

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
MISSION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MAY 20, 2020 5:00 P.M.
CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mission Economic Development Corporation is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: May 20, 2020, 5:00 PM Central Time (US & Canada)

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PRESENT:

President S. David Deanda, Jr., President
Pete Jaramillo, Vice
Aissa I. Garza, Secretary
Mario Garza
Mayor Armando O’Cana served in the Mayor
Position

ABSENT:

Dr. Sonia Treviño, Treasurer
Balde Morales

ALSO PRESENT:

Nora Longoria, MEDA Board
Ruben Sanchez, MEDA Board
Steve Taylor, RGV Guardian News

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Silva, Chief Executive Officer
Joel A. Garza, Chief Operating Officer
Angie Vela, Finance Director
Ezeiza Garcia, Assistant Finance Director
Judy Vega, Executive Assistant
Randy Perez, City Manager
James Francis Love, Network Support Specialist
Joe Salazar, Accountant
Daniel Rivera, Director of Programs & Marketing

1. Call to order

With a quorum being present President S. David Deanda, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of May 13, 2020.

There being no corrections or additions Mario Garza moved for approval. Motion was seconded by Secretary Aissa I. Garza and approved 5-0.

3. Approval of financial statements for February and March, 2020

Finance Director Angie Vela presented and recommended approval of the financial statements for February and March, 2020.

There being no corrections or additions Mayor Armando O'Caña moved for approval of the financial statements for February and March, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Vice President Pete Jaramillo and approved 5-0.

4. Acceptance of Quarterly Report of Investments for the Quarter ending March 30, 2020 and Interest Earned for Six Months Ending March 30, 2020.

Finance Director Angie Vela presented and recommended approval of the Quarterly Report of Investments for the Quarter ending March 30, 2020 and Interest Earned for Six Months Ending March 30, 2020.

There being no corrections or additions Vice President Pete Jaramillo moved for approval of the report, as presented. Motion was seconded by Secretary Aissa I. Garza and approved 5-0.

5. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the Mission Economic Development Corporation, City of Mission; and the McAllen Economic Development Corporation, City of McAllen.

CEO Daniel Silva presented this item by saying that McAllen EDC values our efforts in workforce trainings and also because they've had some projects that they have not been able to place in McAllen due to a variety of reasons. As a result, the McAllen EDC has reached out to Mission to do a Memorandum of Understanding in order to work collectively so both cities can attract businesses in the area. This understanding is not to make both EDC's work as one, but more to solidify us and work jointly. McAllen EDC also relies on us for workforce trainings, as well as South Texas College and UTRGV. The decision to do an MOU also has to do with the Killam Family Development Project, because some of the property they own lies in McAllen and some in Mission, and we wanted to offer the Killam Family as many resources available as possible. Mayor Armando O'Caña mentioned that this effort resulted in bi-weekly meetings he holds with McAllen Mayor Jim Darling. Topics of discussion include west and east side of Taylor Road, strategies, problems, barriers, and things that both cities can work together in resolving; drainage issues, and another can be economic development. Mayor O'Caña mentioned that pre-COVID-19, a delegation from the City of McAllen visited China in an effort to attract a large Chinese manufacturing company located in Reynosa and that China wants to relocate to the U.S., due to the tariffs President Trump has imposed on China. Mayor O'Caña also mentioned that he is working closely with the City of San Antonio to attract a company from Brazil. The Brazilian company plans on constructing an assembly line in McAllen because it has to be in a federal trade zone, something Mission does not have; so regardless, in some way both cities will benefit from these projects. There are many projects that can become fruitful with this joint effort. There have been discussions about building a new airport (Southwest Airlines) in the north part of town as well as an industrial park. Mayor O'Caña recommended approval of the MOU and said that it will have to be approved by the Mission City Council, the McAllen EDC and the McAllen City Commission. No further comments were made.

Secretary Aissa I. Garza moved for approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Mission Economic Development Corporation, City of Mission; and the McAllen Economic Development Corporation, City of McAllen. Motion was seconded by Vice President Pete Jaramillo and approved 5-0.

6. President's Comments.

None.

7. Adjournment.

Secretary Aissa I. Garza moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mario Garza and approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

S. David Deanda, Jr., President

ATTEST:

Aissa I. Garza, Secretary