



SAN BENITO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
August 20, 2018

On August 20, 2018, the San Benito Economic Development Corporation of the City of San Benito held a Special Meeting at the San Benito Municipal Building (Cesar Gonzales Meeting Hall), 401 N. Sam Houston at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present including the following:

**JOSE L. MORALES WAS THE PRESIDING OFFICER.**

**EDC BOARD MEMBERS**

Jose L. Morales	President, Place 6
Julian Rios	Vice President, Place 7
Priscilla Guajardo	Secretary/Treasurer, Place 4
Encarnacion Lopez	Board Member, Place 2
Benjamin Gomez	Ex-Officio Member

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Rachel Siller	Coordinator
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**ABSENT**

Mary Bolado	Board Member, Place 1
Ramiro Guerra	Board Member, Place 3 (arrived Item #2)
Jeremy Maya	Board Member, Place 5
Manuel De La Rosa	City Manager
Belen Pena	Finance Director
Ricardo Morado	EDC Attorney

**CITY COMMISSION**

Benjamin Gomez	Mayor
Antonio Gonzales	Commissioner, Place 1
Ricardo Guerra	Commissioner, Place 3

ITEM 1. WELCOME TO VISITORS.

**Jose L. Morales, President**, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. at the Cesar Gonzalez Meeting Hall located at the Municipal Building.

**Mayor Ben Gomez** opened a Special Meeting for the City Commission at 5:37 p.m. at the Cesar Gonzalez Meeting Hall located at the Municipal Building.

ITEM 2. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE TERMINATION OF LEGAL SERVICES WITH THE LAW FIRM OF ROERIG, OLIVEIRA AND FISHER, L.L.P.

**Jose L. Morales, President**, indicated this item is to follow the City Commission's same action to terminate services with this law firm. **Julian Rios, Vice-President**, motioned to terminate legal services with Roerig, Oliveira and Fisher LLP. **Ramiro Guerra, Board Member**, seconded the motion. Voting Aye: **Jose L. Morales, President, Julian Rios, Vice-President, Priscilla Guajardo, Secretary/Treasurer, and Board Members Encarnacion Lopez and Ramiro Guerra.** **MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE THE TERLMINATION OF LEGAL SERVICES WITH THE LAW FIRM OF ROERIG, OLIVEIRA AND FISHER, L.L.P.**

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. EDUARDO ANTONIO "TONY" TORRES, OF FLORES AND TORRES, L.L.P., AS INTERIM ATTORNEY.

Jose L. Morales, President, met with Mr. Torres, who agreed to be the EDC Interim Attorney at an hourly rate of \$150.00. Priscilla Guajardo, Secretary/Treasurer, requested the length of Interim status, and is he the only option. Jose L. Morales indicated he contacted several attorneys and he is the only one that responded and showed interest. The Mayor and a Commissioner met with him. He is the only candidate at this time. Mayor Ben Gomez stated he believes the time limit will depend on the RFQs that go out like the City's RFQs, and a decision will be made based on the best qualified and price for the City and the EDC. Encarnacion Lopez, Board Member, inquired if the Board would have to meet again to establish the RFQ. Jose L. Morales replied that the contents of the RFQ would be determined at a later date. Encarnacion Lopez stated the Board should not wait more than a month to publish the RFQ. Jose L. Morales requested adding the RFQ to the next agenda. Jose L. Morales motioned to approve legal services for Interim Attorney firm Flores and Torres LLP. Ramiro Guerra, Board Member, seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Jose L. Morales, President, Julian Rios, Vice-President, Priscilla Guajardo, Secretary/Treasurer, and Board Members Encarnacion Lopez and Ramiro Guerra. MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. EDUARDO ANTONIO "TONY" TORRES, OF FLORES AND TORRES, L.L.P., AS INTERIM ATTORNEY.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT

Jose L Morales, President, announced the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Mayor Ben Gomez adjourned the Special City Commission at 5:41 pm.

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JULIAN RIOS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
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ENCARNACION LOPEZ, SECRETARY / TREASURER

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