MINUTES
PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR

The Pharr Economic Development Corporation II met in a regular called meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Board Member Comm. Ricardo Medina
Board Member Reynaldo Perez
Board Member Mario Lizcano
Board Member Marty Moore
Board Member Michael Pacheco

MEMBERS ABSENT: Board Member Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez
Board Member Comm. Dr. Ramiro Caballero

STAFF PRESENT: Victor Perez, PEDC President/CEO
Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager
Adriana Sarmiento, PEDC CFO
Juanita Cavazos, Property and Business Manager
Karina Lopez, PEDC Manager
Maribel Garcia, Executive Administrative Assistant

PEDC ATTORNEY: Austin Oxford

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

A) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT BOARD MEMBER

Vice Chairman, Commissioner Ricardo Medina, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Board member Mario Lizcano **moved** to excuse absent members. Board member Reynaldo Perez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

President/CEO Victor Perez led the pledge of allegiance and, Board Member Mario Lizcano, said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A) PEDC II EVENTS OF INTEREST

Karina Lopez, economic Development Manager, went over upcoming PEDC II events. She stated the Pharr EDC in partnership with Workforce Solutions hosted the "We Are the Solution Job Fair". The annual event is held to connect employers seeking to expand their talent pool of individuals with disabilities and the public in general. There was no fee to attend October 18, 9am-11:30 am at the Pharr DRC.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager, extended an invitation to the Board to the Summer Earn & Learn Appreciation Lunch. This event recognizes employers that participated in the summer program as worksites to provide students with disabilities workplace readiness training, skills, and work experience October 18, 2022, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at the Pharr DRC Center.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager, informed the Board about Pharr EDC the Pharr EDC alongside the RGV Partnership hosted the Pharr Commercial & Property Tour. This annual event provides an opportunity to highlight Pharr's growth and present potential opportunities for business development.

B) SALES TAX REPORT OCTOBER– 2022

Victor Perez, President/ CEO, reported October sales tax report, he stated Pharr had an increase of 10.22% from last year and had 14.97% compared to last year and ranked number seven compared to neighboring cities.

C) LOANS/LEASES REPORT

Victor Perez, President/CEO, stated loans and leases reports were in their binders for review.

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES- SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RATIFICATION FOR THE 20TH ANNUAL EDDIE LUCIO JR. TEXAS GOLF CLASSIC SPONSORSHIP.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON FOOD BANK RGV OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY 2022 EMPTY BOWLS SPONSORSHIP.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item.

Board Member Mario Lizcano **moved** to approve. Board Member Reynaldo Perez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

At this time, Vice Chairman, Commissioner Ricardo Medina stated they would deviate from the agenda and go into closed session. There was no objection.

ITEM 6. 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.

The time being 3:15 p.m., Vice Chairman, Commissioner Ricardo Medina stated the Board would be entering into closed session in accordance with Sections 551.071 thru 551.087 of the Texas Government Code.

ITEM 7. RECONVENE:

The time being 3:41 p.m., Vice Chairman, Commissioner Ricardo Medina stated the board will be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 5. REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON LETTER OF INTENT (LIO) FOR PROJECT WINDOW.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval as discussed in closed session.

Board member Mario Lizcano **moved** to approve. Board member Marty Moore seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROJECT K-ATHLETICS.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval as discussed in closed session.

Board Member Reynaldo Perez **moved** to approve. Board member Mario Lizcano seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON LIFTFUND AGREEMENT.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval as discussed in closed session.

Board Member Reynaldo Perez **moved** to approve. Board member Mario Lizcano seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

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D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CONTRACTED SERVICES WITH TERRY CANALES.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval as discussed in closed session.

Board Member Mario Lizcano **moved** to approve. Board member Marty Moore seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND THE PHARR EDC FOUNDATION.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval as discussed in closed session.

Board member Reynaldo Perez **moved** to approve. Board member Mario Lizcano seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE MOU WITH THE PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT II AND THE GREATER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval as discussed in closed session.

Board Member Reynaldo Perez **moved** to approve. Board member Mario Lizcano seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II AND THE CITY OF PHARR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval as discussed in closed session.

Board Member Mario Lizcano **moved** to approve. Board member Reynaldo Perez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Board Member Marty Moore **moved** to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Board member Reynaldo Perez and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

PEDC II:

Commissioner Ricardo Medina, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Reynaldo Perez, Secretary

APPROVED:

November 21, 2022