

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF ANDERSON §
CITY OF PALESTINE §

The Economic Development Board of the City of Palestine convened in a special called meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at PEDC Office, 100 Willow Creek Pkwy, Suite A, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present: President Ben Campbell, Vice President Dan Bochsler; Directors: Joseph Thompson & Suzanne Eiben.

Staff present: PEDC Director Christophe Trahan; Administrative Assistant Lisa Bowman

Others Present: City Manager Teresa Herrera

A. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, President Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

B. PROPOSED CHANGES OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

D. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

President Campbell recused himself from all discussions regarding project Short Line.

E. ITEMS FROM BOARD

There were none.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Performance Agreement for COP Parks & Rec. Comm. Dev. Grant for FY 2022-2023.

Director Trahan provided the PEDC Board with an overview of the Performance Agreement for the City of Palestine Parks & Recreation Department for its Community Development Grant Application approved on September 12, 2023 by the PEDC Board.

Motion by Director Thompson, seconded by Vice President Bochsler, seconded by Director Thompson to approve the Performance Agreement for the City of Palestine Parks & Recreation Department and to submit to City Council on September 25, 2023 for approval. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

H. CLOSED SESSION

President Campbell announced the Board would go into Closed Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D. The time was 10:06 a.m.

President Campbell recused himself from the board meeting at 10:06 a.m.

1. Section 551.072 deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiations: a business prospect locating staying or expanding in or near the City of Palestine which the PEDC is conducting economic development negotiations, including financial or other incentives.

a.) Project Short Line.

Linda Dickens entered the board meeting at 10:07 a.m.
Charles Drane entered the board meeting at 10:14 a.m.

I. RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

President Campbell re-entered the board meeting at 11:32 a.m.
Vice President Bochsler reconvened the Board Meeting into open session at 11:32 a.m.

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Take any action regarding:
a.) Project Short Line.

Motion by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Dickens to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the subject property for Project Short Line as received from PEDC attorney J. Grady Randle. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (President Campbell Abstained).

ADJOURN


With no other business to come before the Board, Vice President Bochsler adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF October 2023.

ATTEST:



Lisa Bowman, Administrative Assistant



Ben Campbell, President