



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICE COMMUNITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
RICE, TEXAS**

Monday, August 24th, 2026

6:00 PM

**Rice City Hall – Council Chambers
305 N. Dallas Street
Rice, TX 75155**

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

- a. Brandi Solomon
- b. Rolando Chapa
- c. Donna Gipson
- d. Archa Cassel
- e. Tristine Slayton
- f. Sarah Farley

2. Prayer

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

4. Texas Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas State Flag

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

5. **Public Forum**

6. **Agenda Items**

1. EDC Board Announcements

- a) Update for Electricity Downtown Re: Meeting with designer from Oncor
- b) Texas EDC Conference – Donna & Sarah review
- c) Carolina Update
 - Discover Rice Promotion/current business Shout Out
 - Grant Opportunities/Applications
- d) New Business Opened: Ellinya Italian Express
- e) Next Regular City Council meeting will be 09/15 RE: adoption of Proposed Budget and Tax Rate

2. Discuss and Take Any Action on Current EDC Projects

- a) Our next Discover Rice Local Business Event: Small Business Grant Opportunities & Best Practices for how to apply. Discuss speakers, other details, etc.
- b) Downtown Greenspace Project: Concrete
 - Get updated bids for pathway

3. Discuss and take any Action on EDC Projects for FY 2027

- a) Seasonal Downtown Events (Market/Pop-ups – Fall/November? Christmas, etc)
 - Christmas Tree and/or Decorations
- b) Pollan Family Park Plan: Workshop to discuss/review? (EDC property improvements)
- c) Review Plans/Bids for Scoreboards (Recreational Improvements)

4. Discuss and Take Any Action for Recommendation of City Council Member to appoint to the EC Board

5. Discuss and Take Action - Financial Statement
See attached 07/2026

6. Discuss and Take Action - Minutes
See attached 07/26/2026

7. **Adjourn**

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board of City Hall, City of Rice, Texas, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, on the _____ day of _____ 2026 by _____ p.m., and remained posted for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Name

Title

City of Rice

Financial Statement

As of July 31, 2026

950 - Rice EDC	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
Revenue Summary							
Sales & Property Taxes	3,788.24	4,400.00	(611.76)	40,955.52	52,800.00	77.57%	11,844.48
EDC Account Carry Forward Year End	0.00	12,430.00	(12,430.00)	0.00	149,160.00	0.00%	149,160.00
Revenue Totals	3,788.24	16,830.00	(13,041.76)	40,955.52	201,960.00	20.28%	161,004.48
Expense Summary							
Personnel/Payroll	610.00	1,041.66	(431.66)	8,583.61	12,500.00	68.67%	3,916.39
Office & Supplies	0.00	170.83	(170.83)	858.78	2,050.00	41.89%	1,191.22
Operating Expense	0.00	266.66	(266.66)	97.25	3,200.00	3.04%	3,102.75
Legal & Professional Fees	0.00	166.66	(166.66)	0.00	2,000.00	0.00%	2,000.00
Community Programs & Donations	1,000.00	2,083.33	(1,083.33)	12,975.82	25,000.00	51.90%	12,024.18
Capital	0.00	5,833.33	(5,833.33)	52,205.05	70,000.00	74.58%	17,794.95
Grant Expense	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	0.00	30,000.00	0.00%	30,000.00
EDC Reserves	0.00	4,767.50	(4,767.50)	9,019.51	57,210.00	15.77%	48,190.49
Expense Totals	1,610.00	16,829.97	(15,219.97)	83,740.02	201,960.00	41.46%	118,219.98

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EDC Account Carry Forward Year End Estimated Balance							
950-8001 EDC Account Carry Forward Year	0.00	12,430.00	(12,430.00)	0.00	149,160.00	0.00%	149,160.00
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950-10-5109 Contract Labor	610.00	833.33	(223.33)	6,030.00	10,000.00	60.30%	3,970.00
950-10-5201 Office Supplies	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	758.20	1,500.00	50.55%	741.80
950-10-5202 Printing Supplies	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	100.58	300.00	33.53%	199.42
950-10-5203 Postage	0.00	20.83	(20.83)	0.00	250.00	0.00%	250.00
950-10-5206 Training Expense	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	2,553.61	2,500.00	102.14%	(53.61)
950-10-5211 Electric Service	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00	1,200.00	0.00%	1,200.00
950-10-5223 Audit Expense	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%	1,000.00
950-10-5224 Legal and Professional Fees	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%	1,000.00
950-10-5227 Advertising	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	97.25	1,000.00	9.73%	902.75
950-10-5229 Public & Employee Relations	0.00	416.67	(416.67)	1,131.90	5,000.00	22.64%	3,868.10
950-10-5452 Hardware/Software	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%	1,000.00
950-10-5700 Property Acquisitions	0.00	5,833.33	(5,833.33)	52,205.05	70,000.00	74.58%	17,794.95
950-10-5702 Business Improvement	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	0.00	30,000.00	0.00%	30,000.00
950-10-8009 EDC Reserves	0.00	4,767.50	(4,767.50)	9,019.51	57,210.00	15.77%	48,190.49
950-10-9501 Recreational Improvements	1,000.00	833.33	166.67	2,520.00	10,000.00	25.20%	7,480.00
950-10-9502 EDC Property Improvements	0.00	833.33	(833.33)	9,323.92	10,000.00	93.24%	676.08
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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

- a. Brandi Solomon
- b. Rolando Chapa
- c. Donna Gipson
- d. Archa Cassel
- e. Tristine Slayton - Absent
- f. Sarah Farley

2. Prayer

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5. Public Forum

6. Agenda Items

1. EDC Board Announcements

- a) Tonya Roberts has been assigned as the co-signer for our bank account payments. Per our bylaws, the City Administrator and EDC President co-sign.
- b) Soggy Peso will be having a Grand Opening & Back to School community event on August 1st.
- c) Planning & Zoning Public Hearing for Data Center is 7/28 at 6PM, City Council Public Hearing is 8/13 (Regular City Council Meeting)

- d) Carolina Update
 - Discover Rice Facebook Posts - Carolina has been posting every Tuesday and Thursday. She also started doing Business Spotlights starting with The Soggy Peso. Carolina also plans to start our Discover Rice Program to draw more interest in our local businesses. The suggested prizes are coolers priced around \$200 and a family pack of tickets to a theme park.
- e) Grants updates - Carolina has gathered all information we will need to start applying for Parks and Wildlife grants. She has also received donations from Atwoods and will be reaching out to other stores for support.

2. Discuss and Take Any Action on Current EDC Projects

- a) There is a well on the property and we will need to have someone fill in before building nearby. Brandi has contacted the City's electrician to help move our meter on the Green Space.
- b) Our next Networking Event will be planned around October 1st. We will be featuring a Grant Working Workshop.
 - Budget: Food, speakers, advertising?
- c) Rolando suggested using Los Agaves as the venue and the EDC has agreed on the previously discussed date of Oct 1st.
- d) Plans for Downtown Green Space/Pollan family Park - Carolina will look for grants to complete Phase 2 which includes sidewalks and the entry arch.

3. Discuss and take any Action on Line Items for 2027 Fiscal Budget

- a) \$3,000 for website upgrades (then \$820 annually)
- b) Scoreboards for Park – to include space for sponsor logos and a “Donated by the Rice EDC marquis)
 - * Budget is final – with post meeting additions of Property Insurance (amount/vendor TBD) and Water Utility from Rice Water Supply, est. \$2k

Donna made a motion to accept the Financial Budget Archa seconded. Ayes - Brandi, Sarah, Rolando. Motion Passes.

4. Discuss and Deliberate Financial Statement

Donna made a motion to accept the Financial Statement. Archa seconded. Ayes - Brandi, Rolando, Sarah. Motion passes.

5. Discuss and Deliberate Minutes

Donna made a motion to accept the minutes. Archa seconded. Ayes - Rolando, Brandi, Sarah. Motion passes.

7. Adjourn: 7:15pm

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