

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF WESLACO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2024

On this, twentieth (20th) day of November 2024 at 5:00 P.M., The Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco convened its regular meeting at the Business Visitor & Event Center Board Room A located at 275 South Kansas, Weslaco, Texas: for discussion and taking possible action on the following items.

The following members were present:

Jerry Gonzalez
Sandra Charlton
Fred Perez
JJ Serrano
Joe Olivarez – Arrived at 5:07 PM
Kris Garcia

Also present were:

Steven Valdez – EDCW Executive Director
April Castaneda – EDCW Director
Maria Cisneros – Commercial Real Estate & Retail Recruitment Manager
Jorge Lozano – EDCW Accountant
Michelle Garcia - EDCW Manager Social Media
Eugene Vaughn - EDCW Attorney
Kristen Gutierrez – EDCW Attorney
Adrian Gonzalez – Mayor City of Weslaco
Martin Garza – Weslaco City Manager
Hector Solis – Owner Providence Transport

At 5:00 P.M. Mr. Gonzalez called the Board Meeting to order.

I. Call to Order

- A. Roll Call.
A quorum was present with five Board Members present.
- B. Board Members' declaration of potential conflicts of interest as to any agenda items.
There were no declarations of potential conflicts of interest from any Board Members.

II. Public Comments

This portion of the meeting is not intended to be an extended discussion or a debate and is limited to three (3) minutes for each presenter. Presenters may address the Board of the EDCW regarding any item on the agenda that will be discussed by the Board during the open portion of the meeting. Board members do not reply; they listen.
There were no public comments.

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III. Presentation

A. Presentation of plaque to Mrs. Benita Valadez.

Although Mrs. Benita Valadez could not attend, Mr. Steven Valdez announced that she had been recognized at the City Commission Meeting for her years of dedicated service to EDCW. A plaque was presented to her as a token of appreciation and gratitude for her contributions.

Mr. Hector Solis is the newly appointed board member. He attended to better understand the EDCW Board before his first meeting and introduced himself.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 16, 2024.

B. Status report regarding candidates for training from STC and EDCW grant.

C. Discussion & Possible action to authorize training between STC and EDCW for high-demand job training with La Abuela Foods located at 1904 Joe Stephens Ave. Weslaco, TX 78599.

Ms. Charlton made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Mr. Serrano seconds the motion.

Ms. Charlton votes in favor.

Mr. Serrano votes in favor.

Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.

Mr. Perez votes in favor.

Mr. Garcia votes in favor.

Motion passes with five votes.

V. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible action regarding traffic concerns on Pike Blvd. & Votech Dr.

Ms. Charlton made a motion to approve the recommendation and partner up with the City of Weslaco with a 50/50 cost split and do the project in three phases. Phase 1. Will consist of a traffic study; Phase 2. Will focus on the design; and Phase 3. Will involve soliciting bids.

Mr. Perez seconds the motion.

Ms. Charlton votes in favor.

Mr. Perez votes in favor.

Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.

Mr. Serrano votes in favor.

Mr. Olivarez votes in favor.

Mr. Garcia votes in favor.

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Motion passes with six votes.

VI. Old Business

- A. Discussion and Possible action regarding the waiving of the EDCW Fiscal Policy (Section M) Purchasing/Procurement Policy and allowing written quotes in lieu of sealed bids for the procurement of construction services related to the UTRGV CIC for the Makerspace and Janitorial Room.

Ms. Charlton made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Perez seconds the motion.

Ms. Charlton votes in favor.

Mr. Perez votes in favor.

Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.

Mr. Serrano votes in favor.

Mr. Olivarez votes in favor.

Mr. Garcia votes in favor.

Motion passes with six votes.

- B. Discussion and Possible action regarding competitive bids for construction services related to the UTRGV CIC for the Makerspace and Janitorial Room.

Ms. Charlton made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Perez seconds the motion.

Ms. Charlton votes in favor.

Mr. Perez votes in favor.

Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.

Mr. Serrano votes in favor.

Mr. Olivarez votes in favor.

Mr. Garcia votes in favor.

Motion passes with six votes.

- C. Discussion and Possible action regarding the amendment to the Façade policy to remove the requirement of taxable sales.

Ms. Charlton made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented.

Mr. Garcia seconds the motion.

Ms. Charlton votes in favor.

Mr. Garcia votes in favor.

Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.

Mr. Serrano votes in favor.

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Mr. Perez votes in favor.

Mr. Olivarez votes in favor.

Motion passes with six votes.

VII. Reports

- A. Monthly Financial Report October 2024 – Jorge Lozano.
Reports were made available for the Board's review.

No action.

- B. Executive Director's Report – Steven M. Valdez.
Reports were made available for the Board's review.

No action.

VIII. Closed Session

- A. Deliberation and Possible action regarding economic development matters (as permitted under Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.087), including, but not limited to the following:

1. Summary of Leads.
No action.

- B. Deliberation and Possible Action regarding real property matters (as permitted under Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.072), including, but not limited to the following:

1. Project Trademark.
Ms. Charlton made a motion to approve the recommendation and move forward to ask for sealed bids.
Mr. Perez seconds the motion.

Ms. Charlton votes in favor.

Mr. Perez votes in favor.

Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.

Mr. Serrano votes in favor.

Mr. Olivarez votes in favor.

Mr. Garcia votes in favor.

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- C. Deliberation & Possible Action regarding EDCW employment matters. (as permitted under Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.074 and 551.071).
No action.
- D. Consultation with Attorney (as permitted under Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071).
No action.

IX. Adjournment

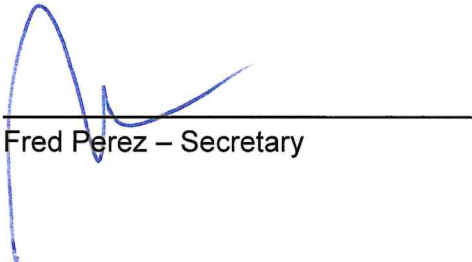
With no other business before the Board, at 6:09 P.M. the EDCW Regular Board Meeting of November 20, 2024, was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted;



Maria Cisneros - Recorder

The minutes were approved at the Regular Board Meeting of December 18th, 2024.



Fred Perez – Secretary

