

MINUTES
PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR

The Pharr Economic Development Corporation II met in a regular called meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Board Member Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez
Board Member Comm. Ricardo Medina
Board Member Comm. Dr. Ramiro Caballero
Board Member Reynaldo Perez
Board Member Mario Lizcano

MEMBERS ABSENT: Board Member Efrain Matamoros
Board Member Marty Moore

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: Jaime Muñoz

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Chairman, Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

Board member Mario Lizcano entered the meeting at this point of the agenda. The time being 4:01 p. m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez led the pledge of allegiance and Victor Perez, President/CEO, 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 was a sponsoring partner of the annual Fundación RAMMAC Golf Tournament taking place at Tierra Del Sol Golf Course September 23, 2022, at seven a.m. RAMMAC (Reynosa Asociacion de Maquiladoras y Manufactureras, A. C.) a foundation run by INDEX Reynosa, the maquiladora trade association.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager, extended an invitation to the Board to the VIDA (Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement) 2nd Annual Gala. Where they recognized the Pharr EDC as investment partner of the year. The event took place September 29, 2022 at Doubletree by Hilton, McAllen Tx.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager, informed the Board about Pharr EDC Foundation collaborating partner of the RGV Focus hosted a Fall Retreat September 30, 2022, at the Pharr DRC Center and also a Mixer following the retreat at the PEDC building. She stated the Foundation was supporting RGV Focus with both events in the Pharr Community.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager, extended an invitation to the Board to the Start of the Produce Season October 6, 2022, at the Pharr International Bridge. She stated we were proud to continue supporting the Bridge to bring awareness of the industry growth and its impact to business and economies at local, national and international levels.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager, extended an invitation to the Board to the 2nd Annual Manufacturing Day in Pharr, October 7, 2022 at the Pharr DRC Center. She stated the presentation was focused on bringing awareness to the manufacturing industry and its impact, having various industry related speakers present to Pharr area students and provide opportunities for them to engage and learn about their products and services.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager, informed the Board about the Fall Hub Job Fair October 7, 2022, at the Pepe Salinas Building. She stated the Pharr EDC with the Grater Pharr Chamber of Commerce and Workforce Solutions had partnered once again to host the Fall Hub Job Fair to assist area students and businesses with employment opportunities.

B) SALES TAX REPORT SEPTEMBER– 2022

Victor Perez, President/ CEO, reported September sales tax, Pharr had 10.21% growth compared to last year September numbers and overall, 9.71% calendar year growth.

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- AUGUST 19, 2022, REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item.

Board Member Commissioner Ricardo Medina moved to approve. Board Member Reynaldo Perez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

At this time, Chairman, Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez 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 3:07 p.m., Chairman, Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez 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 4:01 p.m., Chairman, Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez stated the board will be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 5. REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON APPROVAL OF THE 2022-2023 PEDC II BUDGET.

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

Board member Commissioner Ricardo Medina **moved** to approve. Board member Commissioner Ramiro Caballero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON TCA LOGISTICS (TRANCASA) LOAN REQUEST.

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

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA) AGREEMENT.

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

Board Member Commissioner Ramiro Caballero **moved** to approve. Board member Commissioner Ricardo Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROJECT TRACTOR.

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

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

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) FOR HOLIDAY VILLAGE.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item and stated staff recommended no action as discussed in closed session

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PHARR PRODUCE PARK LOTS 28 AND 29 EXTENSION.

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

Board Member Commissioner Ricardo Medina moved to approve. Board member Reynaldo Perez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON APPLYING FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) GRANT.

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

Board Member Commissioner Ricardo Medina moved to approve. Board member Reynaldo Perez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT

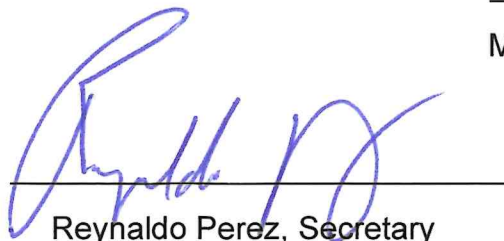
There being no further business to come before the board, Board Member Commissioner Ricardo Medina moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Board member Reynaldo Perez and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

PEDC II:



Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, Chairman

ATTEST:



Reynaldo Perez, Secretary

APPROVED:

October 17, 2022