

**Economic Development & International Affairs  
Council Committee Minutes**

**Monday, February 26, 2007**

**2:30 PM**

**Media Briefing Room**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Roger Flores, *Chair, District 1*

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *District 2*  
Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6*  
Councilmember Kevin Wolff, *District 9*

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**Staff Present:** Jelynn Burley, *Deputy City Manager*; Ed Davis, *Interim Economic Development Assistant Director*; Elena Villarreal, *International Affairs*; Cindy Schoenmakers, *Community Initiatives Assistant Director*; Trey Jacobson, *Mayor's Office*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Leslie Haby, *Assistant City Attorney*; Ray Rodriguez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Yonnie Blanchette, *City Manager's Office*; Ruben Davila, *Economic Development*; Omar Garcia, *Economic Development*; Steve Nivin, *Economic Development*; Barbara Ankamah, *Economic Development*; Sonny Torres, *District 6 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** York Dundan, *Texas Research Technology Fund*; Sarah Sanchez, *Free Trade*

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Flores called the meeting to order.

**1. Citizens to be Heard**

There were no citizens to be heard.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the October 17, 2007 Meeting**

Due to lack of a quorum, no action items were addressed

**3. International Affairs Updates**

Presented by Elizabeth Costello, Director, International Affairs Department

Elena Villarreal presented a briefing on the Sister City Coordination Committee, International Official Travel, and the Export Leaders Program Class 2007. She noted that there would be quarterly Sister City Coordination Committee Meetings with briefings to the City Council. Included in the International Affairs Update packet were outlines of the Global Trade and Foreign Investments and the Inbound/Outbound Delegations.

**4. Foreign Trade Zone Operating Agreement with Operational Technologies Corporation**  
Presented by Robert Peeche, Interim Director, Economic Development Department

Said item was not addressed.

**5. Texas Research and Technology Fund (TRTF)**  
Presented by Robert Peeche, Interim Director, Economic Development Department

Said item was not addressed.

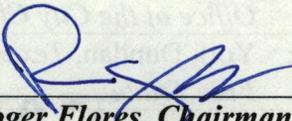
**6. ACCD Interlocal Agreement**  
Presented by Robert Peeche, Interim Director, Economic Development Department

Said item was not addressed.

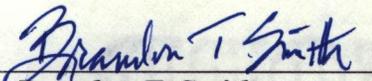
**Adjournment**

**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.**

Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request.

  
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**Roger Flores, Chairman**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

  
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**Brandon T. Smith**  
**Administrative Assistant II**  
**Office of the City Clerk**