seconded by Commissioner Brashier. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Economic Director's Report**

Wade Jones gave an Economic Development report.

B. Innovation Center

Stephen Whitt provided a report on the current status of the Innovation Center.

C. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

- **Clearwater Rate Increase**

Commissioner Brashier made a motion to approve Clearwater Solution's rate increase of 1.39% or \$151.08 per month for a new monthly fee of \$11,020.00 and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **North Harrison County Industrial Complex (NHCIC) Update**

Jeff Riopelle gave an update on NHCIC.

D. Finance

Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to ask the Board of Supervisors for the Seawall Tax of \$1,000,000 and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Operations Financial Statements for April 2015**

Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve all Operation statements for April 2015 and Commissioner Castiglia seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Utilities Financial Statements for April 2015**

Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve all Utility statements for April 2015 and Commissioner Castiglia seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Operations Claims for April 2015**

Commissioner Sneed made a motion to approve all claims for Operation for April 2015 and Commissioner Castiglia seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Utilities Claims for April 2015**

Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve all claims for Utilities for April 2015 and Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

V. Directors Report

- Bill Hessel provided a director's report.

VI. Old/New Business

VII. Legal

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.



John W. Atherton, President



Mark Schloegel, Secretary Pro Tem