MINUTES
PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR

The Pharr Economic Development Corporation II met in a regular called meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Board Member Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez
Board Member Comm. Dr. Ramiro Caballero
Board Member Mario Lizcano
Board Member Reynaldo Perez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Board Member Comm. Ricardo Medina
Board Member Comm. Michael Pacheco
Board Member Marty Moore

STAFF PRESENT: Victor Perez, PEDC President/CEO
Jonathan Flores, City Manager
Jamison Merick, Interim Finance Director
Francisco Méndez, PEDC Accountant
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 3:03 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

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 informed the Board about upcoming events. She reminded the board about the Pharr EDC Foundation hosting the 3rd Annual Casino Night in support of the scholarship program for graduating Pharr seniors seeking post-secondary education March 21, 2024 at 6pm at the Regency Hall in Pharr.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager invited the Board to the Beam Signing Ceremony/Restaurant Row at Pharr Town Center March 27, 2024 at 11am. She stated the Pharr EDC would be hosting a beam signing ceremony alongside with our partners at Levcor to showcase their footprint expansion in Pharr adjacent to the already booming Pharr Town Center.

Karina Lopez, Economic Development Manager informed the Board about the Pharr EDC in partnership with Workforce Solutions and The Pharr Chamber of Commerce would be hosting the Annual Hub Job Fair April 11, 2024 at 9am. She further stated the Job Fair is to offer employment opportunities for our Pharr community.

B) SALES TAX REPORT – MARCH 2024.

Victor Perez, President/ CEO, reported March sales tax report, he stated Pharr ranked number five with 0.14% increase from las year.

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Victor Perez, President/CEO, introduced the item.

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES-DECEMBER 18, 2023 REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RATIFICATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF ZITACUARO MICHOACAN MEXICO, PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II AND THE CITY OF PHARR.

Board Member Mario Lizcano **moved** to approve. Board Member Reynaldo Perez 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 3:08 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 3:25 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 JG.

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 Reynaldo Perez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it was carried unanimously.

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

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

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON TERRACON PROPOSAL.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON N. H. CONSULTING AGENCY, LLC REQUEST.

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

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Board Member Reynaldo Perez **moved** to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Board Member Mario Lizcano and when put to a vote, the motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

PEDC II: ______________________________

Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, Chairman

ATTEST: ______________________________

Commissioner Ramiro Caballero, Secretary

APPROVED:

June 17, 2024