

Sweeny Economic Development Corporation
Budget/Special Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2026

I. Call to Order

Jenny Massey called to order the budget meeting of the Sweeny Economic Development Corporation at 5:00 pm on August 17, 2026, at Sweeny Public Works meeting room.

II. Roll Call

Michelle Medina conducted the roll call. The following were present: Brian Brooks, Katie Goff, Bill Hayes, Brittanie Hopkins and Jenny Massey.

Absent:

Visitors: Dusty Hopkins, Wayman Hutchings and Cecil Stark

Budget Workshop

M. Medina began explaining some of the changes that have been made since the last workshop. Salary numbers were updated to reflect quarterly numbers. Sales tax training went up \$75 per person. Added in Downtown revitalization and Marketing. We have \$30,476.20 that we need to allocate to have a balanced budget. It was decided to add that to Quality-of-Life projects. We need to look at restrooms and shade covers for the parks.

B. Hopkins made a motion to adjourn the budget workshop at 5:49 pm. B. Brooks 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

J. Massey opened regular meeting beginning with the consent agenda at 6:00 pm

III. Financial Report – July 2026

M. Medina read the financial report. N. Bess Jr. made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. K. Goff 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

IV. Minutes for Special Meeting June 2 and Regular Meeting – July 2026

B. Hopkins made a motion to approve the June Special meeting minutes, and July regular meeting minutes as presented. B. Hayes 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

V. Reports

EDC Executive Director:

M. Medina gave her report: She met with a someone wanting to bring a hospice business to Sweeny. Spoke to someone with IGA Grocers. He requested information on the Stewart's building as well as the old Dollar General building. She spoke with the Krause family. They are working on gathering information.

Met with a couple of marketing firms. Attended groundbreaking of the new Aquatic Center in Bay City. Attended Alliance Industry Update. Attended AI workshop at the BC Hispanic Chamber. Attended Keys to Connections Expo. Set up a meeting with Collaborate Team –

Michoacana Markets. Set up meeting with Lux Painting and Construction. Met with Windy Byrd and look at her building for lease behind Taco Loco. Met with 2 contractors to bid extending gas line at the industrial park.

Attended city budget workshop. Attended CIC meeting.

City:

Working on the budget.

VI. Old Business:

- a. Industrial Park Project Updates – 1. Trilogy –Red iron going up for metal building. 2. Stark Inc. – Ready to move in. Dealing with TCEQ for the stabilizer plant. 3. Equipment Share – No update. 4. Mowing and cleaning up – mowing and ready to start on the median 5. Punchlist – working on getting signs made for the available property.
- b. Discuss and act as needed benches and light poles on Main Street -Discussion on light poles and what needs to be fixed and or replaced. B. Hopkins made a motion to get costs of 4 light poles and benches. Take the light pole that needs to be removed and take one good one to replace the one at the Masonic Lodge. K. Goff 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.
- c. Discuss and act as needed representatives to serve on the Sweeny Beautification Committee – this was tables until next month when we get new board members.
- d. Discuss and act as needed loan options – tabled
- e. Discuss and act as needed available buildings for possible purchase – tabled
- f. Discuss and act as needed Kraus Family Farms and store front – tabled no new information.
- g. Discuss and act as needed 2026/2027 Budget – K. Goff made a motion to approve the budget as presented. N. Bess Jr. 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

VII. New Business:

- a. Discuss and act as needed marketing bids – discussion over the three marketing bids. B. Hopkins made a motion to accept Golden Shovel. B. Hayes 2nd. N. Bess Jr. opposed. Motion Carried.
- b. Discuss and act as needed new business – Divine Healthcare – M. Medina did meet with them. They are a hospice business. They need help purchasing a building. They may be able to help with bringing a pharmacy.
- c. Discuss and act as needed EDC board applications – M. Medina presented 3 applications. The board chose to table until next month.
- d. Discuss and act as needed getting bids for contractors to put in gas line at the industrial park – M. Medina handed out the two bids for extending the gas line at the industrial park. The board decided to table, they needed more information. M. Medina to ask DeLane Brown and or Tex Bell to attend the next meeting.

VIII. Executive Session:

VIII. Reconvened:

IX. Items of Community Interest

Farmers' Market the weekend. The food pantry has a fundraiser coming up – Empty Bowl on September 27th.

XI. Adjournment

K. Goff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. B. Hopkins 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

Approved and passed on September 14, 2026 .

Michelle Medina

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Executive Director, Sweeny EDC