

**GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E RICHMOND, GIDDINGS, TEXAS**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Dowell at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor John Dowell, Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez five minutes late, Council Members Frank Castro, Alan Casey, Jake Horne, Linda Pruitt.

Staff Present: City Secretary Andrea Ray, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Captain Steve Spencer.

Not Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider, City Police Chief Haril Walpole,

2. PLEDGES TO THE US AND TEXAS FLAGS- Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME- City Council Member Alan Casey gave the invocation and Mayor John Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Interview Giddings Economic Development Corporation Board Applicants for 2020-2021.

Giddings Economic Development Corporation Board Applicants for 2020-2021.

**CHARLIE BROWN
ANTHONY FRANCIS
CHARLES HURLEY- Out of town.
TROY MOORE
GINA REAT
JOHN MICHAEL SIMMANG**

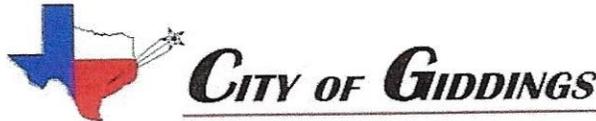
Mayor John Dowell started the interview process by telling the applicants we will go in alphabetically order by names. Mayor requested the applicants to a little about themselves.

Charlie Brown-been in Giddings all his life. Business owner himself. Would like to see economic grow in the City of Giddings.

Anthony Francis-(Tony Francis) grew up in Giddings, work at the Giddings State School for 30 years. Married to his wife for 40 years. He loves the City of Giddings. Tony has coached the Giddings LC Express Track Club. Tony has a mowing business. He would like to help GEDC to know more about how it works and work with other people to let them know more about GEDC. With hard work, he would like to see Giddings grow.

Charles Hurley-out of town and could not make the meeting.

John Dowell, Mayor
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Alan Casey



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Troy Moore- lived in Giddings for the past 61/2 years. Youth Pastor with the First Baptist Church of Giddings. His career is an Engineer with a company in Austin. Troy has worked on with many EDC and block grants, understand hoe the GEDC works.

Gina Reat- has lived in Giddings for many years, works part time with Mike Jatzlau Construction and Mike has introduced her many people in Giddings, Gina also works for Airspace in McDade. Gina has always felt like she is home here in Giddings, never once felt like an outsider. She is also in Giddings Lions Club. Gina would like to see Giddings grow we need to establish the growth and would like the advice from City Council how to make this work for Giddings and GEDC.

John Michael Simmang Jr.- grew up in Giddings and moved back from Bryan College Station in 2008. John worked for Nitsche Insurance for 30 years he worked closely with an employee who worked with EDC in Bryan learned a lot from and drew him into the EDC and how it works. John moved back to Giddings and served on the GEDC from 2009-2015. Him and his wife own a business in Giddings as well. John feels like Giddings needs to grow with the times and work on the Strategic Plan.

City Council Alan Casey asked the question with 290 Business Park “what are your concerns or questions?”

John Simmang answered the GEDC needs vision, good thing with the help of outside money for the 290 Business Park Grant.

Gina Reat- she like to work with Tonya to build stronger relationship with the public and rebuild old relationship that maybe have been mis understood in the past.

Troy Moore-would like to watch the money in the 290 Business Park Grant sometimes the plans can spiral out of control, the project is bigger and can run out of money before you know it.

Tony Francis- work the small business in Giddings, local people told him do not get the GEDC board they said certain people get money and some don't. Tony would like to see how the GEDC works and explain to the non-believers.

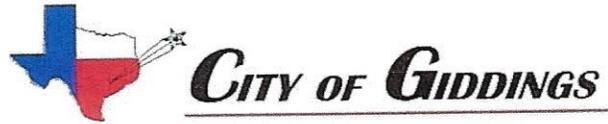
Charlie Brown-this 290 Business Park is a work in progress, and this well ne a long-term project, the City Council and citizens has to see this project to the end. Commutation is an issue that needs to improve and be focused on.

Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez asked the question Strategic Plan “what would like to not to see for the plan?”

Charlie Brown-the five-year Strategic Plan is great, there is a need to divide resources with 290 Business Park, the downtown plan is very important. In the future there will be hard decisions to make for downtown Giddings and the 290 Business Park for success of the two major projects.

John Simmang- fear of explosion of growth and Giddings is not ready. City Council didn't give a clear direction and make sure guidelines are set. The City Council needs to tell GEDC to make plans and then bring it back to City Council for approval.

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Troy Moore- fear is City Council will give a direction it may not go as planned.

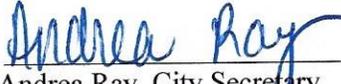
Gina Reat- fear is having tow projects going on at the same time unexpected costs to pop up.
This would increase the costs of 290 Business Park and Strategic Plan.

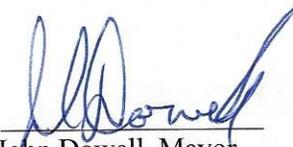
Mayor John Dowell asked if" there was any more questions," if not at this time this includes the interviews.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Wednesday, October 21 2020 at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

