MINUTES
PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR

The Pharr Economic Development Corporation II met in a regular called meeting on Monday, February 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Board Member Comm. Ricardo Medina
Board Member Comm. Dr. Ramiro Caballero
Board Member Mario Lizcano
Board Member Marty Moore
Board Member Michael Pacheco

MEMBERS ABSENT: Board Member Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez
Board Member Reynaldo Perez

STAFF PRESENT: Victor Perez, PEDC President/CEO
Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager
Adriana Sarmiento, PEDC CFO
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 Commissioner Ramiro Caballero 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 would be hosting C & J Logistical Services Groundbreaking February 24, 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.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager, extended an invitation to the community and the Board to South Texas Health Systems Groundbreaking Thursday March 9, 2023 at 10:00 a. m. West Ridge Rd. and Cage Blvd. . She stated it would be a Freestanding Emergency Department with the capacity of treating general emergency cases on an outpatient basis, she further stated the facility is set to provide over 25 healthcare related employment opportunities.

B) PEDC II BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager informed the Board about the PEDC Business Grant Program. She stated that while we currently provide incentive support for the development of some small and mid to large businesses within our community, now the Pharr EDC would be launching additional support specifically for our small businesses. Small businesses continue to be an integral part of our local economy by spurring employment, providing access to local products and services, and fueling our economy by keeping disposable income and tax money within our communities. The programs are set to launch mid to late March of 2023. She further stated that we encourage the community to stay tuned to our website at pharredc.com and our social media platforms @pharredc for the official launch and program guidelines.

C) SALES TAX REPORT JANUARY– 2023

Victor Perez, President/ CEO, reported February sales tax report, he stated Pharr ranked number eight, we went up to 2.11% year to date, and 2.32% compared to last year.

D) 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- JANUARY 16, 2022, REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item.

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

At this time**, Vice Chair**, 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 3:07 p.m., Vice Chair, 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 3:25 p.m., Vice Chair, 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 (LOI) FOR LOT 6 A.

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 OASIS REQUEST.

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 Mario Lizcano 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 Mario Lizcano **moved** to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Board member Marty Moore and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

PEDC II:

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Commissioner, Ricardo Medina, Vice Chair

ATTEST: __________________________________

Mario Lizcano, Treasurer

APPROVED:

April 17, 2023