

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF WESLACO
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2022

On this, twenty-ninth (29th) day of August 2022 at 12:00 Noon, The Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco convened its special meeting at the Rio Grande Valley Partnership Board Room located at 322 S Missouri Ave. Weslaco, Texas; for the purpose of discussing and taking possible action on the following items.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Benita Valadez
Mr. JJ Serrano
Jerry Gonzalez
Sandra Charlton
Sonjia De La Fuente
Fred Perez
Joe Olivarez – Arrived at 12:20 PM

Also present were:

Steve Valdez – EDCW Executive Director
April Castañeda – EDCW Director
Maria Cisneros – EDCW Retail Recruitment & Commercial Real Estate Manager
Juan Gonzalez – EDCW Accountant
Michelle Garcia – EDCW Manager Social Media
Eugene Vaughn – EDCW Attorney
Alex Benavides – EDCW Attorney
Sam Maldonado – SAMES INC.

At 12:34 PM Mrs. Valadez called the meeting of August 29, 2022, to order.

I. Call to Order

- A. Roll Call
All Board Members were present.

- B. Board Members Declaration of Potential Conflict of Interest as to Any Agenda Items.
There were no declarations.

At 12:08 PM Mrs. Valadez announced that the EDCW Board will move out of the regular order of the agenda and move into Closed Session.

II. Old Business

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- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the rescission of the selection of Total Commitment Construction as the contractor for the construction of onsite improvements of the Mid Valley International Industrial Park.
No action.

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the rejection of bids for the construction of onsite improvements of the Mid Valley International Industrial Park.
No action.

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the selection of a general contractor for the construction of onsite improvements for the Mid Valley International Industrial Park.
No action.

- d. Discussion and possible action regarding the construction contract for the construction of the onsite improvements of the Mid Valley International Industrial Park.
No action.

- e. Discussion and possible action to select a contractor and award a contract for the construction of the building pad and related improvements at the site within the Mid Valley International Industrial Park where Project Good Times will be located.
No action.

III. Closed Session

At 12:08 PM Mrs. Valadez announced that the EDCW Board will move out of the regular order of the agenda and move into Closed Session.

At 1:43 PM Mrs. Valadez announced that the EDCW Board will move out of Closed Session and into Open Session.

IV. Action on Closed Session

- A. Deliberation and Possible Action regarding commercial or financial information received by the EDC of Weslaco from a business prospect with which the EDC of Weslaco is conducting economic development negotiations or with which the EDC of Weslaco seeks to have to locate, stay or expand operations in or near the City of Weslaco (as permitted under Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.087).
No action.

- B. Deliberation and Possible Action regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (as permitted under Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.072), including, but not limited to.
 - 1. Mid-Valley International Industrial Park - Rejection of Bids and Selection of General Contractor.
Mr. Joe Olivarez made a motion to reject bids as discussed under Closed Session.
Mrs. De La Fuente seconds the motion.

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Mr. Joe Olivarez votes in favor.
Mrs. De La Fuente votes in favor.
Mrs. Valadez votes in favor.
Mr. Serrano votes in favor.
Ms. Charlton votes in favor.
Mr. Fred Perez votes in favor.
Mr. Jerry Gonzalez abstains from voting.

Motion passes with six votes.

- C. Consultation with Attorney and possible action regarding: (1) pending or contemplated litigation; (2) a settlement offer; or (3) a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the EDC of Weslaco under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (as permitted under Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071).
No action.

V. Adjournment

With no other business before the Board, at 1:45 P.M. the EDCW Board Special Meeting of August 29, 2022, was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted;



Maria Cisneros – Recorder

The minutes were approved at the Regular Board Meeting on September 21, 2022.



Jerry Gonzalez - Secretary

