

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING OF THE
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012
6:00PM

Chairman Paddie called the Special-Called meeting to order at the Marshall Convention Center Caddo Hall, 2501 East End Blvd. South, at 6:00pm.

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Chris Paddie, District 6

COMMISSIONERS:

Gloria Moon, District 1

Bill Marshall, District 4

Zephaniah Timmins, District 2

Charlie Oliver, District 5

John Flowers, District 3

ABSENT: Commissioner Ed Hoffman, District 7

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Frank Johnson, City Manager

Ardis Wright, Assistant City Manager

Todd Fitts, City Attorney

Lisa Agnor, City Secretary/Finance Director

Jack Redmon, Parks Director

Leland Benoit, Asst. Police Chief

INVOCATION: Chairman Paddie

23. TOWN HALL STYLE MEETING FOR AN OPEN DISCUSSION BETWEEN CITIZENS AND COMMISSIONERS REGARDING OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE OF THE ONE-HALF CENT SALES TAX FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Marshall Economic Development Corporation representatives Leslie Chambers, Board Chairman, Kathy Wood, Board Member, and Donna Maisel, Executive Director, were present and seated with the City Commission.

Chairman Paddie expressed the Commission's thanks to the public for their interest and attendance.

City Manager Frank Johnson explained the purpose of the meeting and presented a summary of Type A and Type B Economic Development Corporations.

The following citizens participated in open discussion with the City Commission and MEDCO representatives:

Danny Kirkland, 3001 E. Travis Street, spoke in support of maintaining a Type A EDC.

Candie Johnson, 265 Southfield, said she feels a Type A EDC can accomplish anything a Type B EDC can accomplish.

Sherry Young, 2500 Wauban, spoke on vehicle fuel conversion.

Kyle James, 2403 Diamond Road, stated that his business is heavily supported by jobs created by MEDCO.

Louis Brock, Sr., 110 E. Carolanne, spoke in favor of remaining a Type A EDC and voiced support of the work MEDCO does.

Ken Moon, 616 S. Carter, spoke in favor of remaining a Type A EDC and believes that changing to a Type B EDC would bring additional administrative cost.

Doug Lewis, 404 E. Merritt, thanked MEDCO for the number of jobs created.

Cliff Todd, 1001 Texas Dr., Carthage, described the growth of C & J Energy and spoke in support of remaining a Type A EDC.

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Frank Berry, 202 Denise Dr., asked the emphasis be placed on the quality of life and which type of EDC could better enhance that.

Jerry Cargill, 26877 Hwy. 80 E., stated that he feels a Type B EDC provides a broader base for economic development.

George Carter, 1570 Kings Road, commended MEDCO on their accomplishments but stated there are other economic engines that could benefit from funding.

Mike McMurry, 705 E. Houston, stated that he feels a Type B EDC provides more options for economic development and stressed the importance of informing the public.

Roxanna Gonzales, 5204 East End Blvd. S., asked questions regarding Type A and Type B economic development corporations.

Randy Wooten, 2650 E. End Blvd., S., addressed unintended consequences that could potentially occur if a change was made from a Type A EDC to a Type B EDC.

Steve Carlile, 1595 Garden Oaks, stated that citizens should have the right to weigh-in on various options available regarding EDCs and asked questions of MEDCO regarding the number of jobs created.

April Spears, 1003 Stuart Lane, questioned how decreased funding could affect MEDCO operations.

Bailey Briggs, 401 Alice Hope Rd., did not see direction on how a Type B EDC would be utilized.

Shawn Somerford, 3404 Indian Springs, thinks discussing economic development is important and questioned if the current MEDCO Board could serve on a Type B EDC board.

Steve Howell, 2703 Waubun Street, discussed importance of primary jobs and urged Commission to allow MEDCO to focus its attention on primary jobs.

Cindy Leleko, 505 Belle Court, stated that in her opinion, Marshall is better served by a Type A EDC.

Rusty Howell, 2822 Mary Mack Drive, spoke about keeping the momentum we have currently as a Type A EDC.

24. ADJOURNMENT

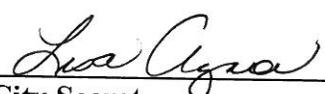
Chairman Paddie expressed appreciation for those in attendance.

APPROVED:



**Chairman of the City Commission
of the City of Marshall, Texas**

ATTEST:



City Secretary