

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL JOINT MEETING WITH THE  
BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF THE CISCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
AND THE CISCO 4A DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
November 13, 2023**

**CISCO, TEXAS §  
EASTLAND, COUNTY §**

The City Council of the City of Cisco met in a regular called session at the Cisco Council Chambers in Cisco as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours in advance and prior to the meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<b>MAYOR</b> _____	<b>STEPHEN FORESTER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II</b> _____	<b>ROBERT JOHNSTON</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III</b> _____	<b>WILLARD JOHNSON</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV</b> _____	<b>NATHAN BRUNER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V</b> _____	<b>CHRIS JOHNSON</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI</b> _____	<b>TRAVIS TOOF</b>

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

<b>CITY MANAGER</b> _____	<b>DARWIN ARCHER</b>
<b>CITY SECRETARY</b> _____	<b>TAMMY OSBORNE</b>

**PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I</b> _____	<b>JASON WHETSTONE</b>
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Guests: Kenneth Preston, Ervin Light, Barbara Light, Nita Light, Jane Nichols, Justin Jaworski, Caleb Fairbanks, Sam Guthrie III, Jacqueline Belk, Philip Green, Billy Woodrich, Mary Kay Williamson, Joy Hedges, Carrie Alexander, Sean King, Robert Alexander, Katie Fairbanks, Lisa Hutton, Tammy Archer, Richard Williams

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Mayor Forester called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

**II. PLEDGES**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Pledge to the Texas Flag

**III. INVOCATION:**

Mr. Green gave the invocation.

**IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Ms. Lisa Hutton provided support for Mr. Jaworski and the Cisco Economic Development Corporations.

Mr. Richard Williams with RAM Industries echoed Ms. Hutton's comments with support for the EDC.

**V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP:**

**THE CITY COUNCIL AND BOARDS OF DIRECTORS MAY DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Consider and Discuss Board of Directors Terms of Office and Future Appointments to the Board.**

Mr. Archer explained that the purpose of the item was to find out who was in which board place, when terms expire, and what if any was the succession plan for anyone planning to leave the office. Mr. Jaworski began by introducing the current board members and further commented that the by-laws of the corporations dictated everything in regard to offices, terms, and appointments. Mayor Forester suggested that some of those terms were slightly vague and may need to be clarified and Mr. Jaworski agreed that the by-laws need to be updated.

**B. Consider and Discuss By-Laws of Both Corporations.**

Discussion of by-laws continued with Mr. Jaworski saying that an update of both sets of by-laws is vital, but would likely be a six to twelve month process. It was suggested by the Council that they would like a provision added to the by-laws giving them final approval of any contracts entered into by the corporations.

**C. Consider and Discuss Economic Development 3-5 Year Plan.**

- **Downtown**
- **Airport**
- **Interstate 20 Corridor**

Mayor Forester opened discussion saying that the Council was interested in the direction of the three listed areas of the city. Mr. Jaworski presented the Council with a comprehensive annual report. He stated that the annual report represented a forward looking aspect that could potentially answer the Council's questions. Councilmember Toof suggested that the needs of the city for street maintenance and repair and infrastructure improvements might outweigh the need for more economic development so that maybe some of the sales tax funds currently going to the EDC should be reallocated. In response to this comment, Mr. Jaworski presented financial reports to the Council to show what funds are coming in to the EDC and how those funds are being spent. The Council and Boards reviewed the reports and discussed the benefits of the corporation. Further, all members examined how best to spend the those funds on future projects.

**D. Consider and Discuss Potential for Targeted Infrastructure Improvements.**

Mr. Archer said that he asked for this discussion to take place so that the Council and the Boards could understand the process. He informed the gallery that in order for the EDC to fund an infrastructure project, it must be specific and meet certain requirements of bringing in or retaining business. Mr. Jaworski affirmed that the project would have to have a direct demonstrable impact on a business and a legitimate commercial use.

**E. Consider and Discuss Creation of Downtown Business District.**

At this point, Mr. Jaworski stated that due to health constraints, he would not be able to continue in the meeting. He asked that the Council and the Boards either table remaining items and adjourn the meeting, or continue on without him.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to table remaining items, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester  
 Nays: None/Motion Carries  
 Voted: 6 to 0  
 Absent: Whetstone

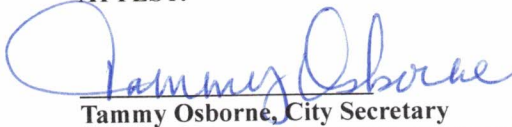
**F. Consider and Discuss Current Grant Applications by the City.**

**G. Consider and Discuss City Budget and Economic Development Corporation's Budgets.**

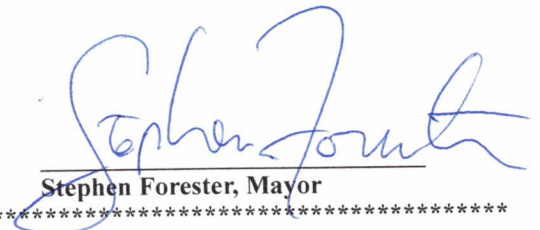
**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to adjourn, second made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
 Tammy Osborne, City Secretary



  
 Stephen Forester, Mayor

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