

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
MISSION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
JUNE 17, 2014 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL

PRESENT:

S. David Deanda, Jr., President
Polo de Leon, Vice President
Jody A. Tittle, Secretary
Linda Requénez, Treasurer
Catherine Garcia
Richard Hernández
Mayor Norberto Salinas served in the Mayor Position

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Ricardo A. Perez, Consultant
Alicia E. Requenez, Mission Regional Medical Center
Jesus Rodriguez, M.D., MRMC
Javier Iruegas, CEO, MRMC
John Womack, MRMC
Mauro Reyna, MRMC
Ralph Cantu, MRMC
Tim Brown, MRMC
Ruben Moreno, MRMC
Richard Martinez, MRMC
Elizabeth Garza, MRMC
Doug Matney, South Texas Health Systems
Jason Chang, STHS
Dr. Javier Murillo
Juan Eliseo Gonzalez
Paula C. Reyna
Timothy McVey
Kay McVey

STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Meade, Chief Executive Office
Judy Vega, Executive Assistant
Daniel Silva, Chief Operating Officer
David Gonzales, Accountant
Martin Garza Jr., City Manager

1. Call to order

With a quorum being present President S. David Deanda Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – May 22, 2014

There being no corrections or additions Catherine Garcia moved for approval. Motion was seconded by Polo De Leon and approved 6-0.

Linda Requénez joined the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

3. Approval of MEDC Financial Statements for May 2014

Accountant David Gonzales presented and recommended approval of the Financial Statement for May 2014.

There being no corrections or additions Polo De Leon moved for approval. Motion was seconded by Richard Hernandez and approved 7-0.

4. Public Hearing – Budget Amendment to the FY 2013-2014 Budget:

(A) Offsite Infrastructure Improvements off of Business Park Drive and Frontage Road, Mission, Texas, and a job creation grant, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

President S. David Deanda, Jr. opened the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. and asked for comments on the proposed project consideration for FY 2013-2014.

MEDC CEO Alex Meade said that a medical care facility is looking to expand in the area and is requesting assistance to offset costs for offsite infrastructure improvements as well as a job creation grant. He mentioned that representatives from Mission Regional Medical Center were also present to voice their opinion about the facility.

Mr. Doug Matney, Regional Vice President with Universal Health Services (UHS) said that UHS owns the hospitals in the area that operate as South Texas Health Systems. They are planning to construct a 13,000+ sq. ft. free standing emergency care facility between Mission hospital and the orange juice plant. He said the facility will have 18 exam beds, out-patient radiology and out-patient laboratory, as well as a retail pharmacy. He said this will be the second facility in the Rio Grande Valley with the first one in the Weslaco area. The capital investment for the project is approximately \$8.6 million with a job creation of 34 positions. He is requesting an incentive of \$110,000 with \$80,000 of that for offsite infrastructure improvements and \$30,000 for job creation.

Javier Iruegas, CEO with Mission Regional Medical Center (MRMC) said that for the past 60 years, MRMC has promoted growth in Mission. He said MRMC currently has 1,000 employees. Mr. Iruegas said he strongly opposes any financial incentives or support for South Texas Health Systems' development of a free standing emergency facility. He mentioned that the proposed facility is a wasteful duplication of high cost services that this part of our community already enjoys and has easy access to high quality ER services. He said there are other numerous underserved areas within Hidalgo County that could truly benefit from this type of facility. Any Mission resident that uses the proposed facility and needs to be admitted to a hospital will be transported to a South Texas Health System hospital in McAllen or Edinburg and not MRMC. Mr. Iruegas said that anyone treated at the proposed facility will be charged fees comparable to those at McAllen Medical Center's full service ER as well as MRMC's ER. Mr. Iruegas mentioned that every dollar the hospital makes is re-invested on programs, services, facilities so much needed by their patients. He said MRMC works for the community and isn't run by out of town corporations or stockholders. He said the hospital is run by local people who actively give back to the growth of the community and that most of those members were also present in support of MRMC. Mr. Iruegas finished his comments by mentioning that 25% of MRMC's admissions come through the ER.

There being no further comments, President S. David Deanda, Jr. declared the public hearing closed at 5:51p.m.

The notice of public hearing and notice of intention to undertake the Offsite Infrastructure Improvements off of Business Park Drive and Frontage Road, Mission, Texas, and a job creation grant project was published on May 30, 2014 and the comment period will end on July 30, 2014.

5. Authorization to publish Notice of Intention to Undertake a Project or Projects for FY 2014-2015 and schedule a Public Hearing for July 8, 2014 related to said projects

Mr. Meade said he would like the Board's authorization to publish a notice of intention to undertake a project or projects for FY 2014-2015 and schedule a public hearing on July 8, 2014 for consideration of the following projects: A) City of Mission in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; B) Texas Citrus Fiesta in an amount not to exceed \$60,000; C) RGV Lead in an amount not to exceed \$75,000; D) Small Business Fund Programs in an amount not to exceed \$170,000; and E) Downtown Façade Improvement Program in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Richard Hernandez moved for authorization to publish notice of Intention to Undertake a Project or Projects for FY 2014-2015 and schedule a Public Hearing for July 8, 2014 related to said projects. Motion was seconded by Catherine Garcia and approved 7-0.

6. President's Comments

None.

7. Adjournment

Polo De Leon moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Jody A. Tittle and approved 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

S. David Deanda, Jr., President

ATTEST:

Jody A. Tittle, Secretary