



CITY OF BANDERA

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MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANDERA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 AT 5:30 PM
IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 511 MAIN STREET, BANDERA, TEXAS

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Schauman calls the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. All councilmembers are present. Also present is the City Administrator J Horry, and City Secretary Jill Shelton.
2. **Discussion and possible action on the following items:**
 - a. **Receive and review a report regarding the Bandera Economic Development Corporation's comprehensive financial position, outstanding commitments and daily operations.**

There is extensive discussion about what records are available at City Hall, communication and cooperation between the BEDC and City Council, and transparency.

There is discussion about policies, bylaws and chains of command.

This is discussion about funding and funding procedures.

Councilmember Palmer makes a motion to remove all directors from the EDC board effective immediately, seconded by Councilmember Russe. There is discussion about the motive behind the motion and the affects it could have. There is discussion about board member resistance and oaths of office. Councilmembers Russe and Palmer in favor, Councilmembers Clark and Cavanaugh and Mayor Pro Tem Gibson opposed. Motion fails.

Councilmember Russe makes a motion to place a moratorium of 180 days on any future spending by the EDC, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. There is discussion about the time stated within the motion and the affects it could have on the economy. Mayor Pro Tem Gibson respectfully requests Councilmember Russe to amend his motion to a shorter time frame, until February 2020. She explains this time frame will give Council, the EDC and the public the opportunity to discuss placing a MDD on the May 2020 ballot, what that transition would involve, the impact it may have, and the ability to evaluate the current incentive programs.


There is discussion and a request that the amendment to the motion also allow EDC to distribute the promotional spending.

Councilmember Russe amends his motion stating to place a moratorium of 60 days on any future spending by the EDC, with the exception of promotional marketing and advertising, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. There is discussion about the ramifications and opportunities of a 60-day moratorium. There is also discussion about the new BEDC seats that will be available in March 2020 and re-evaluating the programs in place.

Councilmembers Palmer, Russe, Cavanaugh and Mayor Pro Tem Gibson are in favor. Councilmember Clark opposed. Motion passes.

There is more discussion about communication between the boards and transparency to the public.

3. Adjourn. The meeting is adjourned at 6:30 pm.



Jill Shelton, City Secretary