

City of Eden
Special Called Meeting

The city council of the City of Eden met in Special session on Monday March 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the council chambers of City Hall.

Mayor & City Council Members

Mayor Eddy Markham	Councilmember Wade Ellison- ABSENT
Mayor Pro Tem Eugene Spann	Councilmember Grover Hall
Councilmember Jenifer Gierisch	Councilmember Victoria Ramirez

City Staff/Appointed Officials

City Administrator Celina Hemmeter

BUSINESS

Mayor Markham called the meeting to order.

Mayor Markham presented a timeline to Council outlining the events, meetings and conversations with CoreCivic (formerly CCA) regarding the pending contract for the Eden Detention Center.

Council adjourned into executive session for Consultation with Attorney Texas Government Code Section 551.071person at 7:23. Council returned to open session at 7:48. Councilperson Gierisch made a motion authorizing the Mayor and or City Administrator to enter into a contract with A. Mario Castillo to inform, educate and advocate, on behalf of the City of Eden, the retention and or renewal of a private prison facility contract which would retain 270 jobs within the City of Eden, and naming City Administrator as point of contact to include changes to contract as suggested by City Attorney which would enable a 9 month contract at \$4,000/month and a limit on expenses of \$500/month unless approved by Council as well as other suggested revisions. Councilperson Hall seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Cam Kleibrink, President of the Eden Economic Development Corporation provided Council with a detailed report and information regarding the history of the Economic Development position that has been funded by a partnership between the EECD, City of Eden and the Spirit of Eden since the position was created.

Councilperson Ellison made a motion to defer action until the April meeting on the City of Eden's continued participation in funding an Economic Development Coordinator position sharing salary, benefits and budgetary expenses with the Eden Economic Development Corporation and the Spirit of Eden Fund to allow time for a coalition of representatives from each entity, including the Eden Chamber of Commerce, to discuss budgets, job description and related information. Mayor Markham and Councilperson Hall volunteered to be the representatives for the City of Eden. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Gierisch and the motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Eddy Markham

Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator