

MINUTES
PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR

The Pharr Economic Development Corporation II met in a regular called meeting on Monday, April 17, 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
Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager
Karina Lopez, PEDC Manager
Lilvette Santos, PEDC Foundation Director
Maribel Garcia, Executive Administrative Assistant

PEDC ATTORNEY: Jerry 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 3:01 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Board member Mario Lizcano moved to excuse absent members. Board member Commissioner Ricardo Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it was carried unanimously.

At this time of the Agenda Commissioner Ramiro Caballero joined the meeting time being, 3:52 p. m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Victor Perez, President/CEO led the pledge of allegiance Mario Lizcano, Board member 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 and the Pharr Chamber of Commerce would be hosting a Job Fair with a focus of Law Enforcement April 19, 2023, at the Pepe Salinas Civic Center.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager, stated the Pharr EDC in partnership with Workforce Solutions and the Pharr Chamber of Commerce would host the annual Hub Job Fair where we invite employees from different industries within our community seeking to hire personnel. May 18, 2023, at Pepe Salinas Civic Center.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager, introduced Ms. Sara Saldaña and Ms. Marlene Rodriguez, Representatives from Liftfund. Karina Lopez informed the Board, we had previously received approval to proceed with a formal agreement with Liftfund to assist small businesses seeking to start or expand within our Pharr community. Ms. Saldaña explained the program to the Board.

B) SALES TAX REPORT APRIL– 2023

Victor Perez, President/ CEO, reported April sales tax report, he stated Pharr ranked number nine, and went up in sales tax to 3.40% from last year.

C) LOANS/LEASES REPORT

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

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- FEBRUARY 20, 2023, REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item.

Board Member Reynaldo Perez **moved** to approve. Board Member Mario Lizcano seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it was 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 3:12 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 4:13 p.m., Chairman, Ambrosio Hernandez stated the board will be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 5. REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:

- A) PEDC II PROJECT UPDATES/REPORTS.**
- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ESTRADA GROUP SERVICES.**

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

Board Member Commissioner Ricardo Medina moved to approve the table item. Board member Mario Lizcano seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT

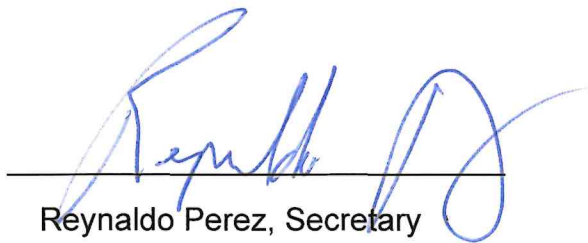
There being no further business to come before the board, Board Member Commissioner Ricardo Medina moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Board member Mario Lizcano and when put to a vote, the motion was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

PEDC II:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ambrosio Hernandez', is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, Chairman

ATTEST:


Reynaldo Perez, Secretary

APPROVED:

June 19, 2023