

## **PEDC MEETING MINUTES**

### **PEDC REGULAR MEETING - THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022**

#### **Those in Attendance:**

Ben Campbell, President  
Suzanne Eiben, Vice President  
Kim Willmott, Secretary/Treasurer  
Charles Drane, Director  
Joseph Thompson, Director  
Linda Dickens, Director  
Greg Laudadio, Interim Executive Director  
Teresa Herrera, City Manager  
Andrew Sibai, City Finance Director

- A. **CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 11:30am**
- B. **PROPOSED CHANGES OF AGENDA ITEMS - None**
- C. **PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**
- D. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES- None**
- E. **ITEMS FROM BOARD - None**
- F. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
1. Introduction of Dr. Dreand Johnson, Trinity Valley Community College.
  2. Quarterly Update.
- G. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**
1. Consider approval of Minutes from March 17 Regular PEDC Board Meeting and April 7 Special Meeting.  
**Motion to approve all minutes as presented was made by Charles Drane and second by Linda Dickens. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.**
  2. Consider approval of March 2022 PEDC Financial Report  
**Motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Suzanne Eiben and second by Linda Dickens. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.**
- H. **CLOSED SESSION – 11:51am**
- The Board will go into Closed Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D.
1. Section 551.071 consultation with attorney: pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer
  2. Section 551.072 deliberation regarding real property: the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property
  3. Section 551.074 personnel matters: to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee
  4. Section 551.087 deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiations

**I. RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION – 12:52pm**

1. Take any action resulting from Section 551.071 consultation with attorney: pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer.  
**Motion to pursue a lawsuit to recover grant funds and attorney fees was made by Linda Dickens and second by Charles Drane. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.**
2. Take any action resulting from Section 551.072 deliberation regarding real property: the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.  
**Motion to execute purchase and sale agreement, design agreement and temporary construction easement for 4.0 acres located in the Willow Creek Business Park was made by Kimberly Willmott and second by Linda Dickens. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.**
3. Take any action resulting from Section 551.074 personnel matters: to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.  
**Motion to increase the PEDC Administrative Assistant base pay by \$1.50/per hour was made by Joseph Thompson and second by Kimberly Willmott. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.**
4. Take any action resulting from Section 551.087 deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiations.  
**Motion to award the 2022 Community Development Grant funds were designated as follows:  
City of Palestine Parks Department - \$10,000 for fitness station in Regan Park  
Palestine YMCA - \$10,000 for field lighting at the soccer complex for night tournaments  
PISD - \$30,000 for new baseball field, lighting and bleachers at Palestine Athletic Complex**

**J. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 12:56pm**

Certification:



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**Ben Campbell, Board President**

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**Greg Laudadio, Interim Executive Director**