

# ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011

9:00 AM

MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B

**Members Present:** Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*  
Councilmember Elisa Chan, *District 9*  
Councilmember John G. Clamp, *District 10*

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Mary Alice P. Cisneros, *Chair, District 1*

**Staff Present:** Pat DiGiovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Rene Dominguez, *International & Economic Development Director*; Ed Davis, *International & Economic Development Assistant Director*; Brian James, *Planning & Community Development Assistant Director*; Ellen Erenbaum, *Aviation Assistant Director*; Drew Mayer-Oakes, *Convention & Visitors Bureau*; Barbara Ankamah, *Economic Development Manager*; Adrian Perez, *Economic Development Manager*; James Henderson, *Economic Development Manager*; Lori Houston, *Economic Development Manager*; Leslie Haby, *Assistant City Attorney*; Ray Rodriguez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Rosalinda Diaz, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** Raquel Favela, *NDC*; Michelle Trevino, *Camden Med Center*; Bebb Francis, *Francis Law Firm*; K.P. Ganeshappa, *Camden Med Center*; Ravi Ganeshappa, *Camden Med Center*; Eric Lawitz, *Camden Med Center*; Samuel Beierle, *Camden Med Center*

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## Call to Order

Councilmember Chan called the meeting to order.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 5.

### 5. Briefing on Economic Development Policies/Issues-Matrix

Presented by Rene Dominguez, Director, International and Economic Development Department

Rene Dominguez provided an overview of the Economic Development Policies/Issues-Matrix to include: a) Business Recruitment and Retention; b) High-wage Jobs; c) Economic Development Incentive Fund; and d) Economic Development Corporation.

Councilmember Chan asked of the definition of high-wage jobs. Mr. Dominguez responded that high-wage jobs were defined by the Average County Salary, currently at \$40,400. He stated that the goal this year was to create 780 high-wage jobs. Drew Mayer-Oakes provided information on the creation of a Film Industry Program. He stated that the program would leverage the power of the State Incentive Program to draw more state funding into the region. He noted that film production totaling over \$5 million could receive a 25% rebate.

In response to Councilmember Chan he stated that the State Incentive Fund was tiered in structure and that San Antonio has received an average of 7-8 percent of the fund per year. Councilmember Lopez spoke of Gas and Oil Industry development and discussion ensued regarding the City's approach to new technology. Councilmember Chan requested that the Gas/Oil Industry issue be included in the Economic Development Policies/Issues-Matrix.

**1. Citizens to be Heard**

*Bebb Francis*, Attorney-Camden Medical Center Doctors, stated that the Camden Medical Center Project would bring 36 new jobs with a salary payroll of \$2.7 million in addition to \$1 million in benefits. He noted that they were aiming to create a catalytic project for the inner city.

*K.B. Ganeshappa*, Camden Medical Center, thanked the Committee for the opportunity to address them and provided history and background information on the Camden Medical Center.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the April 28, 2011 Economic and Community Development Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Minutes of the April 28, 2011 Economic and Community Development Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Councilmember Chan recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 10:18 a.m. She reconvened the meeting at 11:01 a.m. and announced that no action had been taken.

**3. Briefing and possible action on the Annual Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement and Budget with Alamo Colleges**

Presented by Rene Dominguez, Director, International & Economic Development Department

**ITEM 3 WAS PULLED BY STAFF AND WAS NOT ADDRESSED.**

**7. Briefing and possible action for Camden Medical Office**

Presented by Pat DiGiovanni, Deputy City Manager and Barbara Ankamah, Economic Development Manager

Pat DiGiovanni requested endorsement providing a minimum \$330,208 in fee waivers and tax abatements for the Camden Medical Office Project. Additionally, he requested endorsement of staff recommendation to negotiate additional incentives to include both an Inner City Reinvestment/Infill Policy (ICRIP) Grant and a 380-Grant with the Camden Medical Office.

Councilmember Lopez moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Briefing and possible action on EDIF Policy Guidelines (Update)**

Presented by Rene Dominguez, Director, International and Economic Development

Ed Davis provided an overview of the proposed revisions to the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF) Guidelines. He reported that the revisions would allow staff to consider and recommend projects over the Edwards Contributing Zone that would not add impervious cover at the project site. He outlined additional revisions and noted that the proposed guidelines would provide staff more flexibility on projects. In response to Councilmember Chan, Mr. Davis stated that administration of Inner City Funding would be placed under EDIF

Guidelines. Councilmember Chan expressed concern regarding consideration of said item by newly elected Councilmembers, noting that they should be allowed the opportunity to become acquainted with the information. A.J. Rodriguez replied that said item would be rescheduled from Council consideration on June 2, 2011 and that staff could meet individually with each Councilmember or present said item at a B Session prior to full Council consideration.

**6. Briefing on Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Program**

Presented by Rene Dominguez, Director, International and Economic Development Department

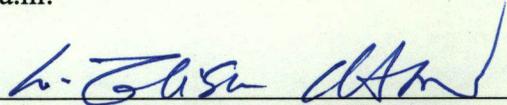
Said item will be addressed at a future meeting.

**8. Consideration of items for future meetings:**

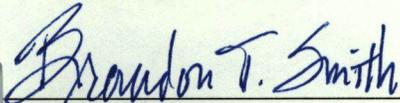
There were no items discussed.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

  
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*Mary Alice P. Cisneros, Chairperson*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
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*Brandon T. Smith*  
*Office of the City Clerk*