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REGULAR MEETING CITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF EL CAMPO

Northside Education Center
707 Fahrenthold, Room 110
El Campo, Texas 77437

FEBRUARY 27, 2023

2:00PM

MINUTES

1. Cuatro Strack called the Regular CDC Meeting to order at 2:03PM Monday, February 27, 2023.
2. Anthony Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance and Cuatro Strack led the Prayer.
3. Cuatro Strack confirmed the presence of a quorum. Board members present were Cuatro Strack, Gary Raybon, Tommy Hitzfeld, and Anthony Garcia. Brian Hodges was absent due to a death in his family. Also present were Executive Director Carolyn Gibson, Economic Development Specialist Beverly Supak, Deputy City Manager Rene Garcia and Mayor Chris Barbee.
4. Public Comments: There were none.
At this time, any person with City Development Corporation-related business, not scheduled on the agenda, may speak to the CDC Board. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the CDC Board is limited to making a statement of specific factual information in response to the inquiry, or reciting existing policy. The CDC Board may not discuss, deliberate, or take any action on any item not on this agenda. The issue may be placed on a future agenda for consideration.
5. Gary Raybon moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 30, 2023 as presented. Tommy Hitzfeld seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
6. Carolyn Gibson reviewed the Check Register, Mastercard Report and Balance Sheet for January 2023. She stated the Check Register showed all deposits and withdrawals and would replace the "payables list" previously included in financials. She reported staff was still working with KM&L, but they had not received financial reports for January to include with the packet. She will work with KM&L to remedy this. No action was necessary.
7. Carolyn Gibson reviewed the Sales Tax Reports for January 2023, noting the CDC's Sales Tax receipts were down 2.3% for collections year-to-date. No action was necessary.
8. Carolyn Gibson suggested the CDC invest some of the funds in the CDAR account (receiving .75% interest) in CD's some financial institutions were offering, at an interest rate of 4% for 11-month term. The Investment Committee met after the meeting to discuss.
9. Beverly Supak gave a report on the 2023 Job Fair, noting 56 employees (1/2 of them were new), 80 students from El Campo, Wharton and Louise ISD, and 80-90 job seekers were present; and some were hired on the spot. The 2024 Job Fair is scheduled for February 13th at the Wharton Civic Center.

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10. Cuatro Strack adjourned the Regular Meeting at 2:26PM in order to Hold Closed Session to:

Discuss and deliberate: economic development negotiations as authorized by Section 551.087, consultation with attorney as authorized by Section 551.071, real estate negotiations as authorized by Section 551.072, and deliberations about officers and employees of the governmental body as authorized by Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code regarding the following:

1. SWIG Infrastructure Project Economic Development Incentive

11. Cuatro Strack reconvened the Regular Meeting at 2:40PM and called for any action to be taken resulting from Executive Session.

- A. No action was taken after Closed Session.

12. Carolyn Gibson presented the Director's Report on CDC office activities. Information was included in the packet on the City Council Agenda request for funding approval of partnership with the City on engineering for infrastructure on the south side of I-69; the Northside Education Center fundraising efforts to repurpose the upstairs auditorium into a community space and training room; Texas Travel Industry Recovery Grant Program for Category 5 including restaurants, bars, hotels & motels, RV parks, arts and recreation businesses; 2023 Rotary Fundraiser; and CDC of EC and Wharton EDC hosting of Wharton County Day February 28th at the State Capitol.

13. The next CDC Board of Directors Meeting will be Monday, March 27, 2023 at 2:00PM. It was noted this is during the Wharton County Youth Fair.

14. Cuatro Strack adjourned the Regular Meeting at 2:45pm.

Carolyn Gibson

Carolyn Gibson, Executive Director
Recording Secretary