

MINUTES
PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR

The Pharr Economic Development Corporation II met in a regular called meeting on Monday, September 16, 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 Comm. Ricardo Medina
Board Member Comm. Michael Pacheco
Board Member Mario Lizcano
Board Member Reynaldo Perez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Victor Perez, PEDC President/CEO
Jonathan Flores, City Manager
Cynthia Garza, Assistant City Manager
Jamison Merrick, Finance Director
Francisco Méndez, PEDC Accountant
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.

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

Commissioner Michael Pacheco entered meeting at this time of the agenda time being 3:14 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.

Victor Perez, President/CEO informed the Board about upcoming events. He stated that the Pharr EDC along with the RGV Partnership would host our annual commercial and investment tour, the event would provide guests with an overview of the city of Pharr's growth, showcase our assets, opportunities, developments, and property availability in Pharr, happening September 24, 2024.

Victor Perez, President/CEO further informed the Board about The South Texas Health Systems Grand Opening and Community Open House October 3rd 2024. He stated that the Pharr EDC collaborating with The Greater Chamber of Commerce would host the official grand opening ribbon cutting following by a community open house to promote their services.

Victor Perez, President/CEO further stated that October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month and to promote workplace inclusion, the Pharr EDC has partnered with Workforce Solutions and The Grater Pharr Chamber of Commerce to host the We are the solution Job Fair, happening October 4, 2024.

Victor Perez, President/CEO stated that the Pharr EDC continues working in collaboration with the Pharr International Bridge as we partnered to host the Industrial Warehouse Summit 4, we would provide project updates, industry presentations by partner organizations and highlight new and existing industrial parks and land availability in Pharr. This event would take place at the DRC Center October 8, 2024.

B) SALES TAX REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2024.

Victor Perez, President/CEO informed the Board about the September Sales Tax Report he stated we had an increase of 3.89% compared to last year and a 16.66% compared to September of this year.

C) PRESENTATION by VALLEY INITIATIVE for DEVELOPMENT and ADVANCEMENT (VIDA)

Felida Villarreal, President/CEO and student Stephanie Vera informed the board about the VIDA program.

ITEM 4. REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:

At this time, Chairman Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez requested to deviate from the agenda and enter into closed session. There was no objection.

ITEM 5. 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 3:15 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 6. RECONVENE:

The time being 3:37 p.m., Chairman, Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez stated the board will be resuming meeting into Regular Session, and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in closed session.

ITEM 6. REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES- AUGUST 19, 2024, REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

Victor Perez, President/CEO 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 was carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY ON VALLEY INITIATIVE for DEVELOPMENT and ADVANCEMENT (VIDA) REQUEST. (TABLED)

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

Board Member Ricardo Medina moved to remove from tabled. Board Member Commissioner Michael Pacheco seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

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

Board Member Reynaldo Perez Abstained.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON APPROVAL OF THE PEDC II 2024-2025 BUDGET.

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

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROJECT HI-LINE. (TABLED)

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

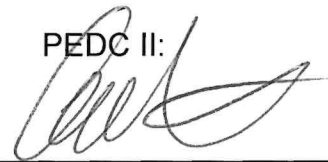
Board Member Ricardo Medina moved to remove from tabled. Board Member Commissioner Michael Pacheco seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Board Member Mario Lizcano moved to approve. Board Member Reynaldo Perez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT

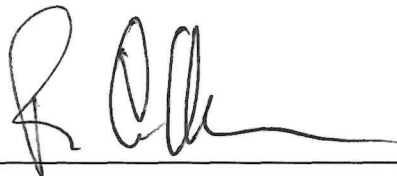
There being no further business to come before the board, Board Member Commissioner Ricardo Medina moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Board Member Commissioner Michael Pacheco and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

PEDC II:



Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, Chairman

ATTEST:



Commissioner Ramiro Caballero, Secretary

APPROVED:

October 21, 2024