MINUTES
PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR

The Pharr Economic Development Corporation II met in a regular called meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Board Member Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez

STAFF PRESENT: Victor Perez, PEDC President/CEO
Karina Lopez, PEDC Manager
Juanita Cavazos, Property Development 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

Vice Chair, Mario Lizcano, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

Commissioner Michael Pacheco entered the meeting at this point of the agenda. The time being, 3:13 p. m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Victor Perez, President/CEO 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 that on October 2, 2023, the Pharr EDC in partnership with Workforce Solutions would be hosting an IT workshop to bring business and community partners together to discuss the current and future state of the IT field in the region.
She further stated that on October 4, 2023, we would be hosting the National Disability Employment Awareness Month Job Fair an annual event that facilitates access to employment opportunities and encourages workplace inclusion. She stated that both events were free to the public.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager, further report the Pharr EDC in partnership with PSJA ISD would be hosting the 3rd Annual Manufacturing Day in Pharr. This presentation is focus on bringing awareness to the manufacturing industry and its impact.

B) SALES TAX REPORT AUGUST– 2023

Victor Perez, President/ CEO, reported September sales tax report, he stated on a month-to-month basis we were at 2.68% Pharr ranked number ten compared to neighbor cities.

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice Chair, Mario Lizcano introduced the item.

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES- AUGUST 21, 2023, REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

Board Member Marty Moore **moved** to approve. Board Member Reynaldo Perez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it was carried unanimously.

ITEM 5. REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:

Vice Chair, Mario Lizcano requested to deviate from the agenda and enter into a close 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.

Vice Chair, Mario Lizcano stated pursuant to Sections 551.071 thru 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, the PEDC II Board of Directors would be entering a closed session the time being 3:06 p. m.

ITEM 7. RECONVENE:

Vice Chair, Mario Lizcano stated that the time being 3:58 p. m. the board will be resuming meeting into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in closed session.

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON VIDA'S CONTRACT RENEWAL/REQUEST.

Jerry Muñoz, PEDC II Attorney introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval as discussed in closed session.

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

Board Member Reynaldo Perez abstained.

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

Jerry Muñoz, PEDC Attorney introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval as discussed in closed session.

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

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

Jerry Muñoz, PEDC II Attorney introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval as discussed in closed session.

Board Member Marty Moore **moved** to approve. Board member Commissioner Ricardo Madina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

D) DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-2024 ON CAPITAL PURCHASES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, PERSONNEL, AND DEBT.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON APPROVAL OF THE PEDC II 2023-2024 BUDGET.

Jerry Muñoz, PEDC Attorney introduced the item and stated staff recommended no action as discussed in closed session.

Board Member Commissioner Ramiro Caballero **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 Marty Moore **moved** to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramiro Caballero and when put to a vote, the motion was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

PEDC II:

Vice Chair, Mario Lizcano

ATTEST: ______________________________

Commissioner Ramiro Caballero, Secretary

APPROVED:

November 6, 2023