

MINUTES
For the Meeting of the Governing Authority of
Americana Economic Development District
Council Chambers, 4700 Main Street
Tuesday December 08, 2015
Immediately Following Close of
Meeting of Mayor and City Council

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Laura O'Brien at 7:59 pm.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was accepted from the earlier council meeting.

C. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Laura O'Brien, Chairman
Francis Nezianya
Brandon Noel
Ben Cavin
Tommy Womack

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING of November 10, 2015

Motion by Mr. Cavin

Second by Mr. Womack

The motion carried unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

Jason Akers, Foley and Judell, LLP, 365 Canal Street, New Orleans, La 70130 was present to speak and give an update on the sales tax collection within the Americana Development. He explained that he was obtained by the district to advise on the process of collecting the tax. He said that the Department of Finance did not have record of the AEDD even though it was adopted by Ordinance in 2013-2014. He explained that he is working with them to set up this process and the tax will start to be collected very soon. There also will be discussion on if there are taxes that need to be collect from the past. He said that the AEDD Board is negligent for not collecting past taxes because the Dept. of Finance did not know about the development. Mayor David Amrhein, 2565 Rollins Rd. Zachary, La was present to speak and he suggested not collecting from previous sales because there may not be enough money to pay for Mr. Akers for his services.

Mr. Akers explained that there will not be any additional invoicing on this matter. He said that there is not a contract in place and they advise the district on an as needed basis. Mr. Akers will continue to correspond with John Hopewell on this matter.

E. ADJOURNMENT by common consent at 8:17 p.m.

**Dana Poole, Clerk of the City Council
CITY OF ZACHARY, LA**

Laura O'Brien, Chairman