

**THE PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES
COMMENCING AT 3:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018**

Present: Board Member Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez
Board Member Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Board Member Comm. Ricardo Medina
Board Member Comm. Dr. Ramiro Caballero
Board Member Reynaldo Perez

Absent Board Member Mario Lizcano
Board Member Jerry Muñoz

Staff Present: Alex Meade, City Manager
Victor Perez, Executive Director
Ed Wylie, Ass. City Manager
Maribel Garcia, Executive Administrative Assistant
Jamison Merrick, Finance Manager
Karla Moya, Finance Director

City Attorney: Jesse Zambrano

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT BOARD MEMBER

Mayor Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
Roll call established a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Commissioner Ricardo Medina moved to excuse the absence of Board Members Jerry Muñoz, Mario Lizcano, and Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo it was seconded by Comm. Ramiro Caballero. Motion Carried unanimously.

Comm. Guajardo joined the meeting at 3:12 p. m.

ITEM 2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Alex Meade City Manager introduced the item.

Victor Perez, Executive Director informs the Board about; True Sales Tax Report again we continue to have great news for the City of Pharr, we have Ms. Karla Moya here like we always do, thank you for being here and if you have any questions you can direct them to myself or Ms. Moya. True sales tax growth, the sales tax activity for the City of Pharr as of the month of December 2018 3rd month of the City's fiscal year 2018-2019 but October's sales activity has shown an over all positive trend in the amount of \$694,981 from this point last year, or an increase of 16.25%. On the RGV sales tax comparison City of Pharr shows an increase of 19.80% compared to last December collections, the City ranked No. 7 this month compared to 9 other cities in the Valley in sales collections compared to last period, and ranked No. 1 in collections year to date. GAAP basis this is the 1st month of actual sales of the fiscal year 2018-2019 to date we are up 19.80% or \$270,048 from this point to the fiscal year compared to last year. Thank you for the leadership here in the City of Pharr, again we continue to strive the City of Pharr so great news. Rental and lease report are there for your review.

Victor Perez Executive Director introduced item A on the agenda election of officers and suggested for Mayor to continue as President and Chairman for the Pharr EDC, Comm. Guajardo as Vice President, Secretary Mr. Rey Perez, Treasurer Mr. Mario Lizcano, Jerry Muñoz, Ricardo Medina and Dr. Caballero as members. Mayor Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez asked if there were any comments about it. Commissioner Medina commented to rotate the Vice President and have Mr. Mario Lizcano as Vice President and Commissioner Guajardo as Treasurer. Mr. Perez stated it was up to the Board on the election and they all agreed on the rotation that Commissioner Medina commented about. Mr. Perez continues, Mayor for the record I am going to repeat the election. President; Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, Vice President; Mr. Mario Lizcano, Secretary; Rey Perez, Treasurer; Commissioner Guajardo, Members; Jerry Muñoz, Ricardo Medina and Dr. Caballero. Board members moved to approved.

Victor Perez Executive Director introduced item C on the agenda. Resolution for the Texas Leverage Fund, that's just a resolution in your packets and we have someone here from Mr. Hollis Rutledge office if you have any questions. Mayor Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez mentions that's Chuy's Bill reaffirming continuous support for Economic Development.

Victor Perez Executive Director wishes the Board Happy Holidays! This was the last meeting for this year.

ITEM 3. CONSENT AGENDA:

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 17, 2018 – REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR TEXAS BORDER COALITIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,040.00.

Commissioner Ricardo Medina moved to approve. It was seconded by Board member Reynaldo Perez. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4. REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION:

Alex Meade City Manager requested to deviate from the agenda and enter into a close session. There was no objection.

ITEM 5. CLOSED SESSION:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CGAPTER 551 TEXAS, GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNON'S TEXAS CODE ANNOTATED (OPEN MEETING ACT), THE PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II BOARD WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

Mayor Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez stated pursuant to Sections 551.071 thru 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, the PEDC II Board of Directors would be entering a closed session the time being 3:10 p. m.

ITEM 6. RECONVENE:

Mayor Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez stated that the time being 3:32 p.m. the board will be resuming meeting, into Regular Session, and consider action, if necessary on any item(s) discussed in executive session.

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2019.

Staff recommended approval as discussed on consent agenda.

Commissioner Ricardo Medina moved to approve. It was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Ramiro Caballero. Motion carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON STATE OF THE CITY (EDNA DE SARO).

Staff recommended no action as discussed in executive session.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION FOR TEXAS LEVERAGE FUND.

Staff recommended approval as discussed on consent agenda.

Commissioner Ricardo Medina moved to approve. It was seconded by Board member Reynaldo Perez. Motion carried unanimously.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON LOI FOR PROJECT RANCH.

Staff recommended approval as discussed in executive session.

Commissioner Ricardo Medina moved to approve. It was seconded by Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo. Motion carried unanimously.

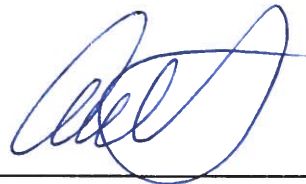
E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON OFFER FROM TxDOT PROJECT HOLIDAY.

Staff recommended approval as discussed in executive session.

Commissioner Ricardo Medina moved to approve. It was seconded by Board member Reynaldo Perez. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Dr. Ramiro Caballero moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Board Member Reynaldo Perez and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.



Mayor, Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez

ATTEST



Comm. Ricardo Medina, Secretary

APPROVED:

Jan. 21, 2019