

MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
March 23, 2021

A special called meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:30 am on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at the Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Commissioners present were: President Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, John "Shorty" Sneed, Mark Schloegel, and Brian Gollott. Via phone conference: Mike Leonard, Jennifer Burke, Rip Daniels, and Windy Swetman.

Commissioners Absent: Warren Conway, and Sharon Bentz.

The staff members present were: Executive Director Bill Lavers and Michelle McGraw as recording secretary.

Consultant's present: Legal Counsel Jim Simpson.

The media was notified of this meeting via the Sun Herald and our <http://mscoast.org> website.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – OPEN MEETING & CALL TO ORDER

After the Invocation and pledge, President Frankie Castiglia opened the meeting and called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice was given.

II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

No agenda adjustments

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

NA

V. *Vote Items*

Resolution for Wharton Smith LLC Land Purchase 0.96 acres \$105,528.00 in BBID

The motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Levens to approve and adopt the resolution for the purchase. It was seconded by Commissioner John Sneed.

Discussion took place regarding the Resolution and Jim Simpson pointed out this is an unusual Resolution because this was already approved previously by the board but the acreage changed when the City approved the plat for the subdivision.

Commissioner Windy Swetman wanted on the record;

1. He doesn't like Special called meetings.
2. He doesn't like being rushed through things.

3. He thinks it is bad business when we have this kind of things as considered special. He thinks we should handle these at regular meetings. He said from now on he will not be available for a vote on special called meetings because he does not like to be rushed.

Commissioner Mike Leonard Agreed with Windy on all the above.

President Frankie Castiglia commented we were scheduled for a Marketing and Engineering Meeting today and while we have most of the board attending already it was requested to have this meeting in order to save 3 to 4 weeks' time for this to get through to the BOS final approval. The buyers are ready to close and this was a courtesy to them to move it through since the legal description changed due to the subdivision approval of the city plat.

Commissioner Rip Daniels commented he understands the need for special called meetings, they are rare and he does not have any issue with this meeting called today.

There was no further discussion, a roll call was taken and the motion passed with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 9 - President Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, John "Shorty" Sneed, Mark Schloegel, and Brian Gollott. Via phone conference: Mike Leonard, Jennifer Burke, Rip Daniels, and Windy Swetman.

Nays: 0

X. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Jimmy Levens made a Motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Brian Gollott. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 am on March 23, 2021.



Frankie Castiglia, President



John Sneed, Secretary