

**Economic Prosperity Commission  
February 17, 2016 6:30pm  
City Hall Bull Pen Room #1029  
301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas  
AUSTIN, TEXAS**



**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1. OPENING REMARKS**

**a. Attendance:** City Staff: Michelle Clemons-Executive liaison and Vicky Valdez – Backup Executive liaison; Jessica Armstrong-Staff liaison; Alex Lopez Economic Development Deputy Director; Committee Members: Michael Joyce- District 8 appointee, Orlando Segura- At-Large appointee, Eric Stratton- District 6 appointee, Kirsha Haverlah District 2, Roberto Rondero de Mosier-District 3 appointee, Holt Lackey- District 10 appointee, Kevin Opp- District 9 appointee, Marina Bhargava- District 1 appointee; Absent: Amy Cobb- District 4 appointee Phone: John King- District (no communication, no voting)

**b. Purpose:** Economic Prosperity Commission created by council to advice council on matters related to construction and job creation.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** No citizens signed up to speak

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Clerk's Office Refresher of Rules and Regulations for Commissions:** Question and Answer on Rules and Regulations with Deena Estrada

**b. Overview of Economic Development Department: POSTPONED.** Committee will meet with Kevin Johns from the Economic Development Department in the March meeting.

**c. Appointment of an ECP member to the new Joint Sustainability Committee:** Orlando Segura moved to elect Rondero de Mosier to be on the Joint Sustainability Committee, Eric Stratton seconded the motion, vote was unanimous.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Approve the minutes from 01.06.2016:** Kirsha Haverlah moved to approve minutes Kevin Opp seconded the motion, vote was unanimous.

**b. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** There was a vote to elect Chair and Vice Chair until end of the current term in April 2016. Holt Lackey moved to appoint John King as Chair and Roberto Rondero de Mosier as Vice Chair Marina Bhargava seconded the motion, vote was unanimous.

**c. Working Groups:**

- i. **Bylaws**-Holt Lackey presented the report of the Bylaws working group. City Staff informed Commissioners that language regarding first- year transition provisions on officer terms and elections would exceed the bounds of city code. Discussion ensued. Holt Lackey moved to strip transition provisions from bylaws, Eric Stratton seconds, vote was unanimous. Holt Lackey proposes amendment, seconded by Roberto Rondero de Mosier, to Article 8 creating the following committees: Construction and Job Creation, Alliances and Coalitions, Strategic Vision. Holt Lackey withdrew amendment stating intent to re-introduce at a later time. Holt Lackey moves to adopt the Bylaws, Eric Stratton seconds, vote was unanimous.
- ii. **Board Purpose**- Michael Joyce met with Councilmember Ellen Troxclair and shared her thoughts for EPC. Marina Bhargava met with Councilmember Ora Houston and shared her thoughts for EPC. Kirsha Haverlah, John King, and Kevin Opp submitted written testimony on purpose of EPC, and Kevin Opp and Kirsha Haverlah provided oral testimony as well. Common themes included reviewing economic development rules, expedited review of projects for better builder program, equitable development (addressing disparity in programs), coordination with Imagination Austin, and working to make Austin regulations more business friendly for large and small businesses.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Add the Economic Development Director Overview of the Department to the March 16<sup>th</sup> or April 20<sup>th</sup> Agenda

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Eric Stratton moved to adjourn, Holt Lackey seconds- vote was unanimous.

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