

**Economic & Human Development Council Committee
Minutes**

Wednesday, March 30, 2005

10:00 a.m.

City Hall Basement Conference Room

Members Present: Councilmember Enrique M. Barrera, Chair, District 6
Councilmember Ron H. Segovia, District 3
Councilmember Patti Radle, District 5

Absent: Councilmember Julian Castro, District 7
Council Member Art Hall, District 8

Staff Present: Frances Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager; Jelynn Burley,
Assistant City Manager; Ramiro Cavazos, Economic
Development Director; Manuel Longoria, Economic
Development Assistant Director; Trey, Economic Development
Assistant Director; Mark Webb, Contract Services Director

Also Present: Dianne Quaglia, Economic Development; Joe Lazor, UTSA; Jim
Parlett, M & A Technology; Brandon Smith, City Clerk's Office

Call to Order

Councilmember Barrera called the meeting to order.

At this time the committee addressed Item 2.

**2. Update on License and Tax Phase-In Agreement between the COSA and
Lifshutz Companies, L.T. DBA Big Tex**

Ramiro Cavazos, Economic Development Director
Jelynn Le Blanc Burley, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Trey Jacobson presented an update on a 10 year Tax Phase-In agreement and a 25 year license agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Lifshutz Companies, L.P. d.b.a. Big Tex on a project located in District 5. He stated that James Lifshutz was appointed to the Library Board in September 2003 by the Mayor, making him a City Official, which prohibits the City of San Antonio from entering into a contract with him or any company of which he owns more than 10%. Mr. Jacobson noted that Mr. Lifshutz has submitted a letter of resignation to the Library Board; however, he must serve on that board until an appointment has been made to replace him.

**1. Update on License and Tax Phase-In Agreement between the COSA and
Lifshutz Companies**

Dennis J. Campa, Director, Department of Community Initiatives;
Frances A. Gonzales, Assistant City Manager

2. Presentation on the Report on Algebra/Physics Summit June 04 and Project Bridge

Joe Lazor; Director, Mathematics & Science Project Program for UTSA

Mr. Lazor presented information on an Algebra/Physics Summit in June 2004. Mr. reported thirty-six physicists and mathematicians met with members of the business community to discuss the alignment of classroom curriculum in relation to the business world in San Antonio. Mr. Lazor noted that high school teachers and college professors focused on Algebra II and practical transition from high school to college. Mr. Jim Parlett updated the committee on the current activities as a result of the summit. Mr. Lazor also presented future projects to include teacher internships and a two day conference in Summer 2005. Mr. Lazor requested funding and/or guidance in making such a request from the Economic and Human Development Council Committee to assist in facilitating the Summer 2005 conference.

Discussion ensued on encouraging a relationship with other San Antonio schools other than those listed in the presentation. In response to Councilmember Hall, Mr. Lazor stated nine schools were chosen because there are nine colleges and universities in San Antonio and there were nine schools outlined in the original grant.

3. Big-Tex Project Briefing

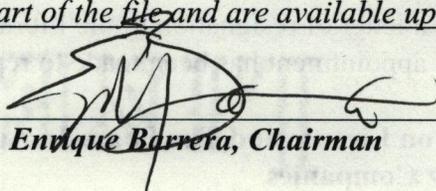
Ramiro Cavazos, Director, Economic Development;
Jelynn Le Blanc Burley, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Dianne Quaglia presented information on the Big Tex Project with regard to a Tax Phase-In agreement for 10 years and a 25 year license agreement. Ms. Quaglia reported that the 7.53 acre site within District 5 comprises 80,000 sq. ft. of buildings, grain silos and warehouses. The project includes adaptive reuse of a historic feed production facility and mixed used residential and retail development. The Tax Phase-In includes exemption of 100% of ad valorem taxes for 10 years on real property improvements of approximately \$21.7 million, a central city multi-housing project and the creation of 5 full time jobs. The License Agreement includes 1.314 acres of Blue Street Row.

It was unanimously moved and seconded to proceed with said item as presented.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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



Enrique Barrera, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,

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