MINUTES
PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR

The Pharr Economic Development Corporation II met in a regular called meeting on Monday, January 16, 2023, 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
Board Member Michael Pacheco

MEMBERS ABSENT: Board Member Marty Moore

STAFF PRESENT: Victor Perez, PEDC President/CEO
Adriana Sarmiento, PEDC CFO
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

Vice Chairman, Commissioner Ricardo Medina, 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 Commissioner Ramiro Caballero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez entered the meeting at this point of the agenda. The time being 3:02 p. m.

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 would be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for Mi Jardin Plaza January 26, 2023, at 11:00 am. This development would be home to Mi Jardin Adult Day Care Center #3 with a capacity of 300 individuals and would provide over fifteen jobs. This first of a kind facility in South Texas would have a specialty wing dedicated to young adults with special needs or learning disabilities. In addition, the plaza would include four medical office suites and retail space for a potential restaurant chain.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager, extended an invitation to the Board to C & J Logistical Services Groundbreaking February 2, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. for the expansion of local business, she stated C & J was established as an international logistics company, providing services necessary for the movement of goods across international borders and have been in operation in the City of Pharr for over twenty years.

B) SALES TAX REPORT JANUARY– 2023

Victor Perez, President/ CEO, reported January sales tax report, he stated Pharr had an increase of 2.55% from last year and ranked number five 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:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- NOVEMBER 21, 2022, REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item.

Board Member Mario Lizcano **moved** to approve. Board Member Commissioner Ricardo Medina 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 3:04 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 3:48 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 PROJECT CASA'S REQUEST.

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 Commissioner Ricardo Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROJECT 360.

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 Mario Lizcano seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROJECT OASIS.

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 Commissioner Ramiro Caballero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

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

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 Commissioner Ricardo Medina 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 Ramiro Caballero **moved** to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Board member Commissioner Ricardo Medina and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

PEDC II:

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Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, Chairman

ATTEST: ________________________________

Reynaldo Perez, Secretary

APPROVED:

February 20, 2023