

DeSoto Development Corporation

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Monday, April 26, 2021

The Board of Directors of the DeSoto Development Corporation (DDC) will meet on **Monday, April 26, 2021 at 9:15 a.m.** This meeting will be a closed meeting to in person attendance by the public. A temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow for telephonic or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code. Telephonic and videoconferencing capabilities will be utilized to allow individuals to view the meeting on the City of DeSoto's website at www.desototexas.gov.

The DeSoto Development Corporation Board Meeting will be broadcasted live in its entirety on the City of DeSoto's website at www.desototexas.gov which is Government Access Channel 16 available to Spectrum subscribers and Government Access Channel 99 available to AT&T U-verse subscribers. Once on this site, select first the tab labeled **<Government>**, and then select the tab labeled **<Cable TV>**. The Board Meeting will be a videoconference on a [www.gotomeetings](http://www.gotomeetings.com) platform and live streamed on the City of DeSoto's website listed above for the public to view. Questions regarding the broadcast schedules should be directed to Kathy Jones, Community Relations Manager, at 972-230-9648.

As authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the Corporation's attorney on any agenda item listed herein.

A. REGULAR SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

1. Invocation

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Items are listed on the Consent Agenda by the DDC Chief Executive Officer and are recommended to the DDC Board of Directors for single vote of approval. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate vote at the request of a Board Director.

1. Minutes of the March 22, 2021 DDC Board meeting.

C. REGULAR AGENDA – NEW BUSINESS – Items for discussion and/or possible action:

1. Grow DeSoto Market Place Incubator Financial Status Report. Presentation by Monte Anderson, Options Real Estate.
2. Financial Status Report for November and December, 2020. Presentation by Melissa Adams, Accountant II, City of DeSoto.
3. City Council Liaison update regarding City events, meetings, etc. by Councilmember Andre` Byrd, Sr., City of DeSoto.
4. DeSoto Chamber of Commerce update by former Board Chairman Kenneth Govan and/or current Board Chairman Chief Maurice Jones.

5. The Industry HUB's Grow DeSoto Market Place Activity Summary Report for March 15 to April 16 by Terry Toomey, Executive Director, The Industry HUB.
6. Deliberation and Discussion regarding a Façade Grant for Kendall Karsen's Upscale Soulfood Restaurant at the corner of Wintergreen & Cockrell Hill Roads. Up to \$1,750 for \$3,500 sign.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

Texas Government Code, Section 551.087: Economic Development Deliberation:

1. Deliberation and Discussion regarding the Economic Development negotiations for Project Big Box.
2. Deliberation and Discussion regarding the Economic Development negotiations for Project Spec Building.
3. Deliberation and Discussion regarding the Economic Development negotiations for Project Water

E. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

F. ACTION AS RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

G. BRIEFING BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – Joe D. Newman

1. Brief update of meetings attended, industrial site visits and general office operations.

H. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Board announcements are regarding local civic and charitable events, meetings, fundraisers, awards, expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences.

I. ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act to the City's website www.desototexas.gov and the DDC's website www.dedc.org and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: **April 23, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.**, and remained so posted at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

Joe D. Newman, CEO