
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Economic Development
FROM: Alex Philips, Economic Development Director
MEETING: September 23, 2024

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of a resolution ratifying the 4A Economic Development Board's action taken on the Performance Agreement between The Burlleson 4A Economic Development Corporation and the Bethany Special Utility District for infrastructure to support industrial development in the City of Burlleson, Texas. (*Staff Contact: Alex Philips, Economic Development*)

SUMMARY:

Bethany owns, operates, and maintains facilities for distributing treated water and holds an exclusive certificate of convenience and necessity to furnish water to an area within the City of Burlleson along the southern boundaries of the City.

The City has received proposals for several desirable developments in that area, but the area remains undeveloped due to the size of Bethany's current water line which does not have sufficient pressure for the fire suppression requirements to serve any user larger than 6,000 square feet. Bethany has studied the necessary upgrades to serve industrial users in the area, and has determined the total cost to upsize the water line to be \$3,000,000. Bethany does not have the current resources to fund the entire cost, but has committed to contribute \$800,000 toward the construction of the water line

To encourage industrial development in the area, the EDC desires to facilitate the construction of the water line by matching Bethany's contribution, to be paid upon completion of the water line. The EDC has determined and found that the project is suitable or required for the construction of infrastructure necessary to promote or develop new or expanded business and industrial purposes. The EDC, which has determined that substantial economic benefit and the creation of new opportunities of employment will accrue to City as a result of the project being located in the City, and desires to have Bethany construct and operate the water line in the City. The project will increase the taxable value in the City and will directly and indirectly result in the creation of additional jobs throughout the City and the value of the benefits of the project is anticipated to outweigh the amount of expenditures required of the EDC by the project under this Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a resolution ratifying the 4A Economic Development Board's action taken on the Performance Agreement between The Burleson 4A Economic Development Corporation and the Bethany Special Utility District for infrastructure to support industrial development in the City of Burleson, Texas.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

Insert CSO# if applicable
Insert resolution or ordinance change

FISCAL IMPACT:

Project can be funded from the budgeted 4A fund

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