

**MINUTES
PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR**

The Pharr Economic Development Corporation II met in a regular called meeting on Monday, June 19, 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 Marty Moore
Board Member Michael Pacheco

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Victor Perez, PEDC President/CEO
Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager
Karina Lopez, PEDC Manager
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

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

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 that on June 27th, 2023, at 11:00 am, the Pharr EDC would be hosting an official Groundbreaking to celebrate Parry's Pizzeria's upcoming location in Pharr, Tx. A free event open to the public, Parry's is set to open Fall of 2023.

B) SALES TAX REPORT JUNE– 2023

Victor Perez, President/ CEO, reported June sales tax report, he stated Pharr ranked number nine, and went up in sales tax to 0.18% from last year.

C) LOANS/LEASES REPORT

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

D) VANGUARD ACADEMY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM PRESENTATION.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager introduced Mr. Cesar Garcia, Career & Technical Education Director for Vanguard Academy, Mr. Garcia informed the Board about the program and introduced some of the intern students.

E) WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS PRESENTATION/TWC HIGH DEMAND JOB TRAINING GRANT.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager introduced. Arcelia Sanchez, MPA, Deputy Director and Community Engagement for Workforce Solutions. Ms. Sanchez informed the Board about the grant program along with Mary Williams, Dr. Palomo and Mr. Julian Alvarez.

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES- APRIL 17, 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 3:23 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 4:15 p.m., Chairman, Ambrosio Hernandez stated the board will be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 5. REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PHARR PRODUCE LOTS 11 AND 12.

Chairman, Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez 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 ELIZONDO'S TRANSPORT SERVICES, LLC.

Chairman, Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez 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 ADVERTISING AGREEMENT WITH TBB.

Chairman, Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez 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.

D) UPDATE ON PROJECT IN.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROJECT K.

Chairman, Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez 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

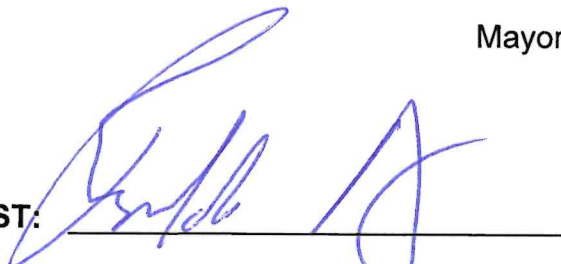
There being no further business to come before the board, Board Member Commissioner Ricardo Medina **moved** to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Board member Reynaldo Perez and when put to a vote, the motion was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

PEDC, II:



Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, Chairman

ATTEST:



Reynaldo Perez, Secretary

APPROVED:

July 17, 2023