City of Stanton Economic Development Corporation Minutes

July 8, 2026

EDC Board President Maggie Newman, Mayor Sally Poteet, Board Members Leah Flanagan, Vickie Jeffcoat, Jeremy Louder, Brent Swink and Shawna Barnhill, EDC Director Jaque Alcala and City Manager Jessie Montez were present. Matt Turney and Elizabeth Loyd attended as visitors.

President Maggie Newman called the Public Hearing to order at 12:16 p.m.

No public comment.

President Maggie Newman closed the Public Hearing and opened the Regular Session at 12:17 p.m.

Item No. 1 : Vickie Jeffcoat made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026, meeting. Shawna Barnhill seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Item No. 2: Leah Flanagan made a motion to approve the financials, dated June 30, 2026. Vickie Jeffcoat seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Item No. 3: Matt Turney, owner of T5 Taxidermy & Processing, 1204 W. School St., submitted a grant application for the purchase of one connex cooler/freezer. T5 started operations in 2023 as a home-based taxidermy service and moved to its current location in 2024, expanding into wild game processing. The amount requested is ten thousand dollars ($10,000) and the grant forgiveness period is one year. Jeremy Louder made a motion to approve the grant. Leah Flanagan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Item No. 4: Elizabeth Loyd opened Pizza Marie, 405 E. Front St., in 2008 as a locally owned and operated pizza and pasta restaurant. The restaurant has undergone various renovations throughout its 18-year history. Pizza Marie has submitted a grant application for the purchase of kitchen equipment, infrastructure upgrades, façade and parking lot improvements, as well as new dining furniture and entertainment equipment. Elizabeth has invested over sixteen thousand one hundred twenty dollars ($16,120) in the current expansion and remodel. Five options were presented with Option #3 being "Ideal" at a total cost of thirty-six thousand, nine hundred twenty-six dollars and eight-two cents. ($36,926.82.) The total cost of all options is just over one hundred eighteen thousand dollars ($118,000).

Item No. 5: President Maggie Newman closed the Regular Session and opened an Executive Session at 12:38 p.m. to deliberate matters authorized under the Texas Government Code §551.073 – Deliberations about Gifts and Donations.

Item No. 6: President Maggie Newman reopened the Regular Session at 12:45 p.m. Leah Flanagan made a motion to approve a grant to Pizza Marie in the amount of thirty-six thousand, nine hundred twenty-six dollars and eight-two cents. ($36,926.82) for Option #3, kitchen upgrade, infrastructure upgrade and façade improvements. Shawna Barnhill seconded the motion. All were in favor. Jeremy Louder made a motion to offer a zero- or low-interest loan in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for parking lot improvements for a 5-year term, pending City Attorney approval. Sally Poteet seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Item No. 7: EDC Director Jaque Alcala updated the board on the following activities.

- Matt Turney was our first applicant using our online application process.
- Regarding the re-survey of the EDC tract prior to transfer to Topnotch Construction. Jessie has located three of the four corner markers.
- Jaque has contacted City Attorney about the performance agreement for Buffalo Bakery & Café and will schedule a "check in" with Amanda.

Jeremy Louder made a motion to adjourn. Brent Swink seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.