



Minutes from March 14th, 2016 Special Board Meeting
Meeting held at Palestine Economic Development Corporation

The Board of Directors of the Palestine Economic Development Corporation met on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 11:30 am at the PEDC office located at 100 Willow Creek Parkway, Suite 100, Palestine, Texas 75801.

Attending were the following:

Larry Weber
Alan Herrington
Linda Dickens
John McDonald
Paul Morris
Thomas Wright

Others Present:

Tom Manskey, EDC Executive Director
Greg Laudadio, Asst. EDC Director
Terry Johnson, EDC Assistant
Mary Raum, Marketing & Tourism Manager

Meeting called to order at 11:32 am by Larry Weber.

A. Call to Order

The Palestine Economic Development Corporation reserves the right to convene into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on this agenda as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development) to wit:

B. Citizen Input - None

C. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from PEDC Annual Board Meeting and Regular Board Meeting, both of which were conducted on February 18, 2016, and Special Meeting conducted on March 1, 2016.
2. Review and approve financial information from February 2016.
Motion to approve minutes referenced above and financial information from February 2016 made by Tom Wright. Motion was seconded by Alan Herrington. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

D. President's Comments – None

E. Staff Report

EDC – Per Tom Manskey:

- Our economic development pipeline is in good shape. The week of March 21, 2016, we are hosting a site visit for company representing 400 jobs.
- PEDC has prorated rent until purchase of our office space closes.
- Heather Powell is handling RFP for new PEDC web page.
- Also mentioned was new sealed bid for Mall pad site, with more details coming later.

Main Street – Per Greg Laudadio, he is working on the downtown quiet zone proposal.

Tourism—Per Mary Raum, all of our marketing on Facebook, Instagram, and advertisements in Texas Monthly, Real Simple, Trip advisor, and Texas Highways magazine have been very successful.

F. Board Discussion and Action Items

1. Discussion and possible action regarding PEDC 2016 Priorities – no action
2. Discussion and possible action regarding BAT and Asbestos Abatement Grant Program for Main Street District.

Motion made by Paul Morris for BAT and Asbestos Abatement Grant 2016 funding. Motion seconded by Linda Dickens. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously. This vote allows PEDC funding for both abatement grant programs.

G. Executive Session (Closed Session) – Retired at 12:04 pm

The Board will retire into executive session pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding economic development).

1. Project Call Me Baby
2. Project Investment

Reconvene in Open Session – Reconvened at 1:18 pm

H. Take Action From Executive Session

1. Board approved moving tenant approval for Call Me Baby Project to City Council Meeting held Monday evening 3/14/16.
2. Project Investment, No action taken until vote for funding project, but more detail on project coming.

I. Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Date Approved.

4-21-16


PEDC Board President, Larry Weber

 
Prepared by: Greg Laudadio, Assistant Director PEDC and Terry Johnson, PEDC Assistant

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