The Board of Directors of the DeSoto Economic Development Corporation (DEDC) will meet on **Monday, August 31, 2020** at **9:00 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](http://www.desototexas.gov).

The DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Board Meeting will be broadcasted live in its entirety on the City of DeSoto’s website at [www.desototexas.gov](http://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 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.

In addition, the taped broadcasts are available to view on the City of DeSoto's website at [www.desototexas.gov](http://www.desototexas.gov) and the DEDC’s website at [www.dedc.org](http://www.dedc.org).

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.

###### REGULAR SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

1. Invocation

###### CONSENT AGENDA

Items are listed on the Consent Agenda by the DEDC Chief Executive Officer and are recommended to the DEDC 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. Consideration and approval of the July 27, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.
  2. Consideration and approval of the June 30, 2020 income and expenses.
  3. Consideration and approval of sponsorship for the 2020 Bronze Partnership with the North Texas Chapter of the Certified Commercial Investment Member(CCIM) in the amount of $1500 which is the same as in the previous years.

**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. The Industry HUB’s Grow DeSoto Market Place Activity Summary Report for July 2020 by Terry Toomey, Executive Director, The Industry HUB.
3. Financial Status Report for July 31, 2020. Presentation by Melissa Adams, Accountant II, City of DeSoto.
4. City Council Liaison update regarding City events, meetings, etc. by Councilmember Andre` Byrd, Sr., City of DeSoto.
5. DeSoto Chamber of Commerce update by Board Chairman Kenneth Govan.
6. Consideration and action to negotiate and renew a Consultant Agreement between the DeSoto Economic Development Corporation’s Consultant Terry Toomey, Executive Director, The Industry HUB.
7. Consideration and action to approve funding of the Inter-city Customer Service Initiative (ICSI) program sponsored by the BSW Partnership and Cedar Valley Campus of the Dallas College.
8. Discussion regarding the Type A and Type B corporations and any possible changes to the DEDC Bylaws and organizational structure if the DeSoto voters authorize a change to the DEDC Corporation’s type at the election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:**

**Texas Government Code, Section 551.071: Consultation with General Counsel:**

* 1. Consultation with general counsel to seek legal advice regarding contemplated litigation regarding Jeremiah Quarles.
  2. Consultation with general counsel regarding changing the preparation of the Façade Grant Agreement to a uniformed standard contract prepared in advance by the DEDC attorney in which the DEDC Chief Executive Officer or staff may complete by verifying and adding in the Façade Grant applicant’s information.

1. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**
2. **ACTION AS RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**
3. **BRIEFING BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – Joe D. Newman**

1. Brief update of meetings attended, industrial site visits and general office operations.
2. **BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Board announcements are regarding local civic and charitable events, meetings, fundraisers, awards, expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences.
2. **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](http://www.desototexas.gov) and the DEDC’s website [www.dedc.org](http://www.dedc.org) and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: **August 28, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.**, and remained so posted at least two hours after said meeting was convened.



Cynthia Noble – Administrative Assistant